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Lawmaker optimistic defense act will pass

By DAVID BOWSER
The Pampa News

Pampa's Congressman said he hopes the House Leadership will bring the National Defense Authorization Act up for a full vote of the House before the Memorial Day recess.

Congressman Mac Thornberry said the House Armed Services Committee has approved a defense authorization bill that includes funding for Pantex and Bell Helicopter.

The National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2009 was approved by a 61-0 vote last week (about 1 a.m. Thursday) after a daylong hearing.

The bill authorizes spending a total of \$531.4 billion for the Department of Defense and the national security programs of the Department of Energy.

Bell Helicopter projects funded in the bill include \$2.8 billion for the V-22 Osprey, \$645.5 million for updating the Marines' H-1 helicopters and \$271 million to continue research and development for the new Presidential helicopter.

Bell Helicopter's Amarillo plant is the primary location for work on the Osprey program. The National Defense Authorization Act also includes \$2.512 billion for procurement of 36 planes and \$365.3 million for more research, development, testing and evaluation of

the Osprey. The bill also authorizes roughly \$474.1 million for procurement of 20 H-1 helicopters for the Marines and \$3.8 million for research and development.

The Defense Authorization Act also provides \$504 million for Pantex. That includes an additional \$10 million above the President's request. The extra money was added by the Strategic Forces Subcommittee of which Thornberry is a member. The additional money, according to a spokesman for Thornberry, is to address urgent maintenance needs at the plant.

"The highly skilled workforces at Pantex and Bell Helicopter Textron provide unique contributions to our national defense," Thornberry said. "I am pleased that I was once again able to convince my colleagues on the House Armed Services Committee that Amarillo is the only place in the nation where this work can be done."

There is an additional \$70 billion in supplemental funding to support the operational costs of war in Iraq and Afghanistan and for personnel expenses and procurement of new equipment for the first few months of FY 2009.

Some \$2.6 billion was authorized for state-of-the-art Mine Resistant Ambush

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Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS

Pampa Junior High School's eighth grade class held its annual class picnic Friday at Central Park. Among those enjoying the swing sets were, from left, Jazmine Rose, Devin Coleman and Darian Laubhan.

'Bloodmobile' coming to town this Friday

Pampa Coffee Memorial Coronado Nursing Home will host a blood drive from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Friday, May 23 in

the press release, the need for blood is real. There is no substitute for blood and it can only

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Pampa Regional Medical Center Team effort results in more time for patients ...

By MARILYN POWERS
The Pampa News

Pampa Regional Medical Center's medical-surgical unit has saved its staff 132 pedestrian miles per year and increased bedside time with patients by implementing a new program introduced by PRMC Administrator Todd Lorenz.

"We have saved, on each admission, about 30 minutes back to the nurse to spend at the bedside instead," said team leader Cheryl McFall.

The team responsible for this increase in efficiency is made up

of McFall, Tammy Hill, Brenda McCullough Carter, Paul Helms, Cathy Land, Melody Oliphant, Margaret Mason and Linda Vanbuskirk. They made the improvements in one week's time by reorganizing and rearranging several workspaces on the medical-surgical floor.

"I cannot tell you the difference I've seen on our unit from Monday to Friday," McFall said at a team meeting Friday afternoon in the hospital cafeteria.



Pampa News photo by Marilyn Powers

Cheryl McFall explains the layout of a newly-reorganized supply room for the medical-surgical unit at Pampa Regional Medical Center. The reorganization improves efficiency and results in nurses having more time to spend at patients' bedsides.

The team found that multiple storage areas in the unit made it difficult to track supplies, equipment and medications and resulted in excessive time required to locate patient care needs, McFall said.

They decided they could increase staff time at patients' bedsides and create a more efficient flow of work by lowering inventory supplies by 25 percent and reorganizing them.

Supplies were located in three different areas, and the team divided up into three groups to work each area. Before work

began, the time clock and fax machine were located in another room, behind a closed door, from the nurses' station. The two machines were moved to a space on the wall at the back of the station.

All staff lockers were moved into one room which became a staff room. A wall dividing two small storage spaces was torn out to make one larger storage room, which now houses all patient care supplies and medications.

Supplies were organized and placed in See PRMC, Page 2

Miami site of upcoming benefit

By MARILYN POWERS
The Pampa News

MIAMI — A dance to benefit Miami Volunteer Emergency Medical Services will be held from 9 p.m. Saturday through 1 a.m. Sunday at the city-county barn in Miami.

The country-western dance will feature the music of Sheila and The Open

Range Band. Tickets are \$6 per person in advance or \$7.50 at the door. Advance tickets may be obtained from EMS personnel, the Roberts County Sheriff's Office or by calling 806-662-9531.

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Texas sect parents complain of vague custody plans

SAN ANGELO (AP) — The parents of the children in state custody after a raid at a polygamist sect's ranch came to a courthouse asking one question: How do we get back our children?

They left complaining that Texas child welfare officials offered no real answers Monday as five judges began sorting the massive custody case into separate family groups. The state has more than 460 children from the Yearning For Zion Ranch in foster care.

Texas officials are making it impossible for parents to get back their children, complained Willie Jessop, an elder of the Fundamentalist

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, which runs the ranch in Eldorado.

"Every parent is accused of being bad and there's no cure," he said after the first day of hearings, which were to resume Tuesday and expected to last three weeks.

All the parents got the same template plan outlining allegations of abuse at the ranch and services required for the children and parents. Judges made few changes, though several expressed concerns about the lack of specifics. The plans do not make it clear whether the children will ever be allowed to return to the ranch.

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Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 63. Windy, with a south wind between 20 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

Thursday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1 p.m. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 86. Windy, with a south-southwest wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

Thursday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 63. Windy, with a south wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

Friday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 83. South-southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

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Obituaries

Jared Preston Alva-Wiley, 4 months old

Jared Preston Alva-Wiley, 4 months old, of Pampa died May 18, 2008, at Amarillo, Texas. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Jared was born Jan. 15, 2008, in Borger. He was dedicated at Central Baptist Church on Mother's Day, May 11, 2008.

Survivors include his mother, Heather Wiley, of

the home; and father, Mario Alva Jr. of Pampa; maternal grandparents, Cherilyn and Preston Wiley of Pampa; paternal grandparents, Keri and Mario Alva Sr. of Woodward, Okla. and Mary Jane Alva of Pampa; maternal



Alva-Wiley

great-grandmother, Charlotte Fleming of Amarillo; and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

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1600 Wallas Blvd. Amarillo, TX 79106.

The baby will not be available for viewing until 8 a.m. Thursday, May 22, 2008, at the funeral home.

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

Emergency Services

Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the period from 7 a.m. Friday to 7 a.m. Monday.

Friday, May 16

Seventeen traffic stops were made. Stops in the 500 block of Tyng and the 2100 block of North Nelson resulted in arrests.

Motorist assistance was rendered at the intersection of Gwendolen and Sumner streets.

Traffic complaints were received from the intersection of Kentucky and Duncan streets, the 1100 block of Darby, the intersection of Harvester and Duncan streets, the 400 block of Graham, the area of Cherokee and Comanche streets and the intersection of Highway 60 and Loop 171.

Vehicle accidents were reported in the 1100 block of Darby, the 900 block of West 23rd and the 100 block of South Starkweather.

Animal control officers made stops concerning animals in the 1000 block of Barnes, and the intersection of Lefors and Fisher streets.

Civil matters were reported in the 400 block of Graham and twice in the police department lobby.

A welfare check was made in the 2800 block of Charles.

A runaway was reported in the 600 block of West Buckler.

