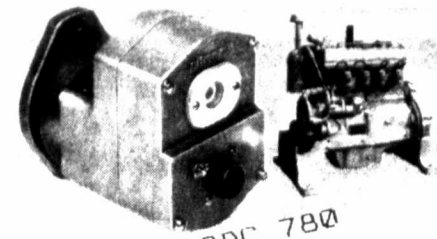


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Cell Three construction under way

By **DAVID BOWSER**
 Staff Writer

Donny Hooper pauses above the giant yellow earth moving equipment far below. From the north rim of what will become Cell Three of Pampa's landfill, the scrapers, hoe and dump trucks look like Tonka toys down in the large pit.

"As of this morning," Hooper, city engineering technician, said, "they have 120,000 yards of dirt left to remove."

The city's contract with C. Watts and Sons, a contractor out of Oklahoma City, calls for 400,000 yards of dirt to be taken out to make room for Pampa's trash. "That's a lot of dirt," Hooper said as he put his pickup in gear and drove on to check on part of the berm being built around the landfill.

Richard Morris, Pampa's director of public works, expects to complete Cell Three in late November or early December. It will then dirt left to remove."

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'As of this morning, they have 120,000 yards of dirt left to move. That's a lot of dirt.'

— Donny Hooper
 Engineering technician



Pampa News photo by DEE DEE LARAMORE

Pampa Regional Medical Center's new chief executive officer Alan King, left, and outgoing CEO, Norman Stephens, take a few moments to relax before Stephens gets ready to move to his new assignment in Alaska. King comes to Pampa from a Triad hospital in Alice, Texas, that recently sold to another corporation.

PRMC leadership changes

Alan King new CEO, Stephens heads to Alaska

By **DEE DEE LARAMORE**
 Editor

Out with the old, in with the new. Pampa Regional Medical Center last week experienced a change in leadership as outgoing chief executive Norman Stephens handed the reins over to incoming CEO, Alan King.

King "officially" arrived in Pampa on Wednesday, July 21. He attended Stephens' going-away party shortly after his arrival — an unusual occurrence, some say, when CEOs change at the hospital.

Stephens is headed for Alaska where he'll be opening a \$87 million, 150-bed hospital, also about 42 miles from Anchorage.

King comes to Pampa with 25 years experience in medical services management. He holds bachelor's degrees in technical management and business administration from Denver Technical College, Colorado Springs, Colo., and is a Vietnam veteran who served in the U.S. Army.

In some ways, Stephens will be returning to his roots when he leaves Pampa. "I went to high school in Alaska," he said, "but I haven't been back since 1971."

By coming to Pampa, King is also returning to a place he remembers from his early years. "I had been in this area in 1967, right after I graduated from high school in South Dakota," he said. "I came here with a custom (wheat) cutting crew."

Before King came to Pampa he served as chief executive officer of Alice owned by Triad, in the Matanuska Valley.

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'... between the community and myself, I will have PRMC grow to meet all their needs.'

— Alan King
 Chief executive officer



Pampa News photo by DAVID BOWSER

Donny Hooper, center, goes over work at the Pampa landfill with Richard Blackwelder, left, and Scott Betts with contractor C. Watts and Sons.

Mock trial to portray CASA volunteer's role

By **DEE DEE LARAMORE**
 Editor

Area residents will have the opportunity to see the state's legal system in action at Friday, July 30, when Pampa's CASA presents a mock trial in 223rd District Court here.

District Judge Lee Waters, who began CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) in Gray County 10 years ago, will preside over the proceedings. Jean Martindale will act as the attorney *ad litem*, the attorney who represents the child, and Gray County Attorney Josh Seabourne will be the attorney representing Child Protective Services.

The "trial" is intended to educate the public and potential volunteers about the role CASA volunteers play in representing a child's interests in court cases, said Stephanie Kelly, a representative of the local CASA.

Sara Carmichael, a long-time CASA volunteer, will play the CASA volunteer in the trial and a Child Protective Services worker is also

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CASA volunteer Sara Carmichael, left, role plays in a mock trial with District Judge Lee Waters, center, and Gray County Attorney Josh Seabourne, right.

CASA facts
Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) began in Gray County in 1994 with 14 volunteers and serving eight children. The organization's area now covers Gray, Hansford, Hemphill, Lipscomb, Ochiltree, Roberts, and Wheeler counties and has 45 trained volunteers who serve 121 children.

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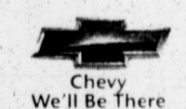
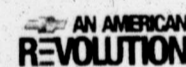
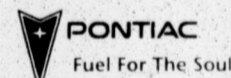
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Viewpoints

Wondering if there's anyone else out there

Do you believe that there's a fungus among us? How about aliens from other planets who are visiting Earth?

Apparently quite a few people believe it, because cable and network television channels regularly feature shows where at least one brave soul claims to have seen an alien, communicated with an alien, or even been taken aboard an alien spaceship. Of course, these stories may also be found in some magazines and in supermarket tabloids such as the *National Asker* or the *Worldly* (you get the idea).

I am not as brave as those people. I think that if anything like that were to really

happen to me, I would not have the courage to talk to anyone about it for fear they'd think I was more wacky than they had first decided.

Let's face it, the people who believe in unidentified flying objects, aliens (the otherworldly kind, not the from-another-country kind), and other assorted off-world phenomena are not exactly esteemed and honored for their beliefs and claims of sightings and contacts.

What do you think? Do you think there are little green men walking planet Earth right now, preparing to take over our world, or perhaps just on a scouting expedition? Do you think aliens

contact humans periodically and even do things like medical exams and microchip implants so they can control or at least find the humans with whom they have spent such a pleasant hour? Or perhaps no true contact has been made yet, but the alien spacecraft are within shouting distance, so to speak, looking us over from space and gathering data about Earth.

I have seen and read about topics such as the Roswell Incident, in which an alien-

filled flying saucer reportedly crashed near Roswell, N.M., more than 50 years ago. Then there is Area 51 in the Nevada desert, where some people claim the remains of the Roswell aliens and their ship were taken.



Marilyn Powers
Columnist

There are a number of other incidents which are fairly well-known, and a slew of others not so well-known, on the subject.

Now for the opposite side of the coin. There are people who do not believe that any life, or at least any complex life, exists anywhere except

right here on Earth. Out of countless stars, planets and galaxies, we are it, folks.

To take this side of the issue a little farther afield, some people believe even our own journeys into space are a hoax. They claim the U.S. government staged a cover-up to make everyone think we landed on the moon in the 1960s, but we really didn't — it was all set up like a movie stage and none of it really happened.

That's right — no lunar landings, no moon rocks, nothing. It was all a giant conspiracy, my friends.

What do you believe about that? Do you think we really did what was reported that we did, or did the gov-

ernment just want to fool everybody and maybe rattle the Soviet nerves a little bit?

Now for the really tough question. If you believe in one type of event, why do you deny the other? If you disbelieve one, how could you put faith in the other? With all that smoke, how could there not be a fire somewhere?

It's a sticky wicket, no matter which way you jump. I don't recall anything in the Bible which says Earth is the only planet, period, with any creatures on it. I may be wrong about that, because I may have misunderstood some passage or other. But

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Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, July 27, the 209th day of 2004. There are 157 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 27, 1953, the Korean War armistice was signed at Panmunjom, ending three years of fighting.

On this date:

In 1789, Congress established the Department of Foreign Affairs, the forerunner of the Department of State.

In 1794, French revolutionary leader Maximilien Robespierre was overthrown and placed under arrest; he was executed the following day.

In 1861, Union General George B. McClellan was put in command of the Army of the Potomac.

In 1866, Cyrus W. Field finally succeeded, after two failures, in laying the first underwater telegraph cable between North America and Europe.

In 1960, Richard Nixon was nominated for president at the Republican national convention in Chicago.

In 1974, the House Judiciary Committee voted 27-11 to recommend President Nixon's impeachment on a charge that he had personally engaged in a "course of conduct" designed to obstruct justice in the Watergate case.

