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## PEDC ponders Sec. 53 lease

By **DAVID BOWSER**  
 Staff Writer

Gary McFall, a Gray County rancher, wants to lease land from the Pampa Economic Development Corp.

The Pampa Economic Development Corp. wants to sell the land and go out of business.

The City of Pampa cannot legally do anything with the land until the PEDC is dissolved, and in the past have indicated that they want to keep the land because of the water rights

and possible expansion of the prison system near Pampa in the future.

A gift of land to the PEDC by a local industrial plant has become a point of contention between the city and the PEDC board members who have been charged with shutting down the economic development



**Steve Phillips**

corporation. It was again on the agenda as the PEDC gathered for their monthly meeting Monday afternoon.

The land in question is 640 acres neighboring the Jordan Unit of the Texas Department of Corrections east of Pampa. Known as Sec. 53, the one square mile block was donated by Celanese to the PEDC for economic development purposes.

Pampan Rex McAnelly presently leases the land, which

consists of 462 acres of cropland and 178 acres of pasture, but McAnelly has agreed to turn the lease back to the PEDC.

McFall, who leases land around the prison and adjoining Sec. 53, offered to lease the land from the PEDC for \$27,000 over five years including building fences on



**Doug Locke**

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### Pot hole luck

An unidentified motorist and passenger have to wait while Chris Davis, of the Texas Department of Transportation, right, detours traffic around a crew filling in potholes on Texas Highway 70, north of Pampa Regional Medical Center. Officials ask the motoring public to take caution and obey road signs as almost all highways going into and out of Pampa lately are undergoing road paving and repairs.

## Workers find lab remains

By **MARILYN POWERS**  
 Staff Writer

Workers cleaning up property in the 400 block of East Brown on July 10 discovered more than just trash in a bag found on the site.

A large, silver-colored cloth bag was found to contain the remnants of a methamphetamine lab, according to a news release by Lt. Fred Courtney of Pampa Police Department dated July 12.

The cleanup workers called in their discovery, and Pampa Police Department responded. A lab technician from Gray County Sheriff's Office was also called to the scene and arranged for the recovery and disposal of the items.

Officers examining the bag's contents discovered containers modified to "gas off" the methamphetamine, several plastic bottles with a brown residue commonly called "pH wash," and empty cans of starting fluid, Courtney said in the release.

"The unknown suspects had tried to disguise the lab materials by putting household trash in the bag," he said.

Officers believe the bag had been at the location "for some time," Courtney said. A prosecution is not expected in the case, he said.

"Although the majority of items used to illegally manufacture methamphetamine are common items, when used in the manufacturing process they become hazardous."

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*'The unknown suspects had tried to disguise the lab materials ...'*

— Lt. Fred Courtney  
 Pampa Police Dept

### 223rd District Court

## Grand jury indicts 10 on lesser counts

By **MARILYN POWERS**  
 Staff Writer

Gray County Grand Jury handed up 24 indictments July 6 in 223rd District Court, including eight third-degree felonies and two state jail felonies. The indictments on three first-degree felonies and 11 second-degree felonies were listed on page one of Monday's *The Pampa News*. Below are the per-

sons indicted for third-degree and state jail felonies.

Ricardo Armendariz, 31, was indicted on a charge of driving while intoxicated, third or more offense. Bond on the third-degree felony was set at \$5,000.

On Jan. 1, Armendariz allegedly drove while intoxicated in Gray County. On April 30, 1991, he was

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## Obituaries

### Lucille Grace Eads, 87

Lucille Grace Eads, 87, of Pampa, died Tuesday, July 13, 2004. Services are pending under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

### Virginia Roark, 78

BORGER — Virginia Roark, 78, of Borger died Friday, July 9, 2004, in Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. today, Tuesday, July 13, 2004, at Fairlanes Baptist Church with the Rev. Chad Chaddick, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Westlawn Cemetery under the direction of Brown Funeral Directors. A retired Phillips School cafeteria manager, Mrs. Roark was born Virginia Buttry on March 24, 1926, in

Norris City, Ill. She married Ernie Roark on April 9, 1943, in Harrisburg, Ill. She was a Borger resident for many years and was a member of Fairlanes Baptist Church. She is survived by her husband Ernie of the home; two sons, Ken Roark and wife Carol of Snyder and Dennis Roark and wife Donna of Pampa; two brothers, Ernest Buttry and Kenneth Buttry, both of Norris City, Ill.; one sister, Beulah Blackwell of Springdale, Ark.; her grandchildren, Debbie and hus-

band Dale Richardson, Dave Roark, Justin and wife Summer Roark, Jason and wife Kelleen Roark; great-grandchildren, Gary and wife Xuyen Richardson, Becky Richardson, Taylor Roark and Hannah Roark. She was preceded in death by three brothers, Robert Buttry, Hayward Buttry and Everett Buttry and two sisters, Lola Smith and Edna Ford. Casket bearers will be Dale Richardson, Dave Roark, Gary Richardson, Justin Roark, Jason Roark and Kyle Kindy.