Warrant service was attempted on one occasion and resulted in at least one arrest.

Suspicious person calls were received from the intersection of 19th and Hobart streets, the 2800 block of Charles, the 2100 block of Williston, and the intersection of Atchison and Starkweather streets.

Suspicious vehicle calls were received from the 2400 block of West 23rd and the 1000 block of Varnon Drive.

A silent/abusive 911 call was received from the 1400 block of Ripley.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 900 block of Barnard, the 1100 block of Huff Road, the 2800 block of Charles, the 800 block of South Banks and the 1100 block of Varnon Drive. At least one arrest was made in connection with the incident in the 800 block of South Banks.

Disorderly conduct and resisting arrest were reported in the 100 block of East Harvester. At least one arrest was made in connection with the incident.

Criminal trespass was reported in the 1800 block of North Hobart.

Sexual assault was reported on two occasions in the police department lobby.

An offense against family and children was reported in the police department lobby.

Two alarms were reported.

Two building checks were made.

Theft was reported at Culligan Water Conditioning, 314 S. Starkweather. A new water bottle stand and hand tools were taken. Estimated value of loss is unknown.

Theft was reported in the 900 block of South Faulkner. A skateboard valued at \$100 was taken.

Theft was reported at United Supermarket, 1420 N. Hobart. Food valued at \$8.18 was taken.

Theft was reported in the 900 block of Municipal Drive, the 1500 block of Coffee and the 300 block of North Hobart.

Credit card abuse was reported in the 100 block of West Kingsmill. Unauthorized charges of \$477.62 were made on a credit card.

Burglary of a habitation was reported in the 2200 block of Mary Ellen. Taken were a wallet with \$800 cash, a watch, a can containing \$500 in cash and a pair of shoes.

Burglary was reported in the 600 block of Lefors.

Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle was reported in the 2300 block of Mary Ellen. A 2007 Dodge Durango was taken from Pampa Country Club.

Saturday, May 17

Twenty-three traffic stops were made.

Motorist assistance was rendered in the 1200 block of East Frederic.

Traffic complaints were received from the intersection of Starkweather and Craven streets, the police department lobby, the 400 block of Magnolia, the 1100 block of Willow, on Starkweather Street, on Highway 60, and at the intersection of 23rd and

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PRMC

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color-coded bins, and labels were made to show where each type of item was to be kept.

The labeling continued at the nurses' station, along with the idea of "a place for everything and everything in its place." Desk and cabinet drawers were organized and labeled as to their contents, and designated places for all work items were labeled.

The wall wasn't the only thing discarded. Doors were taken off of the cabinets in the kitchen, and all supplies

were organized in see-through bins on the shelves. The refrigerator was also neatened, with like items grouped together.

"Before, it took an hour to distribute medications. Staff walked 2,549 feet to do this, for a total of 30,588 feet or six miles per day," McFall said. "Nurses walked 2,190 miles per year to distribute meds."

Besides shaving off 132 of those miles, 221 feet of walking were saved for each admission to the floor, she said.

"They are thrilled," McFall said of the staff's reaction to the reorganization. "Our goal was to reor-

ganize everything on the floor to be more efficient for the nurses. Our goal was to return time to the nurses to spend with patients at bedsides."

Other areas of the hospital will also employ the program. Each area's project will be one week long, with a team summary at the end of the week to report the results. Future teams may include patients, McFall said.

The medical-surgical unit's team isn't finished, however.

"The team will meet weekly to insure that the implementation process and standards are adhered to,"

McFall said. "Important violations will be treated as a quality problem, and countermeasures will be initiated."

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The bill provides a 3.9 percent pay raise for all members of the Armed Forces in 2009 and scheduled pay raises in 2010, 2011 and 2012 to reduce the military-civilian pay disparity.

The bill also extends the prohibition on the Committee enacted last year on retail pharmacy cost share increases for the TRICARE military retiree medical program.

"People are our most important national defense resource," Thornberry said. "The pay and benefits authorized in this bill will allow us to continue to attract America's best and brightest to volunteer for our Armed Services and maintain the quality of life for our military retirees."

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Viewpoints

Some should learn: Once burned, twice shy ...

As I was looking over the photos I took of students arriving at M.K. Brown Civic Auditorium Saturday evening to attend the high school prom, I couldn't help but feel sorry for students at another high school.

The yearbook staff at one high school in McKinney discovered a big problem with this year's annuals. When the yearbooks arrived, staff members noticed that some photos just weren't quite right.

What they found was that for some reason, nearly 600 students' heads were on bodies that weren't theirs.

The national photography company which took the yearbook photos was the culprit. They had, by one of the many miracles of modern technology, done the presto-change-o. The news story I read which reported the problem did not say why the company altered the photos.

The company has agreed to reprint all the

yearbooks and foot the \$85,000 bill for the corrected books.

The news story about the snafu said this was the second year in a row that the school had had problems with the photography company. Last year, the company "accidentally destroyed" all the photos for the school yearbooks, and the photos had to be re-taken.

Marilyn Powers

Staff Writer

Perhaps the school should find a new photography company. After all, the usual rule of thumb is once burned, twice shy.

The many beautiful gowns of the young ladies attending Saturday's prom brought another type of formal event to mind. One of the national news services is working on a story about dreadful bridesmaids' gowns.

Some of the examples shown online made

me shudder. One bride had chosen gowns in a color best described as John Deere green. They were trimmed with yellow gauze about the shoulders and waist, and each bridesmaid carried a bouquet of yellow daisies.

I have nothing against green and yellow.



After all, they are the Harvester colors. But this particular shade, combined with the style of the dresses, was not flattering to any of the bridesmaids and, in fact, would not be flattering to anyone who comes to mind.

Bridesmaids of a couple who planned to get married in an old West saloon wore gowns that looked like what saloon hall girls of that era wore. Their form-fitting bodices were black with white trim, complete with black garters and lots of leg showing.

Also in the "what were you thinking" category were the eye-hurting bridesmaids' gowns made of shiny gold metallic material. These creations featured sashes wound tightly around the entire ribcage, v-necks with wide collars and puffy short sleeves.

Of course, there have been some unusual dresses at our local prom, too. Memorable creative efforts have included paper, plastic bags and duct tape.

I always enjoyed dressing up for special events, and I equally enjoyed getting back into my comfy clothes after the extravaganza was over. And although I am one of the many people who think most of their portraits are unflattering, I would never go so far as to want my head on someone else's neck, or vice-versa, in a photo.

Lawmakers cause more problems than they solve

Most of the great problems we face are caused by politicians creating solutions to problems they created in the first place. Politicians and a large percentage of the public lose sight of the unavoidable fact that for every created benefit, there's also a created cost or, as Nobel Laureate Milton Friedman put it, "There's no free lunch." While the person who receives the benefit might not pay or even be aware of the cost, but as sure as night follows day, there is a cost borne by someone. Let's look at a couple of congressionally created problems.

Walter Williams

Columnist



energy supply problem. Oil and gas exploration in a tiny portion of the coastal plain of Alaska's Arctic National Wildlife Refuge would, according to a 2002 U.S. Geological Survey's estimate, increase our proven domestic oil reserves by approximately 50 percent.

The Pacific and Atlantic Oceans and eastern Gulf of Mexico offshore areas have enormous reserves of oil and natural gas. These energy sources of oil have also been placed off limits by Congress. Because of onerous regulations, it has been 30-plus years since a new refinery has been built. Similar regulations also explain why the U.S. nuclear energy production is a fraction of what it might be.