In 1976, following an American Legion convention in Philadelphia, Air Force veteran Ray Brennan became the first

'He who is learned is not wise; He who is wise is not learned.'

—From the Tao (dow) Te Ching, the sacred book of Taoism

person to die of Legionnaire's Disease.

In 1980, on day 267 of the Iranian hostage crisis, the deposed Shah of Iran died at a military hospital outside Cairo, Egypt, at age 60.

In 1984, actor James Mason died in Lausanne, Switzerland, at age 75.

In 1996, terror struck the Atlanta Olympics as a pipe bomb exploded at Centennial Olympic Park, killing one person and injuring more than 100.

Ten years ago: Bosnian Serbs reimposed their blockade of Sarajevo and fired on a U.N. convoy, killing one British soldier and wounding another.

Five years ago: The House approved President Clinton's one-year extension of normal trade with China. In an overwhelming defeat for major league umpires, their threatened walkout collapsed when the umpires withdrew their resignations; about one-third of them ended up losing their jobs anyway. A flash flood in Switzerland claimed the lives of 21 people, 18 of them tourists. With Air Force Colonel Eileen Collins at the controls, space shuttle Columbia returned to



Performance without politics

Linda Ronstadt dedicated a song to Michael Moore and his film "Fahrenheit 9/11" and got the boot from the Aladdin Resort and Casino in Las Vegas. They treated her shabbily, escorting her out of the building without allowing her to return to her room.

This came after some members of the audience booed and walked out of her show. If I had been a member of the audience, I might also have walked out, though I wouldn't have booed the lady. When one pays a hefty charge to be entertained, one has a right

not to get a political lecture, regardless of its content.

Entertainers, being human beings and citizens, have the same right to express their political beliefs as anyone else. But the forum should be appropriate. Audiences who pay to hear a singer rightfully expect to hear songs, not political talks. So Ronstadt abused her audience, some of the audience members were rude to her, and she

was in turn abused by the management of the hotel.

As for Moore's film, I finally saw a pirated copy of it. People should see it and decide for themselves what they think of it. I will say only this in Moore's defense: He doesn't hide his opinions; therefore, the audience is on notice. Most documentaries are equally slanted and propagandistic, but they hide behind a facade of objectivity, and that is far

worse than what Moore does. You know going in that Moore is against Bush and against the war in Iraq.

Come to think of it, so am I, but for different reasons. Having had to suffer through the suits and countersuits related to the last presidential election in Florida, I don't share the notion that Bush stole the election. I'm against Bush because he misled the American people into a war and because of the stupidity and ineptness with which the aftermath of the war has been conducted.

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Charley Reese
Columnist

Hope for safe, successful Olympics

Amarillo Globe-News on the Olympics:

The Olympic torch has wound its way back to Greece, where it will light the cauldron for the Summer Olympics set for Aug. 13-29 in Athens.

Much has been written and spoken about the preparation for this event. It has been fraught with delay, dispute and disarray.

But as the Greeks prepare for the Olympics, an important dynamic must be noted: No country on the planet has more national pride at stake than the Greeks. They promised that they would be

ready and that the Olympics will be safe.

If terrorists strike the Olympics, it won't be for lack of preparation to prevent such a tragedy.

The Greeks have spent \$1.2 billion to protect the athletes and tourists, far more than any previous Olympics. They are deploying 50,000-plus troops and police.

The Greeks have enlisted the aid of the finest security experts in the world.

NATO combat aircraft will patrol the skies over Greece during the Olympics.

Now, the preparation for the Games themselves has

caused great consternation.

The Olympic Stadium work is nearly complete finally. The marathon route is nearing completion. The Athens subway system is just about done.

Yes, some shortcuts were taken to get some of the venues complete. The swim-

ming stadium is without a roof, causing some concern among swimmers.

The Olympics were born in Greece, in 776 B.C. The modern Olympics returned to Greece in 1896. They're back now.

Will these Olympics be free of tragedy? No one can possibly answer that in this post-9/11 world.

This much is certain: No one wants the Olympics to succeed more than the people who run the country where the Games began.

Let us all hope for a successful and safe Olympics.

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have to be inspected by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

"The construction is expected to be finished in late November," Morris said, "and then it takes about a month to get TECQ approval before we can start using it."

The excavation is going well. "We're 35 to 40 percent finished in

excavation," Morris said, "but that's the easiest part. Putting the liner in the bottom is the most time consuming part of it and the most expensive."

The liner is a geotextile fabric that will be rolled across the bottom of the landfill cell in eight to ten foot wide strips, and then glued together. A three foot layer of dirt will then be spread over that as a protective cover.

"That geotextile membrane," Morris said, "it allows water to run to a sump pump, if water gets through the compacted layers of the landfill."

The sump pump then pumps any

water to the water treatment plant.

The liner is there, Morris said, to protect the ground water below.

Hooper said he expects to start on the liner in a couple of weeks.

While the excavation continues, the dirt keeps piling up next to Cell Three.

"We have a lot of soil out there," Morris said. "If anybody ever needs any, we do give that material away free if folks need material for fill. They have to haul it, of course."

The Wal-Mart Super Center has used a large amount of the dirt to build up their pad, Morris said.



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Like toy trucks in a sand box, giant earth moving equipment dig out a huge pit for Cell 3, part of Pampa's landfill.

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Regional Hospital, a 138-bed Triad facility, from the time it opened in April 2003 until it sold recently.

"I was there when it was built," he said. "I got the keys when it opened and gave the keys to the new owners when it was sold."

The two met at a corporate meeting in Palm Springs, Calif., never dreaming that some time later they would be exchanging roles.

"I got the call while I was on the way to Arkansas," King said. He thought he

was going to a new job at a Triad hospital there. Instead, he turned towards the Texas Panhandle and PRMC.

"My preference is to be in Texas," he said. "It's relatively close to my son and in-laws in Colorado."

Not only are Stephens and King exchanging leadership positions, the Kings are also buying the Stephens' house here.

"I feel honored to step in where's (Stephens) has been and hopefully, I'll improve on what he's done," King said. "It will be a challenge for me to do that."

He said he plans to keep a strong line of communication open.

"I'm looking forward to being in Pampa. The community is the right size to get to know people," he said.

"This is a town that pulls you in," Stephens said.

"Yes, I will take your advice - never ride a donkey," King added, referring to Stephens' breaking his leg in a benefit donkey ball game shortly after coming to Pampa.

"I'm very happy to be here," King said. "Hopefully between the community and myself, I will have PRMC grow to meet all their needs. It will be a joint effort."

"I've really enjoyed the three years I've been here," Stephens said. "I really didn't

intend to leave. What got me was when I saw the blue prints (of the new hospital in Alaska).

"I'm glad to see someone. I know coming in here," he added. "It will be good continuity."

Stephens said he'd like to see a "Pampa, Alaska" that combined all the good things about Pampa with Alaska.

"It's been the best place I've ever lived in," he said.

Stephens' wife Deborah is busy preparing to move to Pampa, he said. The couple has two adult sons - Tony, an anthropologist with the U.S. Forestry Service, and Matt, a machinist with Dixie Ironworks.

CASA

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scheduled to take part, Kelly said.

The mock court proceedings begin at 12 noon, Friday, in the district court room and will last about an hour. CASA officials encourage the public to come by and learn more about how CASA helps children who have become caught up in the courts.

In recognition of the organization's 10th anniversary,

local CASA representatives will honor these 10-year volunteers: Mike Sublett, Kelly Schaffer, LeeAnn Cochran, Mark McVeigh, Jim Lummus, Jeanne Mitchell and Sara Carmichael.

CASA began in Gray County in 1994 with 14 volunteers and serving eight children. Now, the organization's area covers seven counties including Gray, Hansford, Hemphill, Lipscomb, Ochiltree, Roberts, and Wheeler and has 45 trained volunteers who serve 121 children.

Volunteers spent more

than 2,200 hours in the past 10 years. Through their efforts, cases were closed on 32 children. Nine were adopted, seven returned to their families, 13 were placed with legal guardians and three were aged out of the system.