### Jo Ann Watts, 64

Garland Gene "Pete" Watts on Jan. 21, 1967, at Pampa. Survivors include her husband, Pete, of Pampa; seven sons, Danny Ray Reed, Jr. of Pottsboro, Roy Dean Reed, Sr. of Pampa, Bobby Lee Watts and Louis Gene Watts, both of Duncan, Okla., Roy Albert Watts of Vernon and Steven Paul Watts and Terry Keith Watts, both of Tuscon, Ariz.; five daughters, Suzan Mechelle Allsup of Pampa, Beverly Jane Chinery of Nashville, Tenn., Rita Joe Kimbrell and Michael Ann

### Wilhelm, both of Pottsboro,

and Carol Rue Reddish of Lubbock; her mother, Myrtle of Beggs, Okla.; three brothers, Bart Ray Elderidge and Noast Lee Elderidge, both of Beggs, and Johnny Howard Eldridge of Muskogee, Okla.; three sisters, Dorthy Dorsey of Nacogdoches, Joy Lynn Parks of Timpson and Marjil Pounder of Beggs; 24 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren. The family requests memorials be to BSA Hospice.

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## Emergency Services

### Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department today reported the following incidents and arrests.

**Tuesday, July 6**  
Burglary of a habitation was reported in the 700 block of Roberta. Guitars and computers were taken, for an estimated loss of \$1,880.

**Sunday, July 11**  
Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 1800 block of North Christy. A gas card was taken.

**Tuesday, July 12**  
Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 1000 block of Mary Ellen. Taken was \$215 in cash.

**Wednesday, July 13**  
Lawrence Grant, 54, 809 S. Gray, was arrested in the 1900 block of North Zimmers for no valid driver's license, no proof of liability insurance and no registration.

### Sheriff

Gray County Sheriff's Office today reported the following arrests.

**Monday, July 12**  
Lyndsy Morgan, 23, 520 Lefors, was arrested for theft by check.

**Tuesday, July 13**  
Dewayne McBee, 31, Skellytown, was arrested on a motion to revoke probation for a charge of possession of a controlled substance.

### Fire

Pampa Fire Department responded to the following calls from 7 a.m. Saturday, July 10, until 7 a.m. today.

**Saturday, July 10**  
9:27 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 400 block of Carr to help three persons involved in a vehicle accident who had gone to the residence.

11:38 p.m. — Seven units and 15 firefighters responded to a mobile home fire in the 700 block of Denver. Fire had engulfed the struc-

ture by the time firefighters arrived. The fire had been deliberately set. (See related story on Page 1.)

**Monday, July 12**  
5:50 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 2700 block of Navajo.

**Tuesday, July 13**  
1:21 a.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 2300 block of Cherokee.

### Ambulance

Rural/Metro Ambulance reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

**Monday, July 12**  
2:23 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Skellytown and transported a patient(s) to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

5:45 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1700 block of Navajo and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

**Tuesday, July 13**  
1:17 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2300 block of Cherokee and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.



Pampa News photo by BEN BRISCOE

This bovine is part of a group of cattle sunning themselves along Browning Street.

## Gray County Weather

Today: Mostly sunny and hot, with a high near 97. South-southwest wind around 15 mph.

Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 70. South-southwest wind around 15 mph.

Wednesday: Partly cloudy and hot, with a high around 97. South-southwest wind around 15 mph.

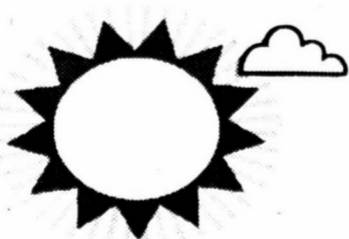
Wednesday Night: Mostly

clear, with a low near 68. South wind around 15 mph.

Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high around 95. South-southwest wind between 15 and 20 mph.

Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 68. South-southwest wind between 15 and 20 mph.

Friday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 93.



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## Ex-sheriff confined to home in child-porn case

TACOMA, Wash. (AP) — The former sheriff of Washington state's second most populous county has been sentenced to 30 days on electronic home monitoring for possession of child pornography.