Congress' solution to our energy supply problems is not to relax supply restrictions but to enact the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 that mandates that oil companies increase the amount of ethanol mixed with gasoline. Anyone with an ounce of brains would have realized that diverting crops from food to fuel use would raise the prices of a host of corn-related foods, such as corn-fed meat and dairy products.

Wheat and soybeans prices have also risen as a result of fewer acres being planted in favor of corn. A Purdue University study found that the ethanol program has cost consumers \$15 billion in higher food costs in 2007 and it will be considerably higher in 2008. Higher food prices, as a

result of the biofuels industry, have not only affected the U.S. consumer, they have had international consequences as seen in the food riots that have broken out in Egypt, Haiti, Yemen, Bangladesh and other nations.

What's the congressional response? On May 1, Sen.

Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., chairman of the Joint Economic Committee, convened a hearing on rising food prices saying, "The anxiety felt over higher food prices is going to be just as widespread, and will equal or surpass, the anger and frustrations so many Americans have about high-

er gas prices."

Congress' proposed "solutions" to the energy and food mess they've created include a windfall profits tax on oil companies, a gasoline tax holiday for the summer, increases in the food stamp program and foreign food aid. These measures will not solve the problem but will

create new problems.

Americans are rightfully angry about higher energy and food prices but their anger should be directed toward the true villains — the Congress and the White House.

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



Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

■ May 11
Houston Chronicle on an appropriate immigration policy:

The failure to pass a comprehensive immigration reform package last year was a bad piece of business. It left more than 12 million illegal workers in limbo; continued a ludicrous visa system that leaves out low-skilled workers; and showed that a noisy minority could drown out the majority of Americans, who consistently backed the reform bill's main goals.

But there was one heartening revelation: Individual voters really can trump those behind-the-scenes lobbyists. It's now time for the majority of voter voices to be heard.

Employers across the country are finally coalescing to publicly support comprehensive immigration reform. The movement aims to inform and motivate the grass roots, where people's views of immigration too often are shaped by commentators such as Lou Dobbs. By speaking out, businesses also prove they're committed to working within the system: hiring legal workers, paying taxes and minimum wage, and treating all employees fairly.

Houston is at the movement's forefront, with good reason. Our economy depends on the estimated 10 percent of our work force, about 250,000 workers, who are undocumented immigrants. Forcing these workers to continue their lives as an exploited shadow-class keeps them from participating and contributing and assimilating as they ought to. It harms the whole community.

Plans to smoke these workers out of their jobs would hurt Houston even

more. About three-fourths of undocumented workers pay Social Security taxes (but never claim the benefits). Using Social Security rolls to oust workers with account discrepancies as a recent federal rule aims to do could accidentally oust as many as 18 million legal workers whose accounts also contain misspellings and other errors.

But the greatest harm would be to the city's economy. "The consequences of removing one of 10 workers would ... take us down to our knees," Jeff Moseley, president of the Greater Houston Partnership, told the Chronicle.

So chilling is this prospect that the historically conservative Partnership is investing \$20 million (from private donors) in the nonprofit "Americans for Immigration Reform."

The strategy: Inspire previously silent employers to communicate with lawmakers. The goal: a national, comprehensive reform that ensures border security as well as a way for responsible businesses to employ low-skilled foreign workers.

Right now, no way exists. The idea that there's a "line" for these workers to wait is, bluntly, a lie. Only 5,000 such visas are available annually. Yet every year as many as 500,000 workers and their families arrive without documents and almost all of the adult males find jobs.

Businesses, trades and large corporations are finally speaking up about this reality. Many say they were caught off guard last year, when a hailstorm of constituent e-mails and letters capsized a promising immigration compromise in a few days. Employers were also fearful of attracting raids: Some 70 percent of agricultural workers and more than 30 percent of construction employees lack work papers.

Now the business community is organizing to speak out. In San Antonio, many businesses are linking with Mexican-Americans Thinking Together, Matt.org, a public relations and lobbying campaign that is spending at least \$25 million on grass-roots appeals to voters.

Nationally, the nonprofit ImmigrationWorksUSA is building a federation of about 20 state-based immigration-reform coalitions. The federation wants to strengthen these groups at the grass-roots level, encourage them to join local immigration law battles, and make their voices heard in Congress.

Even in Arizona, home to some of the country's most extreme immigration laws, a backlash has developed in the form of the nonprofit Employers for Immigration Reform. The group has a ready pool of supporters. The Arizona Legislature is trying to neutralize economic effects from its own harsh employer-sanction laws with a state-level guest-worker program. That, of course, was one of the features of comprehensive immigration reform.

Here's how one restaurant chain owner who suspended new projects in Arizona put it to The Washington Post: "If we become a risky or a more costly place of doing business than the other 49 states, which today we are, we will become a declining economy in perpetuity."

The workplace, the community and democracy all work best when participants state their interests and share their ideas. So far, American businesses have been too silent about their labor needs. It's overdue for them to contribute to an immigration policy based on economic health, not hype. URL: <http://www.chron.com>

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Hobart streets.

Vehicle accidents were reported in the 100 block of South Hobart and the 1400 block of North Hobart.

Animal control officers made stops concerning animals in the 1100 block of North Starkweather and the 2200 block of North Christy.

Welfare checks were made at the intersection of 18th and Williston streets, the 100 block of South Russell and the 1400 block of West Somerville.

A civil matter was reported in the 1100 block of Seneca. Warrant service was attempted on three occasions and resulted in at least three arrests.

Suspicious person calls were received from the 700 block of South Gray, the 1400 block of North Banks, the 600 block of North Dwight, the 600 block of East Francis, the intersection of Crawford and Love streets, the 100 block of Cook and the 300 block of North Ward.

A suspicious person call was received from the 300 block of East Brown. Public intoxication was reported in connection with the incident, and at least one arrest was made.

A suspicious person call was received from the 900 block of Browning. Public intoxication was reported in connection with the incident, and at least one arrest was made.

Suspicious vehicle calls were received from the 1900 block of North Hobart and Recreation Park, 1600 E. Highway 60.

Prowlers were reported in the 700 block of North Dwight

and the 1100 block of Sierra.

Public intoxication was reported in the 1300 block of West Kentucky, the 900 block of Fisher and the 900 block of Twiford.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 100 block of East Harvester, the intersection of Rosewood and Sirroco streets, the 700 block of North Nelson, the 1100 block of Sierra, the 700 block of Lefors, the 1300 block of North Hobart and the 2100 block of North Sumner.

Criminal trespass was reported in the 800 block of Scott. Criminal mischief was reported in the 100 block of North Sumner.

Domestic disturbances were reported in the 1100 block of South Banks and the 400 block of Pitts.

Assault causing bodily injury was reported in the police department lobby. The incident occurred in the 400 block of Magnolia. The incident involved assault, criminal mischief and harassment. One person assaulted another, causing minor injuries. A cell phone valued at \$240 was broken.

Two alarms were reported. One open door was checked.

A gas drive-off was reported at Allsup's, 1900 N. Hobart. Fuel valued at \$20 was taken.

Sunday, May 18

Twelve traffic stops were made. Stops at the intersection of Wilks and Faulkner streets, the intersection of Brown Street and Huff Road, the 800 block of Tyng, the 1000 block of North Hobart, and the intersection of McCullough and Barrett streets resulted in arrests.

Traffic complaints were received from Highway 60, and the intersection of Alcock and Perry streets.

A vehicle accident was reported on North Highway 70. Animal control officers made stops concerning animals in the 500 block of Tyng, the 1000 block of South Dwight and the 1000 block of South Nelson.

A welfare check was made in the 1900 block of North Christy.