CASA officials compare the \$780 it costs per child for CASA to serve them in court, compared to the \$18,000 it costs per year to keep a child in foster care.

Janet Watts serves as executive director of the local CASA program.

Politics

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Bush will never win his war on terrorism using only the military option, which is all he has, and, if he is re-elected, he might well destroy the America we all love in the process. A free society and a war state are incompatible. American foreign policy fuels the terrorists, and unless our policies are modified, the war will go on for literally decades. Bush shows no signs at all of re-examining our policies and, in fact, shows a scary ignorance of the rest of the world, most especially the Muslim world.

Not only is our own government becoming ever more secretive and slip-sliding toward authoritarianism, but the American people, whipsawed by demagogues and fearmongers, are becoming dangerously intolerant of people with different political ideas.

More than one wise person has said that those who are willing to swap freedom for security deserve and will get neither. It is always pointless to fight if in the process we destroy what we think we are defending.

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— Charley Reese
Columnist

To say, as the Bush administration has said, that you can't prosecute, convict

and punish terrorists using our judicial system and observing the Constitution is to express a profound lack of faith in America and a sickening disrespect for the Constitution and the Bill of Rights. If we can put Al Capone and others of his ilk behind bars using our constitutional process, we can certainly do the same to terrorists. We must never allow the government to destroy freedom in the name of protecting it.

As for tolerance, be careful about tossing it away. We've always had disagreements and debates, even passionate debates. That is the essence of a free society. When disagreement turns to hatred, however, we leave America and move into the dark territory that makes so many countries chaotic and unlivable. Hate not only produces reciprocal hate, but destroys the hater as well. It can darn sure destroy a free society.

Election

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to the best of my knowledge and memory, nothing in the Bible addresses the idea of life on other planets,

whether yes or no.

I guess until someone can prove without a doubt whether we are being visited, I choose to take a wait-and-see attitude. I do believe that we have placed men on the Moon and space shuttles, telescopes, satellites and

other things in Earth orbit, along with expeditionary unmanned probes to other planets.

After all, I just don't see how that enormous an accomplishment could be faked.

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Freed Egyptian diplomat returns to work after mortar attacks

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — A senior Egyptian diplomat returned to work on Tuesday a day after being released by militants, while a Baghdad mortar barrage killed an Iraqi garbage collector and injured 14 coalition soldiers. Gunmen also killed a hospital official south of the capital. The release of Mohammed Mamdough Helmi Qutb, the third highest diplomat at the Egyptian mission here, came as two different militant groups threatened to kill four new foreign hostages amid an increasingly audacious wave of kidnappings in Iraq. As Qutb arrived at the Egyptian Embassy in Mansour, northwest of Baghdad, he thanked "all the

people concerned in securing his release." "Thanks to God, we are going to perform our work at the embassy, there is no problem," Qutb told reporters. The U.S. military said initial reports indicated that four to five mortars were fired early Tuesday toward Baghdad's so-called Green Zone, the former home to the U.S. occupation government and current site of Iraq's interim government and the U.S. and British embassies. One mortar hit the suburb of Salhiya, just outside the Green Zone, killing an Iraqi garbage collector and injuring another, according to an Associated Press Television News cameraman at the

scene. "This poor guy was just doing his job and he has been killed by a mortar ... intended for the coalition," local resident Muthana J o m a Hassoun told APTN. A military spokesman, speaking on condition of anonymity, said mortar fire injured 14 soldiers, but their nationalities, the exact location of the attack and the seriousness of their wounds were not immediately clear.

South of Baghdad, gunmen assassinated the assistant director of Mahmoudiya Hospital, the hospital's chief said Tuesday. Dr. Qassem el-Obaidi was shot dead by assailants in a car as he was driving home from work late Monday, said the hospital's director, Dr. Daoud al-Ta'i. Mahmoudiya is about 25 miles south of Baghdad. The violence has deeply hampered efforts to rebuild Iraq and made countries

reluctant to send troops to assist the new government. In the southern city of Basra, about 50 armed members of firebrand Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr's personal militia detained about 20 people Monday during raids against people selling and drinking alcohol, police said. The detainees were later handed them over to police. The Egyptian diplomat's kidnappers said they had seized him to deter his country from giving security aid to Iraq. An Egyptian official said from Cairo no ransom had been paid, and the kidnappers released Qutb after realizing Egypt was not sending troops.

When asked by reporters outside his embassy Tuesday how he was treated by the militants, Qutb said: "The treatment was very good. They set me free." The group, The Lions of Allah Brigade, said it had freed Qutb because he was a religious man and had good morals, according to a statement sent to Al-Jazeera TV. Another group, called the Islamic Army in Iraq, announced it had kidnapped two Pakistanis and passed a death sentence against them, partly because of Pakistani President Gen. Pervez Musharraf's statements about possibly sending troops to Iraq.

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— Muthana Hassoun
Baghdad resident

Castro denies Bush's charges about sex tourism

SANTA CLARA, Cuba (AP) — Fidel Castro rejected charges by President Bush that he promotes sex tourism in Cuba, then went on the offensive to dredge up old reports about his American nemesis' alleged past drinking habits. Castro vigorously denied Bush's recent allegations, saying that what the White House believes is "that which the president makes up in his head, whether it corresponds to reality or not."

"There are many in the world who know very little about the Cuban revolution, and could fall prey to the lies diffused by the United States," the Cuban president said Monday night at the island's annual Revolution Day celebration in the central city of Santa Clara.

During a speech in Tampa, Fla., earlier this month, Bush accused Castro of turning Cuba into a major destination for sex tourism, which is "a vital source of hard currency to keep his corrupt government afloat."

"The regime in Havana, already one of the worst violators of human rights in the world, is adding to its crimes. Castro welcomes sex tourism," Bush said at the July 16 conference on "human trafficking" — forced labor, sex and military service. Although prostitution

The were all educated and given other jobs, he said. Castro then lashed out at Bush in a more personal manner, summarizing arguments made in Justin A. Frank's book, "Bush on the Couch: Inside the Mind of the President," and saying that Bush apparently had replaced his drinking with

doesn't even have to think." In an autobiography when he was Texas governor, Bush wrote about swearing off alcohol in 1986, when he was 40, after a spiritual awakening.

Earlier Monday, Communist Party faithful gathered for the speech in this provincial capital, where red, white and blue Cuban flags hung from the sides of buildings in observance of the 51st anniversary of the failed July 26, 1953, attack on a military barracks that launched the Cuban revolution.

The top leaders of Cuba's ruling Communist Party were among about 1,000 people attending the annual event in Santa Clara, home to a major monument housing the remains of revolutionary icon Ernesto "Che" Guevara.

About 30,000 people originally were scheduled to attend an outdoor event outside, but it was moved inside due to threat of rain. The event was also broadcast live on Cuba's state-run televi-

exists in Cuba, it is unorganized and has been far less visible since Castro launched a massive crackdown on street crime in early 1999. Castro said someone should have told Bush that before Cuba's 1959 revolution about 100,000 women were involved in prostitution because of poverty, discrimination or unemployment.

religious fundamentalism. "He depends on religion as a defense mechanism, substituting thought," said Castro, paraphrasing from the book by the Washington, D.C.-based psychoanalyst and professor of psychiatry during the island's Revolution Day celebration in the central city of Santa Clara. "In some ways, he

Bush's viewpoint

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BPW schedules meeting for Saturday

AMARILLO — Business and Professional Women's Organization, Region 5, will host its annual planning meeting from 9:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m., Saturday, July 31 at Toni's Tea Room, 4223 S.W. 45th Ave., Amarillo.

Candice "Candi" Naylor, member of Center City BPW, has been elected Region 5 director and will be presiding over the meeting.

Naylor, of Naylor Insurance Agency in Amarillo, is a charter member of Center City BPW, serving in various positions over the past 12 years including president in 2002-2003.

The business meeting will include plans for Region 5 Conference to be held in Amarillo the week-



Candice "Candi" Naylor

end of Oct. 15-16. The conference will be hosted by Center City BPW.