Retired Pierce County Sheriff Mark French, initially charged with seven counts of possession, pleaded guilty to one felony count Monday in an agreement with prosecutors and was sentenced by Superior Court Judge Bryan E. Chushcoff.

The case arose from an international child porn investigation ranging from Dallas to Russia.

"I was on the Internet and viewed some photographs of minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct, and the images were automatically downloaded on the temporary memory of my computer, and I knew that would happen," French said in a statement filed in court. "I am obviously sorry this incident has occurred."

French, 55, a native of Shreveport, La., who spent his entire 30-year law enforcement career with the sheriff's office, was booked, fingerprinted and photographed in a gray jail uniform before being released.

He will serve his sentence with his wife at a friend's home because his houseboat has only a cellular telephone that is incompatible with the monitoring system, defense lawyer Donald W. Winskill said.

French may leave only for medical

appointments and other approved trips, and violations could mean jail time or other punishment.

He also must serve 12 months on probation, pay \$710 in fines and court costs, provide a DNA sample and continue to undergo counseling which he began last year.

As a first-time offender, he faced zero to 90 days in jail.

French was sheriff from June 13, 1997, to June 30, 2000, and was credited with improving community relations, ethics training and efficiency. He retired after spending spent the next nine months as interim executive director of the county's Law Enforcement Support Agency.

The felony conviction does not affect his \$65,000-a-year pension but would likely keep him from returning to law enforcement work, something Winskill said French had never planned to do.

Under the plea bargain, prosecutors dropped an assertion that French acted out of a sexual motivation, sparing him from having to register as a sex offender.

According to documents filed by prosecutors, his laptop computer contained more than 100 sexual images of children, from babies to preteen girls and boys.

Once the images are removed from the laptop, French will get it back but will be barred from access to the Internet until his psychologist grants approval.

## Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Atsberry Grain of Pampa.		
Wheat	3.36	
Milo	3.71	
Corn	4.48	
Soybeans	7.10	

The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa.		
OXY	48.26	-0.12
BP	54.32	-0.38
Cabot Corp.	38.59	-0.11
Cabot Oil Gas	41.47	-0.10
Coca Cola	50.67	-0.16
VLO	75.54	-0.29
HAL	29.29	-0.29
Triad	36.24	+0.32
NOI	31.68	-0.32
KMI	59.36	-0.38
XCEL	16.68	-0.08
Kerr-McGee	52.36	-0.38
Limited	19.93	-0.19
Williams	12.13	-0.01
MCD	26.84	+0.02
XOM	45.03	-0.41
Atmos	25.01	-0.13

Pioneer Nat	34.90	-0.34
JCP	39.26	+0.16
COP	75.98	-0.90
SLB	61.63	-0.76
Tenneco	12.35	+0.04
CVX	93.06	-0.74
Wal-Mart	52.73	+0.50
ORX	21.76	-0.04
NS Grp	16.86	-0.07

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Silver	6.51	
West Texas Crude	39.50	



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### Poppy's Pond

A dolphin appears to be leaping down the steps of a waterfall which supplies "Poppy's Pond," as the stone indicates, in the backyard of Loyd and Thelma Waters, 1939 Evergreen. The Waters' ponds are among those included in the Las Pampa Koi and Water Garden Society's seventh annual water garden tour, Saturday, July 17.

## Court

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convicted of driving while intoxicated in Gray County, and on Dec. 18, 1995, he was convicted in Carson County of driving while intoxicated, second offense.

Erika Dawn Doyle, 24, was indicted for the third-degree felony of possession of a controlled substance in a drug-free zone. Bond was set at \$3,000.

On April 15, Doyle allegedly possessed less than one gram of cocaine within 1,000 feet of Pampa High School.

Danny Dean Moman, 46, was indicted for driving while intoxicated, third or more offense. Bond on the third-degree felony was set at \$5,000.

On Jan. 24, Moman allegedly drove while intoxicated in Gray County. On May 28, 1985 and Aug. 14, 2001, he was convicted in Gray County of driving

while intoxicated.

Kelly Ray Finger, 34, was indicted for possession of a controlled substance in a drug-free zone, a third-degree felony. Bond was set at \$5,500.

On April 15, Finger allegedly possessed less than one gram of cocaine within 1,000 feet of Pampa High School.

Antonio Gonzales, 35, was indicted for possession of a controlled substance. Bond on the third-degree felony was set at \$7,500.

On March 11, 2003, Gonzales allegedly possessed one gram or more but less than four grams of cocaine.