A welfare check was made at the intersection of Tyng and Finley streets. Possession of four grams or more but less than 200 grams of a controlled substance in a drug-free zone was reported in connection with the incident, and at least one arrest was made.

Agency assistance was rendered at the intersection of McCullough and Barrett streets.

A civil matter was reported in the 500 block of Crawford.

Suspicious person calls were received from the intersection of Frederic and Barnes streets, the intersection of Kingsmill and Cuyler streets, the 1000 block of Huff Road, and the intersection of Buckler and Sumner streets.

Suspicious vehicle calls were received from the 1800 block of North Banks and Recreation Park.

A prowler was reported in the 700 block of Murphy. Disorderly conduct was reported in the 700 block of Murphy and the 200 block of Tignor.

Criminal trespass was reported in the 600 block of Lefors. A domestic disturbance was reported in the 1300 block of Duncan.

Three alarms were reported. One building check was made.

Theft was reported in the police department lobby. The incident occurred in the 2100 block of Williston. Four to five gallons of gasoline were taken from a vehicle. Estimated value of loss is \$20.

Theft was reported in the 1000 block of South Nelson. Sixty to 80 hydrocodone pills were taken from a residence.

Theft was reported in the 1500 block of North Banks. Burglary was reported in the 1300 block of Duncan. A lawn mower valued at \$219 was taken.

Arson was reported in the 700 block of Murphy.

Monday, May 19

Two traffic stops were made. Agency assistance was rendered in the 1300 block of South Hobart.

Suspicious person calls were received from the 400 block of North Sloan, the intersection of Kingsmill and Purviance streets, and the 1900 block of North Hobart.

Suspicious vehicle calls were received from the 1200 block of North Hobart, the 1000 block of West Harvester and the 1600 block of North Somerville.

A silent/abusive 911 call was received from the 2100 block of Lea. Burglary was reported in the 700 block of Murphy.

Fire

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

Monday, May 19

7:42 a.m. — One unit and two personnel responded to the 500 block of Sloan to a Dumpster fire.

2:33 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 2000 block of Hamilton on a medical call.

4:28 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 400 block of Lowry on a call for lifting assistance.

4:49 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 1000 block of North Wells on a medical call.

5:37 p.m. — One unit and two personnel responded to the 1000 block of North Sumner to a Dumpster fire.

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Events calendar

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cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability to pay. The following clinic(s) will be offered: 9:30-11:30 a.m. and 1-3 p.m., May 21, TDH, 736 S. Cuyler.

• **Cooper Breaks State Park near Quanah** will offer "StarWalk" astronomy program 8:45 p.m. May 24. For more information call (940) 839-4331.

• **Cooper Breaks State Park near Quanah** will present a campsite talk on Native American arrowheads and artifacts at 7 p.m. May 31 at the park. Program presenter Ernie McGregor of Crowell will display his collection of arrowheads, knives and other tools which date from Paleo-Indian times to historic times. For more information call (940) 839-4331.



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This Week: Memorial Day

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MEMORIAL DAY

What do you think of when you think of Memorial Day?

Today, many people spend the three-day weekend enjoying barbecues, movies and trips to local beaches and parks.

However, Memorial Day was started to honor soldiers who died fighting for their country.



How many differences can you find between these two backyard scenes?

Standards Link: Visual Discrimination: Find similarities and differences in common objects.

Standards Link: History: Know that Americans celebrate Memorial Day to commemorate all who have died in wars in which the U.S. fought.

How It All Began

Memorial Day was originally a day to honor America's Civil War dead by decorating their graves.

To find out what Memorial Day was originally called, write the letter of the alphabet that comes before each letter in the code.

E F D P S B U J P O E B Z

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.



"Uncle Sam" is a character cartoonists often use to symbolize the United States. Can you draw the other half of his face?

Annual Tradition

Every year, Memorial Day is observed at Arlington National Cemetery with the president or vice-president laying a wreath at the

T O M B O F T H E U N K N O W N S O L D I E R

Replace the missing vowels to reveal this honored location.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Memorial Day Timeline

Complete each math problem to reveal the years these significant events in the history of Memorial Day took place.

1432 + 434

1347 + 521

1173 + 746

1143 + 823

1292 + 679

After the Civil War, people in several American towns started a tradition of setting aside one day a year to decorate the graves of fallen soldiers.

Following General James Garfield's speech at Arlington National Cemetery, thousands of participants decorated the graves of the more than 20,000 Union and Confederate soldiers buried in the cemetery.

After World War I, Decoration Day observances were expanded to honor those who had died in all American wars.

Waterloo, N.Y., was designated as the official birthplace of Memorial Day. For 100 years, the town had made Memorial Day an annual, community-wide event during which businesses closed and residents decorated the graves of soldiers with flowers and flags.

Congress declared Memorial Day a national holiday to be observed the last Monday in May.

Design a Memorial Day Flag!

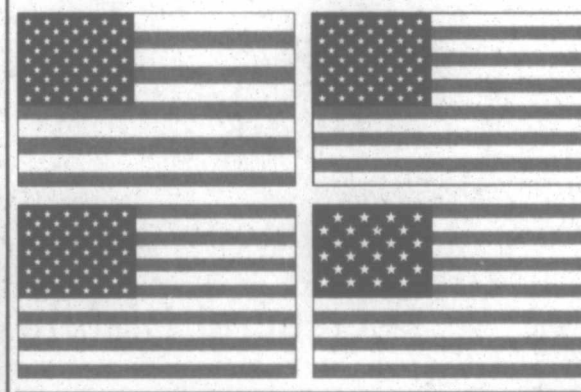
Use pictures and words cut from the newspaper to design your own Memorial Day flag. Display your flag in your classroom or in a window at home.

Standards Link: Visual Art: Know how to select matter, organize and use it to communicate meaning.

Standards Link: Historical Understanding: Know how to interpret data presented in timelines.

The Kid Scoop Puzzler

Do you see four American flags here? Look again. Only one of them is correct — the other three each have something missing or in the wrong place. Which one is the real deal?



Standards Link: Science Investigation: Find similarities and differences in common objects.

Double Double Word Search

Find the words in the puzzle, then in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

MEMORIAL	Y	R	A	T	E	M	E	C	M	S
BACKYARD	W	O	D	N	I	W	M	E	L	R
FLAGS	E	R	M	R	W	O	M	S	A	E
WINDOW	E	R	E	O	A	O	I	E	N	I
SOLDIERS	F	V	R	A	R	Y	V	N	O	D
CEMETARY	N	L	E	I	T	L	K	E	I	L
NATIONAL	D	W	A	N	D	H	A	C	T	O
HISTORY	A	L	O	G	T	M	A	S	A	S
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SCENES										
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Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

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Spelling Practice

Find the letters that spell one of your spelling words in today's newspaper. Circle each letter and connect the letters in the order in which the word is spelled. Repeat with each spelling word three or more times.

Standards Link: Grammar: Spell grade-level appropriate words correctly.

Write On!

Remembering the Year

What will you remember most about this school year? Write a page about it. Share your writing with classmates and read about their memories, too.

Kid Scoop Together:

How to Observe Memorial Day

This information is from www.usmemorialday.org

Memorial Day should be observed:

★ by visiting cemeteries and placing flags or flowers on the graves of our fallen heroes

★ by visiting memorials

★ by flying the US Flag at half-staff until noon

★ by flying the POW/MIA Flag to honor soldiers who are Prisoners Of War or Missing In Action



★ by participating in a "National Moment of Remembrance" at 3:00 p.m. to pause and think about the true meaning of the day and to listen to "Taps"

★ by renewing a pledge to aid the widows, widowers and orphans of our fallen dead and to aid disabled veterans

VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word: **HONOR**

The verb honor means to show great respect.