Each Region 5 president will report on their chapter's membership, plans for the new year, etc. The region 5 organiza-

tions are: Center City/Amarillo BPW, Dumas BPW, Perryton BPW, Plainview BPW and Wellington BPW.

Brunch will be served to those attending the planning meeting.

The Business & Professional Women's Organization is a national organization established by women for women.

A non-partisan organization, BPW/USA's national legislative platform focuses on economic equity, health and civil rights.

All working women are invited to attend the upcoming meeting.

For more information contact Naylor via phone at (806) 373-8551, fax at (806) 242-3602 or e-mail at cnaylor@amaonline.com.

British projects targets endangered DNA

LONDON (AP) — Britain's Frozen Ark project aimed at safeguarding genetic material from a variety of species boarded its first endangered passengers Monday, including an Arabian oryx, a spotted sea horse and a British field cricket.

The Ark, a project by three British institutions, doesn't include any living animals, but hopes to collect frozen DNA and tissue specimens from thousands of endangered species.

Like Noah, the scientists harbor hopes of repopulating the Earth.

"I think it will be used for cloning eventually," said Professor Alan Cooper, director of the Henry Wellcome Ancient Biomolecules Center at Oxford University.

"We're cautious about cloning because it gets so sexed up, but who knows what we're going to be using these specimens for in the future," said Cooper, a member of the Frozen Ark steering committee.

"I believe you can make a case for bringing animals like, say, the tiger, back. There would be a pretty strong argument for doing that versus letting them go extinct."

The principal collection will be set up in London at the Natural History Museum and the Institute of Zoology, and there are plans for duplicate collections elsewhere in the world to safeguard the survival of the sam-

ples. With some 10,000 species listed as in danger of extinction, the ark will fill quickly. The project will be guided by the World Conservation Union's red list of threatened species.

Professor Bryan C. Clarke, a population geneticist at Nottingham University, said the project would not immediately save any species from extinction.

"The Frozen Ark is not a conservation measure but rather a back-up plan for when all best conservation efforts have failed," Clarke said.

"The recent progress in molecular biology has been so fast that we cannot predict with any certainty what may be possible using this genetic information within the next few decades. Without it nothing can be done."

Cooper added that there would be little point in trying to revive some species.

"It would be impossible to clone the dodo anyway, but even if you could, what would you do with it? There's no environment left for the dodo," Cooper said.

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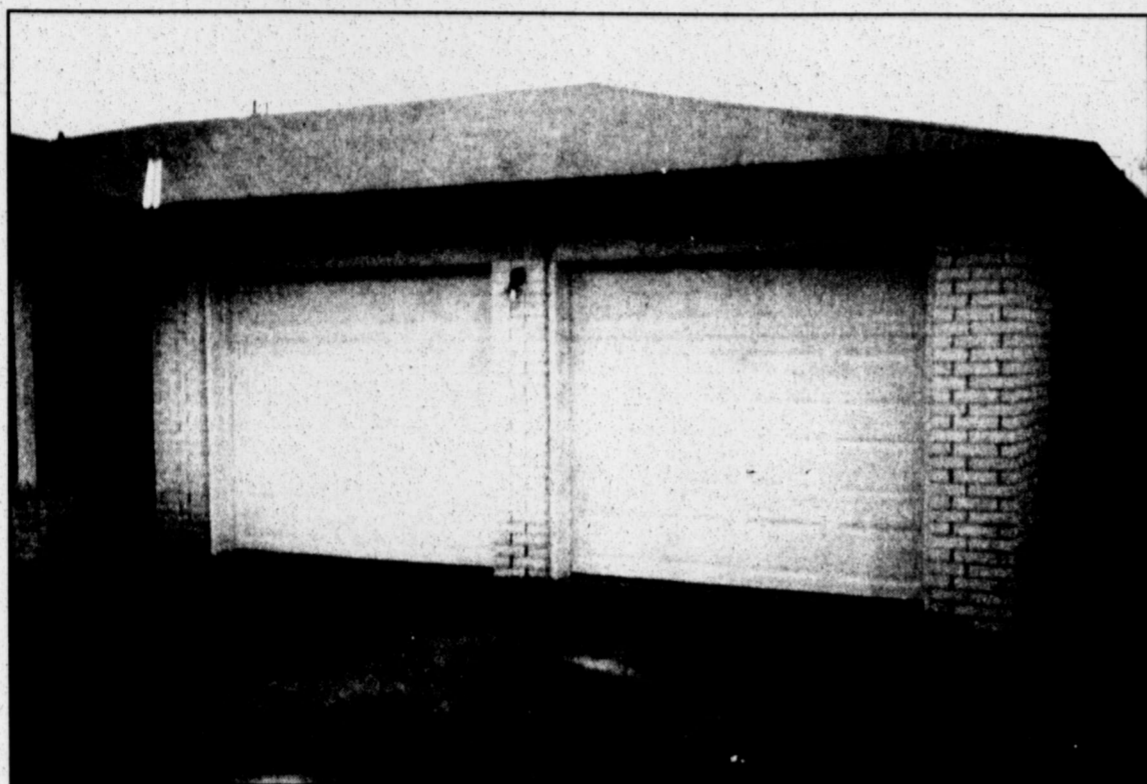
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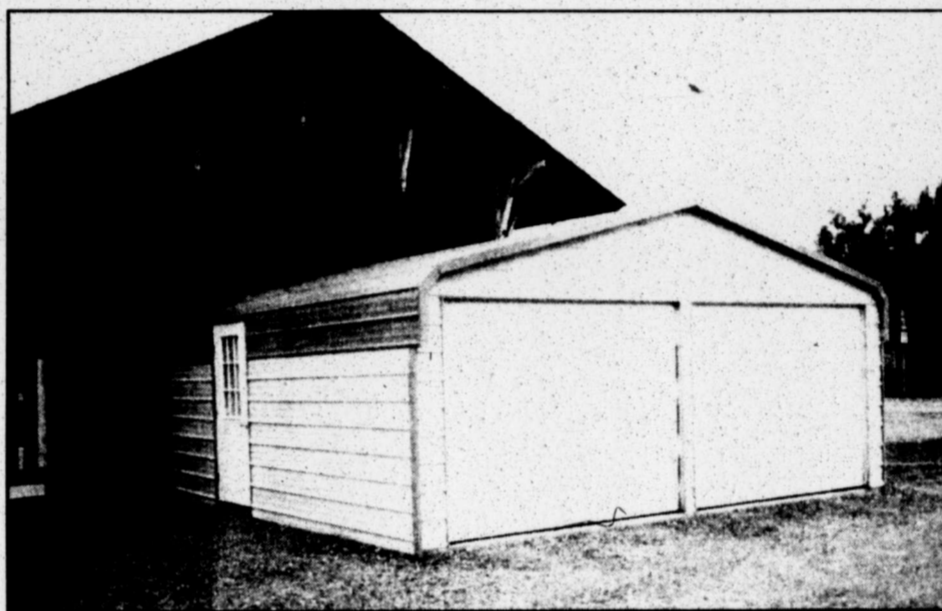
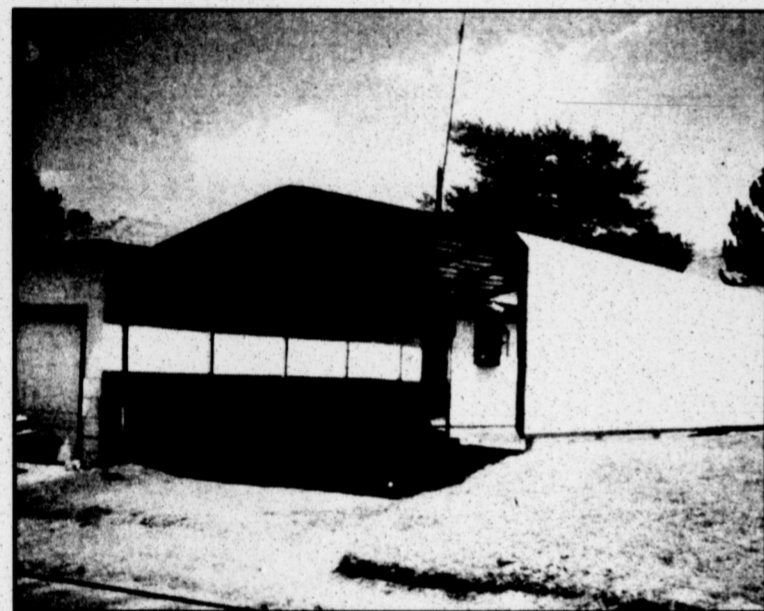
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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I'm writing regarding the letter from "Former Houseguest," who complained about his hostess rushing into the bathroom and scrubbing it every morning after he and his fiancée had showered.