Tobias Jajuan Rich, 24, was indicted for attempted burglary of a habitation. Bond on the third-degree felony was set at \$10,000.

On Feb. 15, 2003, Rich allegedly broke glass out of windows at the residence of Shannon Smith, "which amounted to more than mere preparation that tended but failed to effect the commission of the offense intended."

Juan Ramon Saldierna, 24, was indicted for driving while intoxicated, third or more offense. Bond on the third-degree felony was set at \$5,000.

On Jan. 1, Saldierna allegedly drove while intoxicated in Gray County. He was convicted of driving while intoxicated on Jan. 7, 1998, and of driving while intoxicated, second offense, on April 23, 2002, both convictions in Carson County.

Mary Ellen Scott, 51, was indicted for possession of a controlled substance in a drug-free zone. Bond on the third-degree felony was set at \$5,500.

On April 15, Scott allegedly possessed less than one gram of cocaine within 1,000 feet of Pampa High School.

Chad Michael Helms, 32, was indicted for credit card abuse. Bond on the state jail felony was set at \$2,000.

On June 16, 2000, Helms allegedly used a Bank One credit card "with knowledge that the card had not been issued to the said Defendant, and with knowledge that said

card was not used with the effective consent of the cardholder, namely, Wayne Wilson."

Edward Kelly Quarles, 31, was indicted for theft over \$1,500 and under \$20,000. Bond on the state jail felony was set at \$5,000.

On June 22, 2001, Quarles unlawfully appropriated a 1994 Chevrolet Suburban, valued at \$1,500 or more but less than \$20,000, from Greg Boyd, the owner.

## Lab

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ardous material that requires cleanup and disposal by qualified and licensed personnel and companies. In this case, the workers who found the bag did the right thing in contacting the police," Courtney said in the release. "We encourage all citizens to contact the police or fire department when encountering suspicious materials."

if the PEDC can't sell the property, they can increase its value.

McFall, who is working with the prison to fence other property he's leasing there, said fencing is running \$4,000 a mile, but he's willing to negotiate a lease with the PEDC.

"It's going to be worth a lot more when it's fenced," McFall said.

The PEDC appointed Sutherland to negotiate a contract with McFall and return with a proposal at their next meeting, Aug. 9, at a location yet to be determined.

Horst told the PEDC board that the city commission at their next meeting, July 27, would take up the possibility of combining two loans they had made to James Cross of the Cross Calf Ranch and lowering his payment and possibly the interest he is paying.

Cross started his operation when two dairies moved to Pampa. He was to raise their calves for them, but one of

the dairies folded and the dairy that replaced it has decided to raise their own calves.

Horst said Cross has about 381 calves, which is about half as many as his business plan calls for. He currently has two loans, one from a revolving loan fund and one from the PEDC. Horst suggested combining the loans, lowering the interest rate and extending it over a longer period in order to lower Cross' payments. The city would purchase the PEDC loan from the revolving loan fund. That money would also put the PEDC out of the cattle business and speed their way toward dissolution.

"I think it would benefit the city, the PEDC and James Cross," Horst said.

In other business, Doug Locke, board president, told the board that he had collected a settlement of \$30,000 from Guardian Corrosion Control with regard to an outstanding loan, which had another five years to run.

## PEDC

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the property. "The lease is worth more," said Gary Sutherland, PEDC board member. "We've been getting considerably less."

Sutherland said he figures the lease should be worth about \$40,000 including fencing.

Steve Phillips, PEDC secretary, said he would like to sell the land in order to pay off debts and close down the PEDC. He suggested keeping the water rights for the city, but Pampa City Manager John Horst and Sutherland said the city commission had indicated they wanted to keep the land for possible economic development, particularly if the prison complex expands.

Sutherland suggested helping to pay for fencing and chipping in up to \$1,000 a year for bind weed control on the property, saying that

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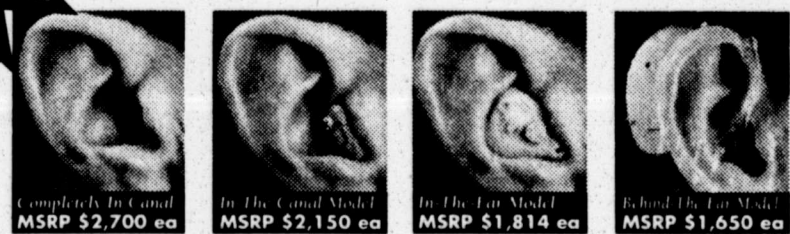
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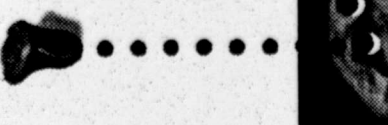
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# Viewpoints

## Act of kindness with lasting effects

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A random act of kindness is one in which you do something nice for someone, whether it is someone you know or a stranger. It doesn't have to be a major sacrifice on your part. It can be as small a thing as a smile, a kind word, or letting the young mom with more kids than items get in front of you at the checkout line.