Memorial Day is a time to honor those who died for our country.

Try to use the word honor in a sentence today when talking with your friends and family members.

Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I would like to respond to "Kelly in Austin" (March 24), who wondered if there were more than two men who excel at romance. Abby, my husband has given me a total of four pieces of jewelry throughout our 13-year relationship. However, he has given me many intangibles that mean far more. I have a best friend I can talk to and trust. I have a lover who cares for me and my needs. I have a husband who believes in and abides by the vows we took on our wedding day. I have a provider who works hard to assure my financial stability, not just for today, but also for the future. My children have a father who loves them and makes sure they know it through his words and actions. And I have a partner for life who does "romantic" things like changing diapers, rocking babies, washing dishes and holding my hand. In generations past, men were expected to be strong, gentle and responsible. I thank God that my husband has chosen to be that kind of man. -- **BELOVED**

DEAR BELOVED: You are a lucky woman who married a real gem. A life partner with attributes like your husband's is a jewel more precious than any stone that nature could create. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have been married 15 years, and my heart still skips a beat when I see him. We have a little piece of paper with I LOVE YOU written on it, and we take turns hiding it somewhere for each other to find. It shows up in my wallet, in the book I'm reading, in the laundry. It never fails to brighten my day, and it costs us not one cent. He brings me coffee in the morning and a cup of tea at night. He'll surprise me with a candy bar or a cookie when I'm feeling down. Expensive jewelry isn't what makes a romance -- it's my darling taking a moment to let me know he's thinking of me. -- **TINA IN CHINCOTEAGUE, VA.**

DEAR ABBY: When my fiance and I first got together, he told me that he didn't celebrate Valentine's Day. He claimed that he "did his thing" all year -- and it's true. He leaves cards in my book bag scented with his cologne and sings to me on my voicemail at work on dreary Monday mornings. He writes me poems and buys me spontaneous gifts. No jewelry commercials can compete with a gift from the heart. -- **SWEEPED OFF MY FEET IN MEMPHIS**

DEAR ABBY: I have been happily married for more than 10 years, and it hasn't been because of diamonds, flowers or trips to bed-and-breakfasts. We're happy because we laugh together, because we like each other, and because he was considerate enough to buy me a hands-free cell phone device to use while driving back and forth between our home and my father's. It's because he knows what scent of candle to buy me from a kid's fundraiser and because he thought I needed a new lunch box for work and got me one. This is real life. Diamond commercials on the television are not. -- **RITA IN DUBOIS, PA.**

DEAR ABBY: My parents have been married 45 years, and the most romantic gesture I ever saw took place about 10 years ago. One day, while she was digging in the garden, I saw my dad standing there, hovering over her with a can of wasp spray, ready to blast any potential threat into eternity if it got near Mom. Now that's better than a diamond any day. -- **SAM IN PALATINE, ILL.**

For Better Or Worse



Zits



Garfield



Beetle Bailey



Marvin



Crossword Puzzle

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS**
- 3 Kauai
 - 1 Charitable aid
 - 7 Prejudice
 - 11 To-do list
 - 12 Fix text
 - 13 Not dating others
 - 15 Bother
 - 16 Taunt
 - 18 Stage show
 - 21 Not even close
 - 22 Did garden work
 - 24 Cry of discovery
 - 25 Paver's goo
 - 26 Pop
 - 27 Like some fog
 - 29 Pound hound
 - 30 Infamous emperor
 - 31 Brewing need
 - 32 Composer Bruckner
 - 34 Continuing to succeed
 - 40 Last of the Stuarts
 - 41 Illinois city
 - 42 Corrals
 - 43 Catches some z's
- DOWN**
- 1 Cleaning cloth
 - 2 Conceit

ABYSS	PASTA
TREAT	ANNUL
MANTA	STONE
ALOT	WAX
DOORKNOB	
UNDO	ERASER
STOUT	STARE
TORNUP	AGIN
HAT	TRIO
ATALL	JULIE
MOXIE	ONICE
SPIITS	EDDIE

- Yesterday's answer**
- 9 Lend a hand
 - 21 Beanie or beret
 - 22 Method
 - 23 Banned
 - 25 Skimpy
 - 26 Girder
 - 27 Madison's successor
 - 29 Traveler's
 - 30 Oven fuel
 - 33 Recipe
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 - 36 Traveler's
 - 37 Valuable
 - 38 Quick
 - 39 Oven fuel

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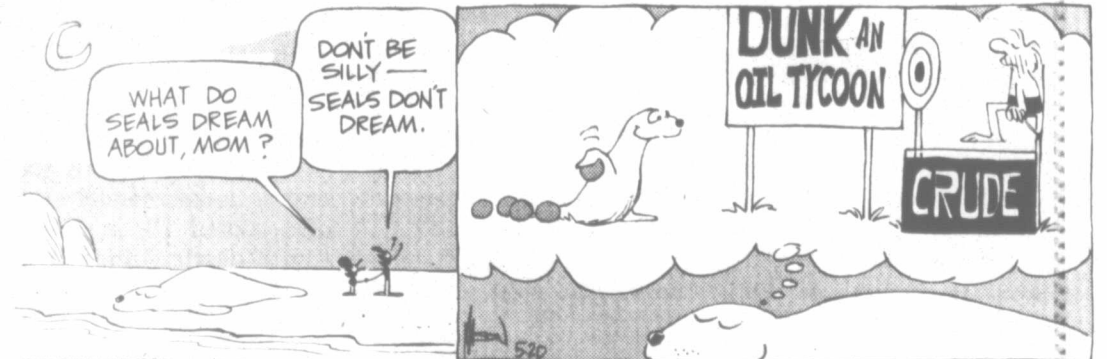


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THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil Keane



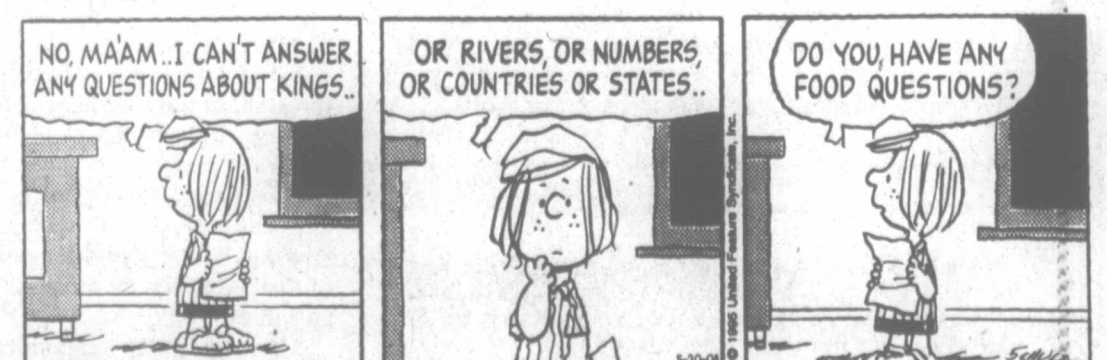
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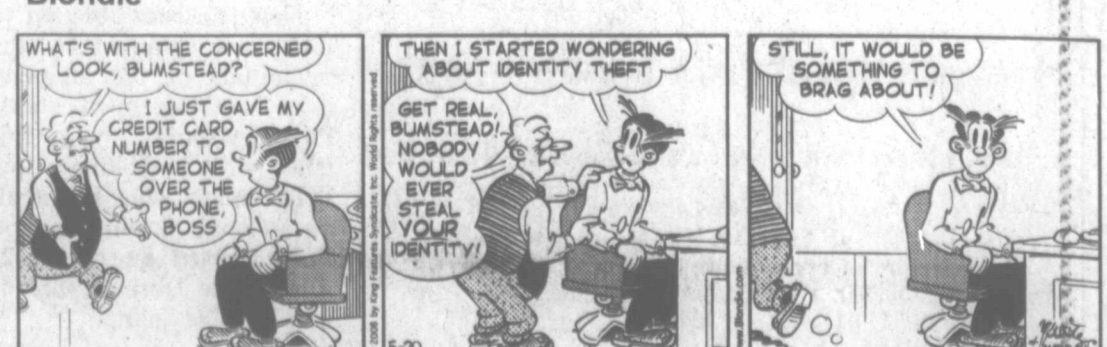
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Sports

Glo-Valve defeats Rotary Club 7-5

Ryan Powell led Glo-Valve in hitting and earned a save as the league leaders edged Rotary Club 7-5 Monday in a Pampa Optimist 11-12 Cal Ripken League contest.