When I was a newlywed, I was an insecure hostess and overly concerned about what my guests might think of the state of my house. Perhaps she was trying to impress upon them that she was a careful homemaker. Her rushing in to clean the bathroom may have nothing to do with her not wanting them there.

— BEEN THERE IN ROWLETT, TEXAS

DEAR BEEN THERE: Perhaps not; other readers read the letter through the prism of their own experiences, too. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I have a step-daughter who has a severe case of obsessive-compulsive disorder (OCD). This poor soul can't have company because she must spend all day and all night cleaning the entire house before they arrive. When we visit her, we must be careful not to touch the walls, or she will scrub them, too.

Some people are not even aware that they have this illness until it's so out of control they are advised to seek help. This could be the case with that hostess. It's a terrible illness that results from a chemical imbalance in the brain. — A READER, NASHUA, N.H.

DEAR READER: Thanks for pointing it out. A reader from Texarkana, Texas, who suffers from OCD e-mailed me to suggest that people who have this disorder should contact the Obsessive-Compulsive Foundation Inc. It offers support and education for people with OCD-related disorders, their friends, families and professionals, and it also supports

research into the causes and effective treatments. Its Web site is: www.ocfoundation.org. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I have a different perspective than you on the letter from "Former Houseguest."

I also clean my bathroom every morning, and I am not alone. A lot of people are on a "system" set up by someone we call "the FlyLady." ("Fly" stands for "Finally Loving Yourself.")

She is a county commissioner in the state of Tennessee, who instructs us to get up, get dressed to the shoes, put in a load of laundry, and make our bathrooms shine -- every day, first thing in the morning. The bathroom is then presentable for any guests who might come later in the day.

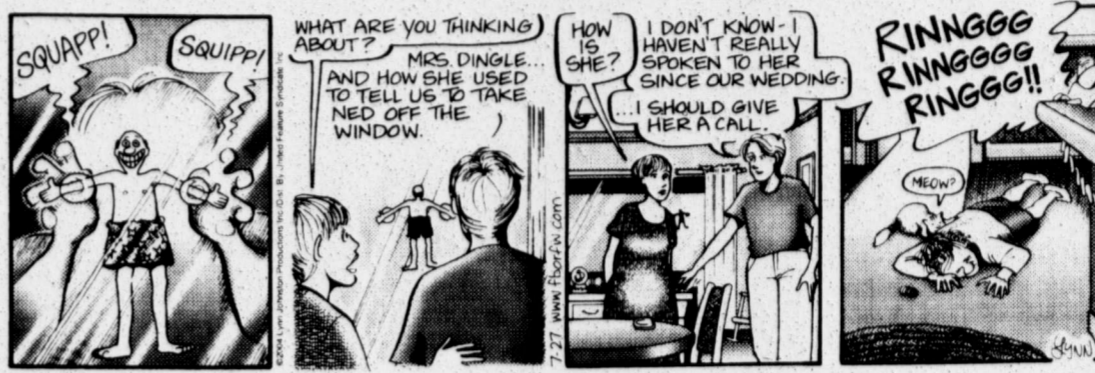
If you would like to see this for yourself, go to www.flylady.net. She is wonderful. She talks about having peace in your homes and a lot of other wonderful things. There are currently 212,899 people following her system. That hostess may well be one of them.

The hostess could have set her routine up long before "Former Houseguest" arrived. Should she have been expected to modify her daily routine just because she had guests? I don't think so!

— FLYING IN OREGON

DEAR FLYING: After reading your letter, I stopped by my neighborhood bookstore and spotted a book by Marla Cilley, the FlyLady. It's titled "Sink Reflections" (published by Bantam Books). It was easy to read and chock-full of helpful ideas for the disorganized, so many people are today. What I liked most about it was Ms. Cilley's philosophy that organization is most easily achieved not through earth-shaking changes, but through a series of baby steps.

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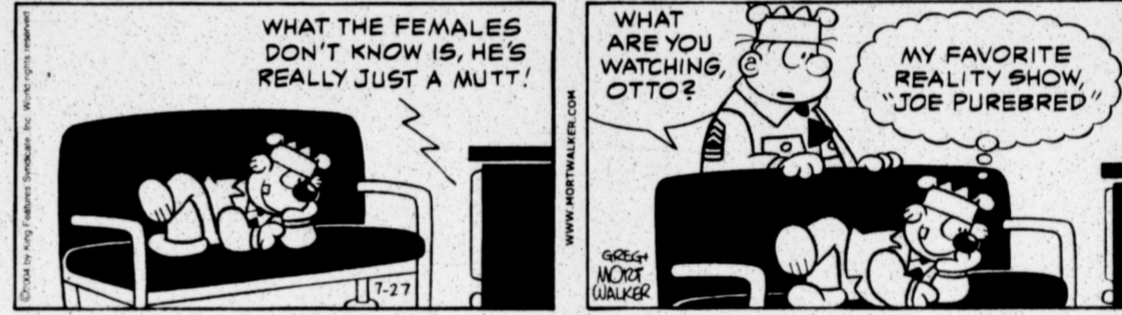
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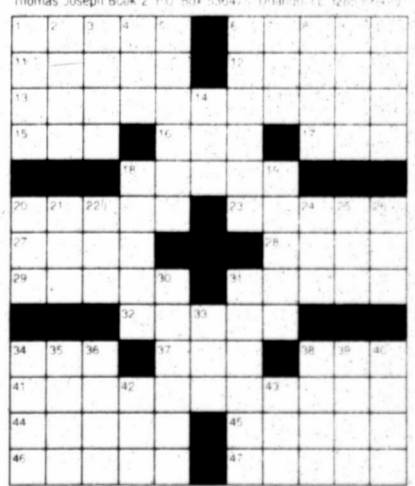
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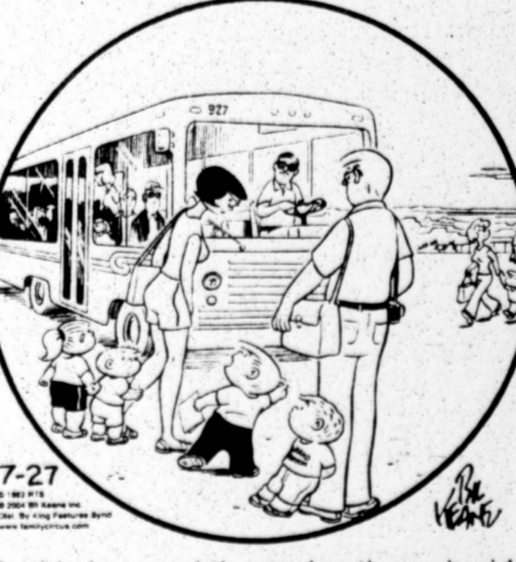


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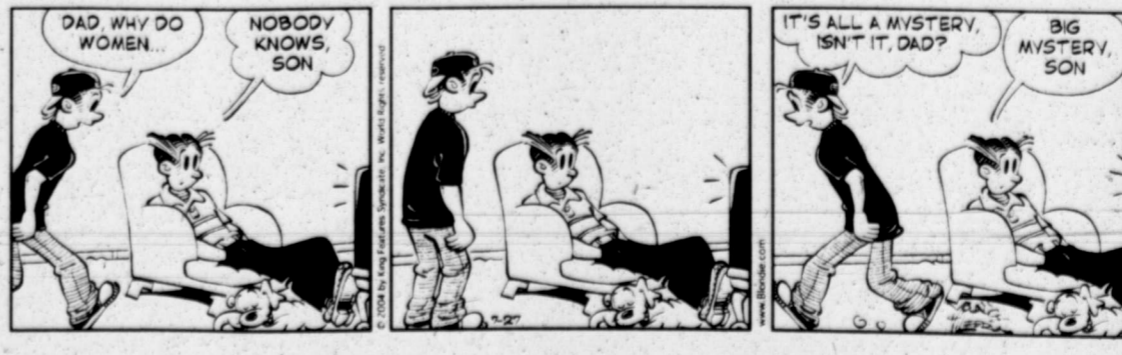
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National League

Andy Pettitte left after only 62 pitches, his elbow aching again.