Random acts of kindness can have lasting repercussions for both participants. I vividly remember some random acts of kindness done for me.

I was attending West

Texas State University in Canyon, taking a full course load of 21 hours and working to boot. I was a waitress at the always-open Pizza Hut across the street from campus, where my hours were supposed to be from 8 p.m. to midnight, but where I also wound up working on through from midnight to 8 a.m. if the graveyard shift crew didn't show up.

On one such night, when I had a 12-hour shift looking me in the face, I was very tired but trying not to show it. My classes began at 8 a.m. and went until midafternoon, so I wasn't going to get much of a chance to sleep for awhile. I suppose I could have

refused the extra work, but I needed the money, and I also had the distinct impression that if I did refuse, I would be more likely to be let go if staff cuts became necessary. So I stayed that night, going about my appointed rounds.

A little after midnight, a middle-aged gentleman came in by himself and sat at one of my tables. I proceeded to wait on him. All he wanted was coffee and iced water, which I brought to him. I periodically checked on him to make sure he still

had plenty of coffee and water. He stayed for a good while, I think over an hour, just relaxing and drinking coffee.

Maybe it was the exhaustion on my face. Maybe he had seen me fall during the evening. The area where the waitresses walk out from behind the counter with big trays of customers' orders was floored with some kind of fake stone surface, which became very slick when wet. Another waitress had spilled a glass of water there and

had not mopped it up, and when I walked out with a full tray immediately afterwards, I lost my footing.

Rather than lose all those customers' orders, I kept the tray level and took the fall on my knees. I kept my back straight, got back to my feet, and proceeded to serve my customers without having lost any orders. But boy, did my knees hurt.

Whatever the reason, when the gentleman left, he placed the correct amount of money with his check which he had asked for and I had given him. Beside it on the table was a white envelope, placed so that it was obvious he meant to leave it there.

I picked up that envelope,

and inside were five Eisenhower dollar coins. I felt as though he had said, "Well done. You are a good, steady worker and others appreciate your efforts."

I had gotten plenty of tips from customers every night I worked, but this one was special. It was not your ordinary tip. Who carried Eisenhower dollars in their pocket to hand to a waitress? Further, who tipped a waitress five dollars for coffee and iced water?

I had never seen that man before in my life, and I never saw him again. I remember him as having a kind face. Whenever I would check to

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**Marilyn Powers**

Staff Writer



## Today in History

(AP) Today is Tuesday, July 13, the 195th day of 2004. There are 171 days left in the year.

**Today's Highlight in History:**

On **July 13, 1793**, French revolutionary writer Jean Paul Marat was stabbed to death in his bath by Charlotte Corday.

**On this date:**

In **1787**, Congress enacted an ordinance governing the Northwest Territory.

In **1863**, deadly rioting against the Civil War military draft erupted in New York City.

In **1878**, the Treaty of Berlin amended the terms of the Treaty of San Stefano, which had ended the Russo-Turkish War of 1877-78.

In **1886**, Father Edward Joseph Flanagan, the founder of Boys Town, was born in Roscommon, Ireland.

In **1960**, John F. Kennedy won the Democratic presidential nomination at his party's convention in Los Angeles.

In **1967**, race-related rioting that claimed 27 lives broke out in Newark, N.J.

In **1974**, the Senate Watergate Committee proposed sweeping reforms in an effort to prevent another Watergate scandal.

In **1977**, a blackout lasting 25 hours hit the New York City area.

In **1978**, Lee Iacocca was fired as president of Ford Motor Company by chairman Henry Ford II.

In **1979**, a 45-hour siege by Palestinian guerrillas began at the Egyptian Embassy in Ankara, Turkey.

**Ten years ago:** President Clinton visited flood-stricken Georgia, where he announced more than \$60 million in aid for Georgia, Alabama and Florida. Tonya Harding's ex-husband, Jeff Gillooly, was sentenced in prison for his role in the attack on Nancy Kerrigan (he ended up serving six months).

**Five years ago:** Angel Maturino Resendiz, suspected of being the "Railroad Killer," surrendered in El Paso, Texas. In Tehran, police fired tear gas to disperse 10,000 demonstrators on the sixth day of protests against Iranian hard-liners. The American League won the All-Star Game for the third straight time, defeating the National League 4-1 at Boston's Fenway Park.