Powell had help from Trey Miller, who scooped up a single in left field, threw to Tyler Powell at third, who relayed to Jordan Lemons at home to nip a Rotary runner in the last inning. He received additional help from Brody Gaines, who snagged a fly ball in right field to end the game and save the tying runs from scoring.

Jordan Lemons led off the top of the first inning for Glo-Valve with a double, stole third and scored on a single by Aaron Allen. Allen stole second and third and tallied on a throwing error.

Rotary battled back to tie the score in the bottom of the first. Dylan Zawicki singled, was awarded second on a balk and scored on a single by Braxton Maul. Maul was later thrown out on the back end of an attempted double steal. Corey Chidester walked, went to second on a fielder's choice, to third on an error and scored on a single by Marcus Jernigan.

Glo-Valve reclaimed the lead in the second inning. Ryan Powell singled to left, stole two bases and came home on an infield ground

out by Chance Douglas. Glo-Valve increased its lead to 5-2 in the third inning on walks to Nickie Wells, Lemons and Allen and a Rotary error.

Rotary got the runs back in the bottom of the third on walks to Zawicki and Maul and a triple by Chidester. Glo-Valve led 5-4.

Casey Martindale led off Glo-Valve's half of the fourth inning with a single. He stole second, took third on a passed ball and scored on a wild pitch. Ryan Powell made the second of his two hits, advanced to third on fielder's choices and scored on a wild pitch making the score 7-4 in Glo-Valve's favor.

Jacob Brown walked to open the bottom of the fifth inning for Rotary. He stole second and third. He scored when Zawicki was safe on an error. A single by Maul and a walk to Chidester went for naught as Miller and Tyler Powell made the relay to the plate for the second out and Gaines took care of the last out in right field.

Maul, with two hits and a run scored was the leading hitter for Rotary.

Martindale, who pitched the second inning, was the winning pitcher. He allowed one hit, no runs and no walks. He struck out three: Krysten Miller, Aaron Allen

and Ryan Powell also pitched for Glo-Valve.

Hunter Hall started for Rotary and gave way to Joseph Slaten in the third inning.

The defensive plays of the game for Rotary included two double plays. Chidester at second base, tagged a Glo-Valve runner and threw to Zawicki at first for the first double play. The second came when Chidester threw to Zawicki who threw across the diamond to Jernigan at third to nab a runner trying to go from first to third on an infield out. Catcher Dalton Johnson threw to Jernigan for a caught stealing.

Glo-Valve improved to 12-1 to maintain its two-game lead over Celanese Corporation, a 15-4 winner over Duncan, Fraser & Bridges Insurance Agency in the early game.

Glo-Valve will visit DFB in the 5:45 p.m. game today. Rotary and Cabot Corporation collide at 7:45 p.m.

The regular season is scheduled to end on May 29. A double-elimination city tournament will follow the conclusion of the regular season with all teams participating.

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

Spurs hold off Hornets, advance to West finals

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Tony Parker swished a crucial jumper with 50 seconds on the clock. Manu Ginobili followed with four key free throws, essentially booking the San Antonio Spurs a date in the Western Conference finals.

This wasn't the ending Hornets coach Byron Scott envisioned, but he admired the poise of the defending champion Spurs as they pulled out a grueling, seven-game series with a 91-82 triumph in front of a hostile crowd on Monday night.

"If you have to lose to anybody, San Antonio is a class act," Scott said. "We aspire to be like they are in every facet. They are one of the best organizations in all of sports."

With a young nucleus of Chris Paul, David West and Tyson Chandler, the Hornets appear destined for greater things, but now is not their time.

It's the Spurs and their championship ring-laden trio of Tim Duncan, Ginobili and Parker who'll be traveling to Los Angeles to face the Lakers in Game 1 of the Western Conference finals on

Wednesday night. Ginobili scored 26 points and Parker added 17 to help the Spurs hold off the Hornets' late rally and become the first team in the series to win away from home.

"We really believed we had a chance to win on the road here," said Duncan, who had 16 points and 14 rebounds. "It's just a lot of confidence, a lot of games under our belt."

While the Hornets managed to stop Duncan from scoring in bunches by crowding the inside, his teammates combined for 12 3-pointers to keep alive San Antonio's hopes of winning back-to-back titles for the first time.

"We knew the shots were going to be there. It happened today that we just made more," said Ginobili, who hit four 3-pointers. "We just let it fly."

The win also gave Spurs coach Gregg Popovich 100 playoff victories, moving him into a tie with Larry Brown for third on the career list. Popovich was just relieved to be rid of a Hornets squad that pushed his team to the limit.

"I'm glad that's over," he said. "The Hornets are an unbelievably tough team in every way you could imagine, and they had a fantastic year. I don't think there's any doubt their time will come."

West led the Hornets with 20 points, but missed 11 of 19 shots. Paul had 18 points and 14 assists. Jannero Pargo also scored 18, including a fourth-quarter flourish that helped the Hornets cut a deficit that was 17 in the third quarter down to three inside the final two minutes.

"Guys showed a lot of heart out there," said Chandler, who had 13 points and 15 rebounds. "It just came down to some baskets we normally make that didn't fall."

The Hornets had dominated the third quarters of their three previous home games in this series on the way to double-digit wins in each. This time, the Spurs, who have won four titles in the previous nine seasons, had an answer. It was their calling card: stingy defense.

The Hornets, down 51-42 to open the period, could not manage consecutive baskets throughout the quarter, never getting closer than seven points.

New Orleans went nearly a three-minute stretch without a basket before Paul hit a pair of free throws to close the gap to 58-50.

Michael Finley responded with a 3-pointer and Parker added a jumper, putting San Antonio up 63-50.

New Orleans began to look overwhelmed by the magnitude of the moment, even missing open shots. Peja Stojakovic, who finished with a relatively low seven points, shot an airball on an open 3-point attempt. West missed an open 12-footer. The Hornets shot 5-of-17 for the quarter.

Splash Day to open at M.K. Brown pool

The City of Pampa Recreation Department will be opening M.K. Brown swimming pool with "Splash Day" on Sunday, June 1. Gates will open at 1 p.m. and admission is free for all swimmers that day.

The pool will open for regular summer hours after Splash Day at 1 p.m. daily. M.K. Brown swimming pool hours are as follows: The pool is open from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. daily. Monday and Thursday nights will be family nights for family swimming from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Other nights are available for rental between 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. as well.

Admission fees are \$1.50 per person age six years and up while children five and under are free. No child under the age of ten years will be admitted to the pool without an adult. Season passes are available at M.K. Brown Pool. Family season passes are available for families of up to five members for \$75 which pays for unlimited visits. Individual passes for unlimited visits are \$35.