It also has been a painful season for the Arizona Diamondbacks.

Arizona ended its club-record losing streak at 14 games Monday night, beating Pettitte and the Houston Astros 4-1 behind Brandon Webb and Scott Hairston.

"It's been stressful. We're major leaguers and we don't like being embarrassed," Luis Gonzalez said. "We all made mistakes and we all shared in the frustration."

Pettitte came out after the fifth inning because of his troublesome left elbow, which has sent him to the disabled list twice this season. He has been limited to

just 13 starts since leaving the New York Yankees to sign with Houston in the offseason.

"I aggravated it again a little bit. We're going to see how it feels the next couple of days and hopefully I'll be able to make my next start," Pettitte said. "It's the same thing, the flexor tendon in my elbow, but it's not as bad as it was before."

In other NL games, it was: St. Louis 9, Cincinnati 6 in 11 innings; Atlanta 4, Pittsburgh 2; Los Angeles 9, Colorado 7; Florida 11,

Philadelphia 3; San Diego 3, San Francisco 2; Chicago 3, Milwaukee 1; and Montreal 19, New York 10.

American League

Chicago White Sox manager Ozzie Guillen had no problem with Torii Hunter's jarring hit on his catcher. In fact, Guillen hopes his team learned something from the Minnesota star's hustle.

Hunter bowled over White Sox catcher Jamie Burke in the eighth inning, sending him to the hospital with a sore jaw after the Twins' 6-2 road victory over their Central

Division rival Monday night.

"If my players don't like it, that's a message. You got to play the game hard. I know if it happened on my side, I'd be high-fiving my players," Guillen said.

Hunter scored on Henry Blanco's sacrifice fly, helping the Twins win for the eighth time in 10 games and push their lead over Chicago to 1 1/2 games.

"I wasn't trying to hurt him. I was just playing the game like you should play the game," Hunter said. "I'm not a dirty player. I just go out and have fun and play the game. That's it."

In other AL games, it was: Boston 12, Baltimore 5; New York 6, Toronto 5, 10 innings; Detroit 13, Cleveland 4; Texas 6, Anaheim 1; and Oakland 14, Seattle 5.

'It's been stressful. We're major leaguers and we don't like being embarrassed. We all made mistakes and we all shared in the frustration..'

— Luis Gonzalez
Outfielder, Arizona Diamondbacks



Pampa News photo by MICHAEL J. STEVENS

From left to right, Ted Kincannon of Altus, Okla., and Jay Guillroy of Kemp, TX, watch as Guillroy's put finds the bottom of the cup on #16 during the Tri-State Senior Championship Scramble at the Pampa Country Club Monday.

TSSCT in full swing

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

After yesterday's scrambles, the Tri-State Senior Championship Tournament got into full swing today with the start of first round match and stroke play at the Pampa Country Club.

Scramble winners from yesterday was the foursome of Tommy Wilson of Lubbock, James Stavenhagen of Pampa, Bill Downing of Runaway Bay, TX., and Al Mill of Yukon, Okla. Second place went to the team of Don Riffe of Stratford, Dale Williams of Friendswood, TX., Jack Phillips of Clovis, NM., and Tobe Collins of Brownsville, TX.

In the Wive's Senior Scramble it was the team of Sherma Brown of Yukon, Okla., and Yvonne Pittman of Stratford, TX. taking the win. Second place went to Janie Phillips of Odessa, TX., and Shirley Guillroy of Kemp, TX. The team of Betty Clemmons of Fritch, TX., and Lola Hill of Yukon, Okla. made up the top three.

Wednesday's schedule calls for the second round of match and stroke play for the men. The ladies will take part in other events including a Mad Hat luncheon where they are encouraged to wear their craziest hat.

Cowher contract extended

PITTSBURGH (AP) — The Pittsburgh Steelers extended coach Bill Cowher's contract through 2007. Cowher previously was signed through 2005, but the team traditionally reworks his contract when it has two seasons remaining.

If Cowher works through the contract — and there is nothing in recent team history to suggest he won't — the Steelers will have had only two coaches in 39 seasons.

Cowher has a 115-76-1 record in 12 seasons.

Pro Rodeo Leaders

By The Associated Press
Through July 25
Jack Daniel's World Standings
ALL-AROUND COWBOY

1. Trevor Brazile, Decatur, Texas \$109,769
2. Stran Smith, Childress, Texas \$99,505
3. Blair Burk, Durant, Okla. \$86,895
4. Cody Ohl, Stephenville, Texas \$74,317
5. Jesse Bail, Camp Crook, BAREBACK RIDING

1. Will Lowe, Canyon, Texas (45) \$87,778

2. Kelly Timberman, Mills, Wyo. (45) \$81,443
3. Royce Ford, Kersey, Colo. (34) \$73,376
4. Jason Jeter, Mansfield, Texas (53) \$68,452
5. Andy Martinez, Roggen, Colo. (51) \$64,035

STEER WRESTLING

1. Luke Branquinho, Los Alamos, Calif. (34) \$82,540
2. Teddy Johnson, Checotah, Okla. (38) \$62,965
3. Ronnie Fields, Oklahoma City, Okla. (34) \$57,365
4. Stockton Graves, Newkirk, Okla. (41) \$51,823
5. Jason Lahr, Emporia, Kan. (37) \$50,551

TEAM ROPING (HEADING)

1. David Key, Caldwell, Texas (29) \$65,876
2. Steve Purcella, Hereford, Texas (32) \$58,679

3. Frank Graves, Poplarville, Miss. (30) \$49,054
4. Tee Woolman, Llano, Texas (26) \$38,230
5. Jake Barnes, Scottsdale, Ariz. (32) \$34,927

TEAM ROPING (HEELING)

1. Clay O'Brien Cooper, Glen Rose, Texas (29) \$65,876
2. Britt Bockius, Claremore, Okla. (30) \$56,854
3. Brad Culpepper, Ashburn, Ga. (30) \$49,054
4. Allen Bach, Weatherford, Texas (32) \$34,927
5. Rich Skelton, Llano, Texas (28) \$34,904

SADDLE BRONC RIDING

1. Glen O'Neill, Didsbury, Alberta (37) \$119,237
2. Dan Mortensen, Billings, Mont. (39) \$112,170
3. Rod Hay, Wildwood, Alberta (42) \$87,304
4. Billy Etbauer, Edmond, Okla. (31) \$72,248
5. Cody DeMoss, Crowville, La. (47) \$61,561

TIE-DOWN ROPING

1. Stran Smith, Childress, Texas (33) \$89,727
2. Blair Burk, Durant, Okla. (34) \$80,338
3. Cody Ohl, Stephenville, Texas (29) \$66,210
4. Fred Whitfield, Hockley, Texas (35) \$65,980
5. Jerome Schneeberger, Ponca City, Okla. (37) \$52,146

PBR coming to Amarillo

The Professional Bull Riders brings the USSTC Challenge Tour to Amarillo this Friday, July 30 and Saturday, July 31 at the Amarillo National Center located on the Tri-State Fairgrounds. Events will kick off at 8 p.m. both nights.