*"If I were to wish for anything, I should not wish for wealth and power, but for the passionate sense of the potential, for the eye which, ever young and ardent, sees the possible. Pleasure disappoints, possibility never."*

— Soren Kierkegaard  
Danish philosopher  
(1813-1855)

## THE TOUCH-SCREEN VOTING MACHINES GO BACK TO COURT



JEFF PARKER  
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## We suffer from history abuse

A fireworks company recently misquoted John Adams in order to peddle its Chinese-made bombs and sparklers. Adams did not say that the Fourth of July should be celebrated with fireworks.

Actually, he was speaking of July 2, when the resolution for independence was adopted by a committee, but he was talking about the independence of the United States.

And this is what he said: "It ought to be commemorated as the day of deliverance, by solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty. It ought to be solemnized with

pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires, and illuminations, from one end of this continent to the other from this time forward forever more."

There are three important ingredients of Revolutionary America that modern-day weasels are trying to drop down the memory hole: God and guns and our European heritage.

Anyone who tells you that the American Revolution

was a secular event led by secular men is either lying or ignorant. Anyone who suggests that a group of violent

revolutionaries at the end of a long war would restrict ownership of firearms only to state militias is a liar or an ignoramus.

There had been a great national Christian revival prior to the Revolution, and patriotic sermons were thundered from pulpits before and during the long struggle

for independence. The first military success, the defeat of Gen. John Burgoyne in upstate New York, was accomplished by Kentucky riflemen and New England farmers and craftsmen wielding their own firearms.

The Second Amendment to the Constitution is plain to anyone who understands English grammar. The main sentence is, "The right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed." If they had intended that only state militias could keep and bear arms, they would have said so. Instead, they said

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**Charley Reese**

Columnist



## People of Mexico sick of crime

San Antonio Express-News on crime in Mexico:

Let us hope the Mexican government got the message last weekend: The people of Mexico are sick of being ravaged by crime.

In extraordinary protests June 27 in 10 Mexican cities, citizens took to the streets by the hundreds of thousands to express their outrage at the nation's ever-escalating crime rate and the corruption of police and the judiciary.

Many who marched were victims of crime themselves, and some carried photographs of loved ones killed

at the hands of criminals.

The marches came the weekend after Francisco Ortiz Franco, a 47-year-old investigative journalist in Tijuana, was shot four times at close range in front of his two young children.

The editors of Franco's weekly newspaper, Zeta, have alleged that his killing was linked to drug lords. Franco was the third journalist at Zeta to be shot in the past 16 years. The first

victim was Jesus Blancornelas, editor of the newspaper, who was shot five times by suspected drug dealers but survived.

Ten years ago, Hector Felix Miranda, a columnist, was shot and killed. His murder remains unsolved like so many others in Mexico.

His relatives were among the 200,000 who demonstrated in Mexico City's central plaza.

The marches show wide-

spread support for reform at the highest levels of government, reforms that also must reach down to the policeman on the street.

In Mexico, police often are on the payroll of criminals. Crimes routinely go unreported. If anyone is arrested, the judicial system offers little hope for justice.

The government has failed in its most basic mission: to protect its citizens. The marches are a hopeful assertion of the civil rights of ordinary people.

As the people put it in chants, "Enough already!" Enough, indeed.

## Texas Thoughts

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### We can manage

Beall's Dept. Store in the Coronado Center is under new leadership. New Manager Kathy Smiles, right, and Assistant Manager Ermilinda De Leon have take over the reins at the business.

### Community happenings

**Gray County American Red Cross** and the City of Pampa will be offering 30-minute swimming classes in two-week sessions throughout the summer. Class levels range from one all the way up to level five with one open to children between 3 and 5 years of age. The first two-week session will be offered between June 14 and 25. The second session is scheduled from July 12-23 and the third from Aug. 2-13. Classes are at different times for different levels. Each two-week session will be \$35. To register and pre-pay, stop by the local Red Cross office, 108 N. Russell. For more information, call 669-7121.

**The Texas Department of Health** will be offering immunization clinics for vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases including polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, rubella, mumps, HIB (haemophilus influenzae Type B) and chickenpox (varicella). Flu vaccines may also be offered at designated clinics. The TDH will charge money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability to pay. The following clinics will be offered: 9:30-11:45 a.m. and 1-4 p.m., July 7 and 21, TDH, 736 S.