Rental fees are \$75 for up to 50 people and \$1.50 per person over 50. Pool rentals can be arranged by contacting the pool manager at 806-669-5796.

Carey gives fans a voice

Drew Carey's a funny guy, probably the funniest guy to ever own a piece of a sports franchise.

OK, so he's just a minority owner in a soccer team that has yet to play a game. But an owner has to start somewhere, and it's not like he landed his gig on "The Price is Right" straight out of comedy school.

It didn't, however, take Carey long to make his mark as part owner of the Seattle Sounders, an MLS team that will start play next year. He did it by doing something his fellow owners, control freaks by their very nature, probably don't find very funny.

He's giving fans a voice in the game.

Not a real big voice, of course, because owners don't become owners to be told what to do. But Carey is promising season ticket holders that they can fire the team's general manager once every four years if they don't like how the team is doing. "Where else can the fans fire the general manager?" Carey said the other day. "I hope this becomes a model for every professional sports organization in America."

There's probably a better chance of Carey owning the Cleveland Indians than that happening. One of the joys of owning a team is being able to fire at will whenever things turn sour and fans start looking for your scalp.

But there is hope for beleaguered fans everywhere whose last names don't happen to be Steinbrenner.

In Israel there's a club soccer team that allows fans to vote on the starting lineup, while across Europe there are organizations of fans banding together to try to buy teams. And fans who bought season tickets for the Arizona Rattlers of the Arena Football League were guaranteed refunds if the team didn't make the playoffs this year.

With 12 of 17 teams guar-

anteed spots in the playoffs, it wasn't that big of a gamble, but imagine the New York Mets doing the same thing. The lines outside Shea Stadium for refunds would be longer than the faces of most Met fans recently.

Let's go even further and imagine things like this:

— No Tiger, no pay. Is there really any reason to

"Where else can the fans fire the general manager?"

— Drew Carey
Part owner of Sounders

slather on the sunblock, pay \$8.50 for a beer and wait in long lines at the Porta Potties behind others doing just the same thing if Tiger Woods isn't playing? The PGA Tour should grant free admission to any tournament without Woods, and make up the difference by selling a few more hospitality tents to corporate salesmen.

— No cheaters allowed. Instead of Roger Goodell determining Bill Belichick's punishment for videotaping signals, why not let the fans of teams the Patriots beat by stealing their signals pass judgment? Options could range from forcing Belichick to wear the other team's jersey and make a tearful apology at midfield during halftime to giving the other team every play in advance that New England will be running that day.

— Guaranteed celebrities. Let's face it, no one goes to a Lakers' game just to see Kobe score 50. They go to see and be seen, so if the fan to celebrity ratio drops beneath 2-1 it's autographed pictures of Jack Nicholson to the first 10,000 fans.

— Guaranteed wrecks.

Just like they go to see celebrities in LA, they go to Nascar to watch cars run into each other and occasionally catch in fire. If there's not at least two multi-car wrecks, one of which has to involve flames, everyone in attendance gets a free Dale Earnhardt Jr. T-shirt.

— Guaranteed performance. Baseball players don't have a lot of incentive to produce after signing huge contracts, and often it shows. How about making Andruw Jones earn some of his \$36.2 million by standing at the exit and signing autographs for any fan who might still want them after once again going 0-for-4 and striking out three times with runners in scoring position.

— A real fight. Oscar De La Hoya and Floyd Mayweather Jr. already conned the public once by making more than 2 million households pay \$55.95 for their pay-per-view fight. They're planning to do it again in September, but real boxing fans can force them to give us better fights by simply refusing to touch the pay button on their remote.

Of course there are times when the voice of fans would simply get in the way. But there are still ways to get around that stubborn general manager who hasn't delivered a thing other than big contracts and even bigger ticket prices.

Say your team has the No. 1 pick in the NBA lottery and needs a big decision made. Why not just put a few names on a roulette wheel and let Charles Barkley spin it?

The way Barkley's gambling luck has been lately, it might be risky. But firing the general manager doesn't always work either.

Tim Dahlberg is a national sports columnist for The Associated Press. Write to him at tdahlbergap.org

Texas Sports at a glance

NBA PLAYOFFS:

BKN—SPURS—HORNETS FOLO

NEW ORLEANS — Tony Parker swished a crucial jumper with 50 seconds on the clock. Manu Ginobili followed with four key free throws, essentially booking the San Antonio Spurs a date in the Western Conference finals. The defending champion Spurs pulled out a grueling, seven-game series with a 91-82 triumph in front of a hostile crowd on Monday night. By Brett Martel.

HOCKEY PLAYOFFS:

HKN—RED WINGS—STARS FOLO

DALLAS — Even with blood caked on his red beard and his lower lip badly swollen, Kris Draper was still smiling. Taking a puck to the face to get back into the Stanley Cup finals? No problem. Draper and the Detroit Red Wings will again play for hockey's biggest prize after eliminating the history-chasing Dallas Stars 4-1 in Game 6 of the Western Conference finals Monday night. By Stephen Hawkins.

BASEBALL:

CUBS—ASTROS

HOUSTON — Geovany Soto didn't get the automatic home run he deserved. Cubs manager Lou Piniella thinks he probably likes it that way. Soto was credited with an inside-the-park three-run homer in the fourth inning despite replays showing that it should have been an automatic home run in Chicago's 7-2 win over Houston on Monday night. By Sports Writer Kristie Rieken.

RANGERS—TWINS

MINNEAPOLIS — Bobby Korecky has quietly been biding his time since being called up from Triple-A, patiently waiting for a chance to show what he's got. "I've just been waiting to make an impression," Minnesota's rookie reliever said. "I was just waiting for the situation because you never know when you're going to get one." By Sports Writer Jon Krawczynski.

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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.

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Take your time; step with care through issues as they appear. Your sense of humor will carry you through many hassles. Winter and spring 2009, you seem to suddenly have that magic. Your creativity emerges and allows new insights. If you are single, your life takes on a new vision or possibility. Don't consider any relationship as solid until you have made it through a year. If you are attached, your relationship will benefit from understanding. A workshop or seminar in relating or traveling together could open doors. SAGITTARIUS could have you pulling your hair out!

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)
*** Stay adventurous despite a snafu or misunderstanding. You can and will get through any hassle if you keep an overview. Don't forget the big picture, under any circumstances. Tonight: Treat your mind to a favorite pastime.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
*** Working with one specific person could prove to be nothing less than frustrating. You must work within certain constraints, and might have no other choice, though you certainly might fantasize about alternatives! Tonight: Try to chill.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
*** You could be flabbergasted by what someone drops in your lap. You easily could have had enough. Others don't get your message. Whether it is how you communicate or their unwillingness, it might not make a difference. Chill and refuse to get wound up in another's "story." Tonight: Look and listen rather than react.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
*** Step up to the plate. You might need to make your own decisions. Focus on what you must do rather than get involved in someone else's issues. Your sense of accomplishment could make all the difference in the outcome. Tonight: Do what you need to do.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
*** Depending on how you deal with chaos and uproar, you might enjoy yourself despite it all. Keeping a sense of humor always helps. Knowing when to call a game just that could be important. A child or romance bubbles forth. Tonight: Go for fun. (You can do it.)