Fans will be treated to two nights of bone crushing action as 90 of the best PBR riders go head to head against the rankest bulls around. More than \$12,500 in prize money will be up for grabs.

Forty-five riders will take part atop the world's best bulls. The top ten riders each night will then

compete in a short go-round. The championship will go to the rider with the highest cumulative score on two bulls after the two rounds of competition. Topping the list of competitors is 1995 PBR Rookie of the Year and 2002 PBR World Finals event winner J.W. "Iron man" Hart out of Marietta, OK., along with two-time PRCA World Champions bull rider Jim Sharp of Stephenville, TX., and 2000 PBR Rookie of the Year Jason Bennett of Honeygrove, TX.

Tickets range from \$12 to \$37 and can be ordered by calling (806) 376-7767.

Cowboys want new stadium deal

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys want a 50-50 deal with this city's residents, offering to pay half the cost of a new football stadium if taxpayers will shoulder the rest of the cost, the mayor says.

The Cowboys will negotiate exclusively with the city of Arlington until at least Aug. 17 in its search for a new stadium location, Arlington Mayor Robert Cluck said on Monday.

Cluck told reporters that the Cowboys are looking at two locations near

Ameriquet Field in east Arlington.

"This is a great opportunity to build a state-of-the-art stadium that'll allow the region to attract a Super Bowl, an NCAA (basketball) championship as well as millions in economic impact and thousands of new jobs," said Brian Mayes, a Cowboys consultant.

The Cowboys had been in talks to build a new \$650 million stadium at Fair Park in Dallas with \$425 million in public funds.

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Pampa News photo by MICHAEL J. STEVENS

Taking flight

LaWayne Hogan of Hot Springs Village, Ark., tees off on #17 Monday during the Tri-State Senior Championship Scramble at the Pampa Country Club.

Anthony guarantees gold medal as U.S. team begins training

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) — With little prodding, Carmelo Anthony made a bold statement on his first day of practice with the U.S. Olympic basketball team.

"We're guaranteeing a gold medal. We're bringing it back," Anthony predicted.

That statement might be viewed as a youthful indiscretion coming from a player who just turned 20 and is about to embark on a journey with the youngest (average age, 23.6) U.S. team since the Americans started sending pros to the Olympics in 1992.

It also seemed at odds with one of the main messages the American coaching staff tried to get across at the team's welcome dinner Sunday night: Respect the competition.

"That's just a young kid saying that," coach Larry Brown said. "But as long as he respects the people we're playing against and understands how good they've got, I don't have any problem with that."

Anthony is the second-youngest member of a team that includes three players — Anthony, LeBron James and Dwyane Wade — coming off their rookie NBA seasons, along with rookie-to-be Emeka Okafor.

The Denver star was asked how he thought his guarantee would be received by other teams in the Olympics, including three that defeated the Americans two years ago at the World Championships.

"I guess that's going to make the

games more fun," Anthony said. "Right now, teams are not scared of us no more. Why not hype the games up? It's the Olympics. We're having fun, man. We've got to go over there and win."

'That's just a young kid saying that,' coach Larry Brown said. 'But as long as he respects the people we're playing against and understands how good they've got, I don't have any problem with that.'

— Larry Brown
Coach, U.S. Olympic basketball team

Brown is holding two-a-day practices Monday and Tuesday in an effort to get the players acquainted with one another. Only three of them, Allen Iverson, Tim Duncan and Richard Jefferson, remain from the U.S. team that won the Tournament of the Americas last summer to qualify for a spot in the 12-team Athens field.

"We've got a lot of teaching to do. If we would have had the nucleus of the guys from last summer, that wouldn't have been necessary," said Brown, who also lamented a shortage of preparation time.

From the looks of things Monday during a portion of practice that was open to the media, Brown has plenty of work ahead to get his team to conform to his mantra of "playing the right way."

"One pass and a shot, we can't do that!" Brown yelled at Amare Stoudemire after he clanged a mid-range jumper early in a possession during a four-on-four drill.

"I've got to reprogram you guys!" Brown later yelled, unhappy with the level of intensity he was seeing on the defensive end.

"If Allen (Iverson) makes a free throw you don't have to run," Brown offered.

One clanged foul shot later, it was wind sprints for everyone.

Iverson, named a co-captain along with Tim Duncan, screamed at himself when he missed the pressure shot. It was not the type of leadership moment that the team's oldest member (29) wanted to show his teammates and the man who coached him for six seasons in Philadelphia.

"I never know how much something means to me until it's gone, and that's how I am with coach Brown," Iverson said.

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Hardwood heroes

MAYB Tournament Champions, the Pampa 11-12 basketball team took first place in the 11th and 12th grade division. The team is, from left to right, Jarret Kotara, Clayton Hall, Braden Barker, Brandon Johnston, Julian Salazar, Sharrod Young, and Coach Terry Hall. The tournament was held in Pampa July 16-18.

Agassi rallies to beat Haas in Canada

TORONTO (AP) — Andre Agassi rallied to beat Tommy Haas 4-6, 6-4, 6-4 in the opening round at the Masters Canada tournament.

Seventh-seeded Juan Carlos Ferrero was forced to retire in the sixth game of the first set against Fabrice Santoro because of back spasms.

Juan Ignacio Chela, the 16th seed, advanced with a 6-3, 5-7, 6-3 win over Xavier Malisse, and Paradorn Srichaphan, the 14th seed, downed Andrei Pavel 7-5, 6-3.

Meanwhile in Carlsbad, Calif., Ashley Harkleroad beat 13th-seeded Patty Schnyder 6-4, 3-6, 7-5 in the opening round of the Acira Classic.

Joining Schnyder as seeded losers were No. 15 Francesca Schiavone, who dropped a 6-3, 3-6, 6-4 decision to Elena Bovina, and 14th-seeded Anna Smashnova-Pistolesi, a 6-0, 6-3 loser to Chanda Rubin in a night match.

No. 12 Vera Zvonareva had a tough time before defeating Nathalie Dechy 6-4, 7-6 (5).

Monday's Major League box scores

By The Associated Press
AMERICAN LEAGUE

Detroit 600 061 000 — 13 17 2
Cleveland 001 100 200 — 4 8 0

Maroth, Yan (8) and IRodriguez, DiFelice (7); CILee, RiWhite (1), Miller (5), Howry (7), Riske (9) and VMartinez. W—Maroth 8-7. L—CILee 10-3. HRs—Detroit, CGuillen (16), Thames (6). Cleveland, Merloni (4).

Boston 006 004 200 — 12 13 0
Baltimore 000 002 300 — 5 9 0

PMartinez, Adams (7), Mendoza (8) and Varitek; Bedard, Rodriguez (5), Williams (6), Groom (9) and JvLopez, Huckaby (9). W—PMartinez 11-4. L—Bedard 4-5. HR—Baltimore, Tejada (20).

New York 400 000 001 1 — 6 11 0
Toronto 000 110 102 0 — 5 9 0
(10 innings)

JVazquez, Quantrill (7), Gordon (7), MRivera (9) and Posada; Douglass, Frederick (6), Speier (7), Chulk (9), Frasor (10) and Zaun, Cash (10). W—MRivera 2-1. L—Frasor 3-3. HRs—New York, Posada (12). Toronto, CDelgado (13), Zaun (3).

Minnesota 110 200 020 — 6 14 2
Chicago 010 000 000 — 2 6 1

Radke, JRincon (8), Fultz (8), Nathan (9) and HBlanco; Buehrle, Politte (7), Cotts (8), MJackson (9) and Burke, BDavis (9). W—Radke 7-6. L—Buehrle 10-4. HRs—Minnesota, HBlanco (6). Chicago, Konerko (27), Borchard (1).

Texas 100 230 000 — 6 8 0
Anaheim 000 010 000 — 1 13 0

Drese, Francisco (7), JeNelson (9), FCordero (9) and Laird; KEscobar, Hensley (8) and BMolina. W—Drese 7-5. L—KEscobar 5-8. HRs—Texas, MYoung (14), Matthews (8).