Cuylar, Pampa; and from 12:30-4 p.m., July 12, City Hall, Canadian.  
**Red Hat Dollies Society** will meet from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. July 15 at The Coffee Shop in downtown Pampa. The group will visit downtown businesses following luncheon.  
**2CARE for Moms & Babies** will conduct two car safety seat classes during the month of July. The first class will be offered in English at 7 p.m., July 20, at Zion Lutheran Church in Pampa. Another class will be held in Spanish at 1:30 p.m. July 21 also at Zion Lutheran. Participants must pre-register to attend. For more information or to pre-register for

the first class, call 664-2459. If interested in the second class, call 1-888-892-2273, ext. 228.  
**Tri-County Division of the American Heart Association** meets at 12 noon the first Friday of each month at Pampa Community Medical Center. For more information, call 665-3816.

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see if he needed anything, he always had a smile for me and spoke in a pleasant voice.

I don't think he left me

those coins for any ulterior motive other than to express appreciation for the way I did my job, and possibly as a random act of kindness. At any rate, his gesture touched me out of all proportion to its real importance. I have never been able to spend those dollars. They are tangible evi-

dence of a night on which someone did a kind thing for me that lifted my spirits just when I needed it most. Do a random act of kindness. It will have positive repercussions for you and the recipient out of all proportion to the act itself. Trust me. I still bless that man.

### CCPC to offer certified nurses aid training course

Clarendon College-Pampa Center is offering a Certified Nurses Aide Training course starting July 26. Registration for the course will begin Monday, July 12 and continue through Monday, July 22 at CCPC. This course will be conducted from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday in room 201 at the campus,

located at 1601 W. Kentucky. Students completing the course will be eligible to take the state certification test to become a Certified Nurse Aide and will be qualified to work in long-term care facilities and nursing homes upon receiving certification. A clinical is set in McLean. Both the clinical and class attendance is

mandatory for those wishing to become certified. Students are required to have a current immunization record before starting the course. For more information about this course or to make suggestions about courses you would like to see offered at CCPC, call the college at 665-8801. Seating is limited and early registration is advised.

### History

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"the people." That means everyone as individuals. Besides, at that time, the militias were the people. It would have been inconsistent and unsustainable to ban the private ownership of firearms. Guns were as much a part of American life in those days as automobiles are today. There was no large standing army, no national or local police. Americans had to take care of themselves, and you can be sure that every time Thomas Jefferson mounted his horse to ride to Williamsburg or Washington, he rode armed.

And, yes, the overwhelming majority of the people in those 13 Colonies were Christians, and if not Christians, believers in God. So, to say that America began as a Christian nation is just as accurate as to say that Europe was once known as Christendom. Furthermore, they were mostly Englishmen and other Northern Europeans. There were African slaves, Native Americans and a smattering of Jews. Perhaps even a Muslim or two. The bulk of the population, however, was Christian and European. Our institutions and political philosophy came directly from England and Europe. Of course, today I would

not call us a Christian nation, as there are more professors than practitioners of that religion. We no longer have the rule of law, either, since judges routinely legislate or amend the Constitution by interpretation while federal legislators and presidents ignore it. Intellectuals claim that everybody can be proud of his or her heritage — unless it is the heritage of the British Isles and Europe. What made America was not multiculturalism, secularism or unrestrained tolerance amounting to license and an absence of standards. But those things will destroy America. You can put that in the bank.

### Two men killed by freight train

HOUSTON (AP) — One of two men drinking atop railroad tracks as a freight train approached was hurled 100 feet by a locomotive's impact. Both men were struck and killed by the train early Monday, said investigators. A cooler and beer bottles were found near the bodies, said police officer M.A. Khan. But he could not say why the two men did not move off the tracks as the train approached. One victim was identified as Jose Reymundo Hernandez, 28, of Houston, said Police Department spokeswoman Silvia Trevino.

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THE PAMPA NEWS COMICS

# Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My cousin, "Hazel," was recently told by her doctor that she must lose 75 pounds. She tells me that sticking to her diet is almost impossible. Years ago, you printed a prayer for dieters in your column. It was based on the 23rd Psalm. I kept a copy of it for years, but I lost it. Would you please print it again? — SYMPATHETIC IN TAOS, N.M.

DEAR SYMPATHETIC: I couldn't locate the prayer you requested, but the premise intrigued me -- so I wrote one myself. I hope it inspires your friend. I empathize with her. By the way, she's not alone. I am told that one-third of all Americans are overweight. Read on:

**A DIETER'S PRAYER**  
The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want;  
He maketh me to lie down on vinyl-covered gym mats.