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
*** You would like some stability, but finding it cannot happen if you don't look at change as constant. Gaining a perspective could help you swing through uproar and surprises. Move past the immediate story and look to the long term. Tonight: Happy at home. Screen calls.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
*** You might like to try another approach or do something differently. Listen to news that heads your way with a touch of cynicism. Though no one means to misrepresent a story, observe just this tendency. Tonight: Listen to war stories.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
*** Expenses could easily blow out of control. It is apparent that you cannot stop this trend without taking a strong stand. You could be very uncomfortable with what might be going down. Take care of the immediate issue. Tonight: Pull back.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
*** You might want to take the first step or head in a new direction. Confusion earmarks a personal matter or issue. Stay centered on what works. Let go of your ego and look to what is effective. Tonight: All smiles.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
*** If you can shut your door and avoid others and their problems, you could be much happier. Listen to what is being said, but don't feel like you must take action. Draw out the facts by doing nothing. Tonight: Take a break.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
*** You might want to rethink a personal matter and take charge. Information might not make you happy; hence, you might need to take a stand. Do what you must and avoid politics, which is a no-win situation right now. Tonight: Your time.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
*** Take in the big picture before revolting and heading in a new direction. Be smart: Stay centered and know your limitations. Understanding flourishes at an unprecedented level in a few days. Be OK with the waiting game. Tonight: Putting in overtime might be impossible.

BORN TODAY
Actor Raymond Burr (1917), musician, singer Fats Waller (1904), author Harold Robbins (1916)

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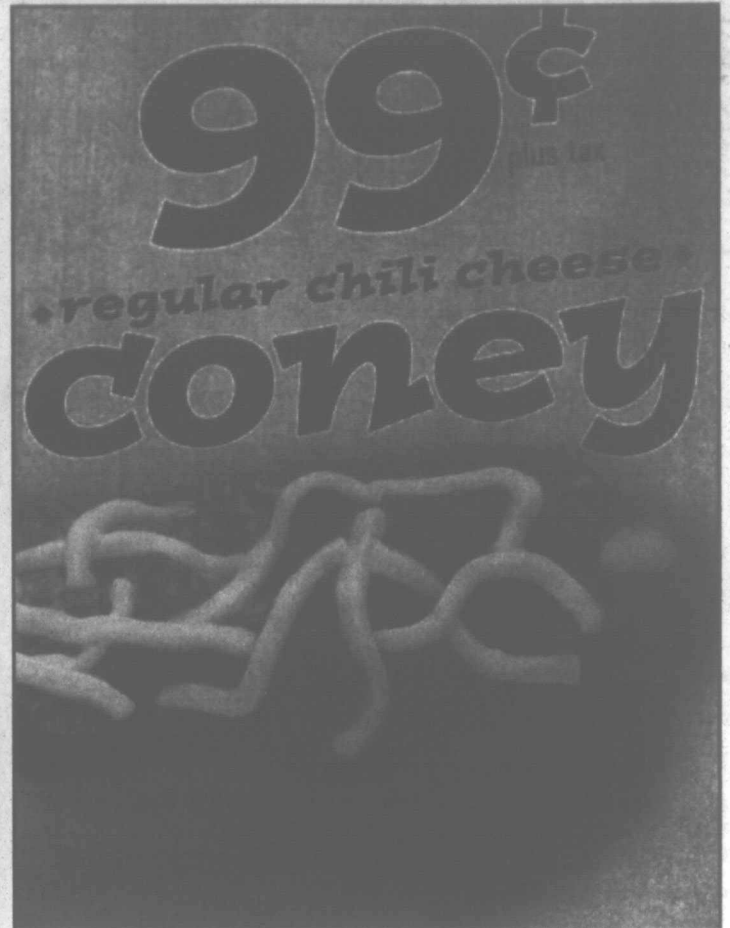
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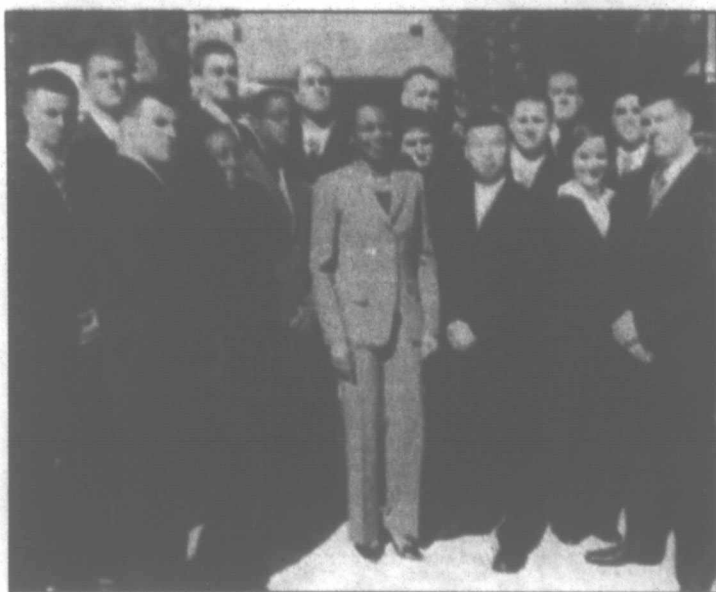
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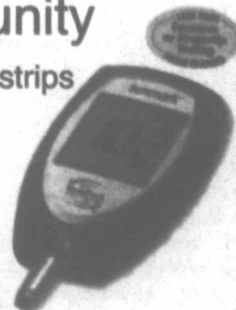
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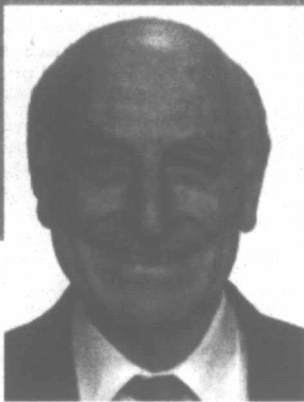
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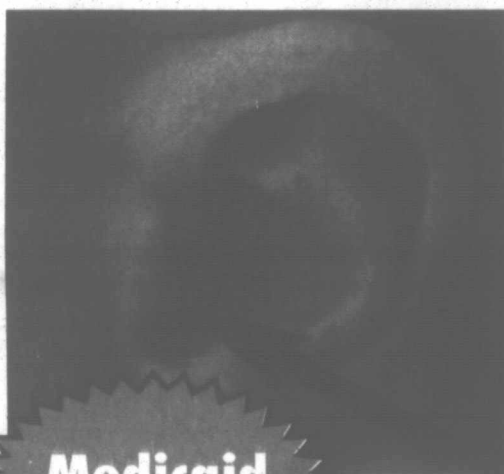
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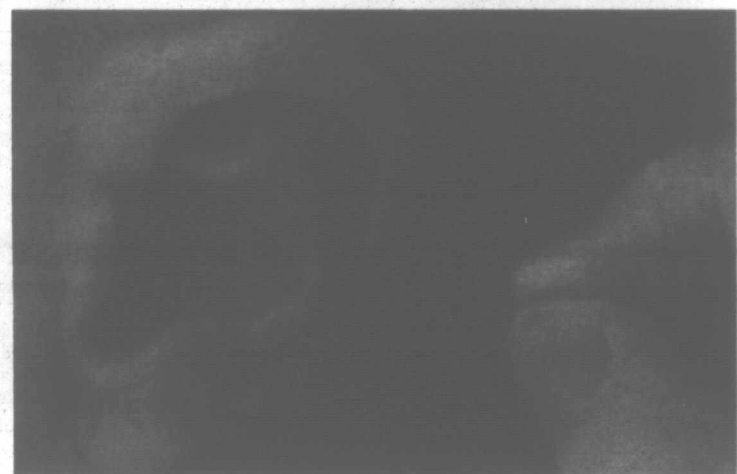
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