Seattle 040 100 000 — 5 12 1
Oakland 000 435 11x — 14 13 0

Blackley, Sherrill (5), Putz (6), JMateo (6), MMyers (8) and DWilson; Zito, RRincon (7), Mecir (8), Dotel (9) and DMiller. W—Zito 6-7. L—Blackley 1-3. HRs—Seattle, Leone (3). Oakland, Durazo (14).

NATIONAL LEAGUE
Atlanta 010 120 000 — 4 8 1
Pittsburgh 101 000 000 — 2 6 0

JSWright, Alfonseca (6), Gryboski (7), Reitsma (8), Smoltz (9) and JEstrada; Benson, Grabow (7), Meadows (8) and Kendall. W—JSWright 8-5. L—Benson 8-8. Sv—Smoltz (21). HR—Pittsburgh, JWilson (9).

Philadelphia 110 001 000 — 3 12 0

Florida 330 000 23x — 11 12 0

Millwood, RHernandez (7), BPowell (8) and Lieberthal; Burnett, BHoward (6), Perisho Bump (7), and Redmond. W—Burnett 2-5. L—Millwood 8-6. Sv—Bump (1). HRs—Philadelphia, Rollins (4). Florida, Cabrera (22).

Arizona 200 000 002 — 4 8 1
Houston 000 010 000 — 1 6 0

Webb, Randolph (8), Aquino (9) and Brito; Pettitte, Oliver (6), Weathers (7), DMiceli (9) and Ausmus, RChavez (9). W—Webb 4-11. L—Pettitte 6-4. Sv—Aquino (1). HRs—Arizona, Hairston (6). LGonzalez (17).

New York 210 112 102 — 10 16 2
Montreal 107 400 25x — 19 18 0

Erickson, Wheeler (3), Bottalico (4), Yates (6), JoFranco (7), Stanton (7), Zeile (8) and VWilson; JoPatterson, SKim (5), Horgan (6), Tucker (7), Ayala (7), Corcoran (9) and Schneider. W—Ayala 3-6. L—Erickson 0-1. HRs—New York, Hidaigo 2 (16), Cameron (17), Wright (1). Montreal, Vidro (12), TBatista (15), Calloway (1).

St. Louis 010 102 010 04 — 9 12 1
Cincinnati 300 002 000 01 — 6 7 2
(11 innings)

VWilliams, Calero (7), Kline (8), Tavarez (9), Eldred (10), King (10), Isringhausen (11) and Matheny; PWilson, TJones (8), Graves (10), PNorton (11), Riedling (11) and LaRue. W—King 4-1. L—PNorton 1-3. HRs—St. Louis, Pujols (29), Rolen (21), Edmonds (25). Cincinnati, Dunn (27), Djimenez (7), WPenia (16).

Chicago 000 000 300 — 3 8 0
Milwaukee 000 100 000 — 1 5 0

Clement, Rusch (7), Hawkins (9) and Barrett; VSantos, Adams (8) and GBennett. W—Clement 8-9. L—VSantos 9-5. Sv—Hawkins (14). HR—Chicago, DeLee (19).

Los Angeles 030 040 200 — 9 12 0
Colorado 021 121 000 — 7 11 0

Ishii, Sanchez (5), Dreifort (7), Mota (8), Gagne (9) and Lo Duca; Estes, Simpson (6), Harikkala (7), Bernero (8) and CJohnson. W—Sanchez 2-1. L—Simpson 0-1. Sv—Gagne (29). HRs—Los Angeles, Beltre (28), JHernandez (7). Colorado, Helton (20), Castilla (22), Burnitz (24).

San Francisco 000 002 000 — 2 5 1
San Diego 000 020 10x — 3 7 0

Rueter, FRodriguez (6), Eyre (7), Herges (7) and Pierzynski; Peavy, Linebrink (6), Otsuka (8), Hoffman (9) and RaHernandez. W—Linebrink 5-1. L—FRodriguez 3-5. Sv—Hoffman (27). HR—San Diego, KGreene (6).

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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) ★★★★★

You jump in and change procedures, turning a difficult project into a snap. Your vitality and creativity merge. Check out details before you make your grand presentation. Back up ideas with facts and figures. Tonight: In your head.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★★ Your vision is enhanced by a close associate or family member. You might be surprised if you share what comes up for you. Your indulgent ways continue to come out. You want to dote on someone and let him or her know how much you care. Tonight: Now is the right time to say "thank you."

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★★ Others seek you out. You might be unusually assertive. Recognize this possibility, especially if you get a strange response. In fact, your best move is to do nothing and roll with the moment. Others surprise you with their thoughts. Tonight: Just don't be alone.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★★ Stay entrenched in your work, and complete as much as possible. Your ability to handle others in a kind way comes out. Use your sixth sense with a loved one or new acquaintances. Choose not to be hurt. Tonight: Exercise away.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★★ Continue using your drive and strong sense of direction. Praise an associate, friend or loved one for a job well-done. Your attention and verbalization of approval can and do make a big difference. Tonight: Live for the moment.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★★ Keep your thoughts, ideas and imagination close to your chest. Understand where others might be coming from and that they only mean the best. An action taken at the right time could make all the difference. Your wait could take you to tomorrow. Tonight: Buy favorite munchies on the way home.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★★ How you present your case can make all the difference in whether others go with it or walk away. Lady Luck plus Libra's charming ways work, hitting the bull's-eye. Know that you are a winner. Don't shy away from others. Tonight: Out with friends.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★★ Deal with your budget or money issues with a superior. Not everyone

has the right idea as to how to maximize time and money. Demonstrate these innate skills. Others seek you out for help. Listen and share your opinion. Tonight: Play with your home budget.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★★ No one can effect change like you. With the Moon cheering you on, reach out for the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow. Your ingenious vision provides a different approach, which will work. Others support you, smiling away. Tonight: Whatever pleases you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★ Continue to stand back. You have a lot to share, but the timing isn't quite right. A partner pushes you to take a stand now. Just observe. You don't have the full story yet. Take your time, as tomorrow you'll hit a power day. Tonight: Think over your presentation.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★★ You can pull rabbits out of black hats right now. Please don't hesitate to zoom in and get what you want. Others will pitch in. You demonstrate the power of positive thinking. Someone might disagree with you, but is pleased with your success. Tonight: Add some romance to your life.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★ Bosses demand a lot. You might not want to take the lead, but you will. You are coming from a very positive place. Others respond accordingly. Your energy pushes a job to completion much faster than anyone thought. Tonight: In the limelight.

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Cowboys

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Those talks were ended by the Cowboys in June.

Arlington, about halfway between Dallas and Fort Worth, already is home to the Texas Rangers.

Cluck said the Arlington Sports Facilities Development Authority, which owns Ameriquet Field and leases it to the Rangers baseball team, would own the proposed Cowboys park.

The team has agreed to pay up to \$50,000 for research and legal fees associated with an Arlington city analysis of the plan, he said.

Completion of a report on whether it makes financial sense for Arlington to help pay for a stadium is expected by Aug. 17.

The City Council was expected to vote then on putting a tax-increase proposal on the Nov. 2 ballot. Arlington officials can put a proposal on the ballot as late as Aug. 24.

The stadium's total cost, as well as the size and type of tax increase was still under discussion, the mayor said.

The Cowboys currently use Texas Stadium in Irving, another Dallas suburb.

"Arlington is certainly an area we should and will continue to keep our evaluations open," said Cowboys owner Jerry Jones.

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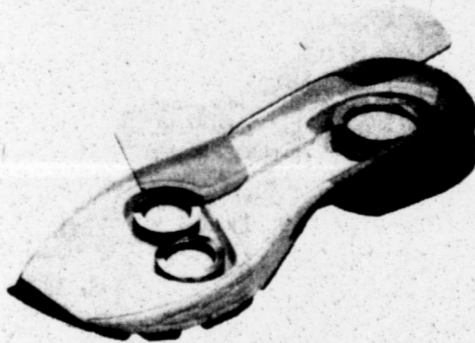


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