He leadeth me to flavored calorie-free waters;  
He restoreth my goals.  
He diverteth me from the path of midnight snacking for my health's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the alley of the Vendors of Pastry, I will fear no weevil; for thou art with me;

My diet and exercises, they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me

Spread with veggies and low-fat protein;  
Thou steamest my fish in foil,

My resolve runneth over. Surely, if I follow this living plan all the days of my life,

My hips will be slim forever.  
Amen.

over a year ago, after reading your column about a man who had experienced testicular cancer, I was prompted to examine myself. It was something I had never thought about until that day. Not once had I ever considered the possibility that it could actually happen to me.

Sure enough, I found a large lump that sent a cold chill down my spine. My general practitioner didn't think it was anything to be concerned about. But I was still worried, so I made an appointment for a second opinion with a urologist. He had a waiting list a month long, but the morning after I consulted him I found myself in the hospital having my first surgery.

Now, one year later, after two surgeries and six weeks of chemotherapy, I am 99 percent cured and feeling great.

Thank you, Abby, for raising my awareness about this serious disease. I can't stress strongly enough the extreme importance of self-examination and early detection. Your column saved my life.

— GRATEFUL GUY IN MARYLAND

DEAR GRATEFUL: I'm pleased that my column helped you. The American Cancer Society informs me that when testicular cancer is diagnosed early, it is highly curable. Testicular self-examinations are quick and easy, and should be performed once a month. A simple way to do it is while taking a shower. For more information, contact the American Cancer Society by calling the toll-free number (800) 227-2345 or visiting the Web site: [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org).

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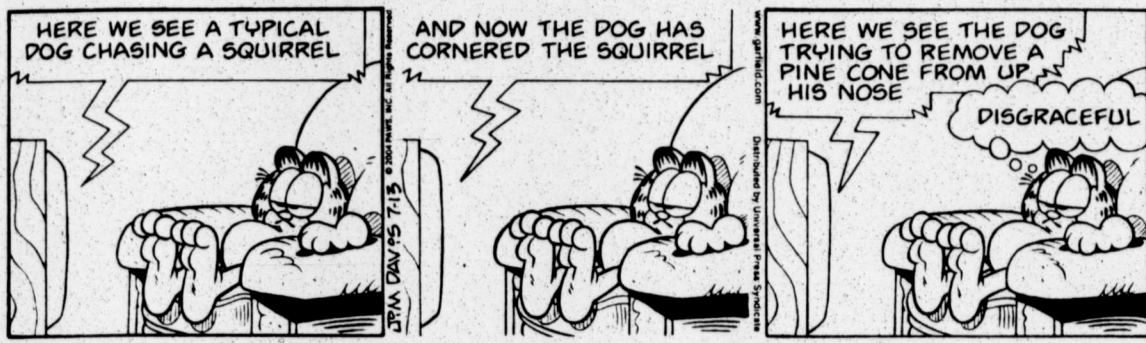
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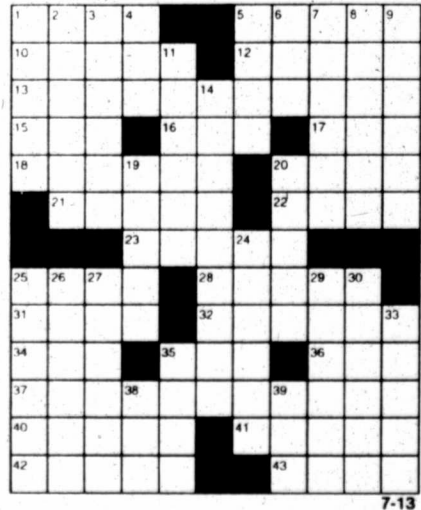
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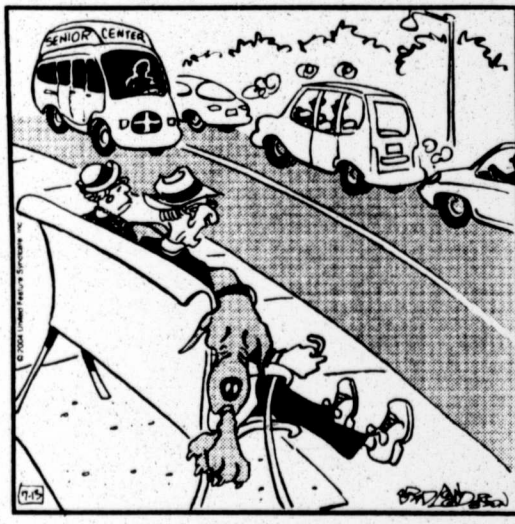
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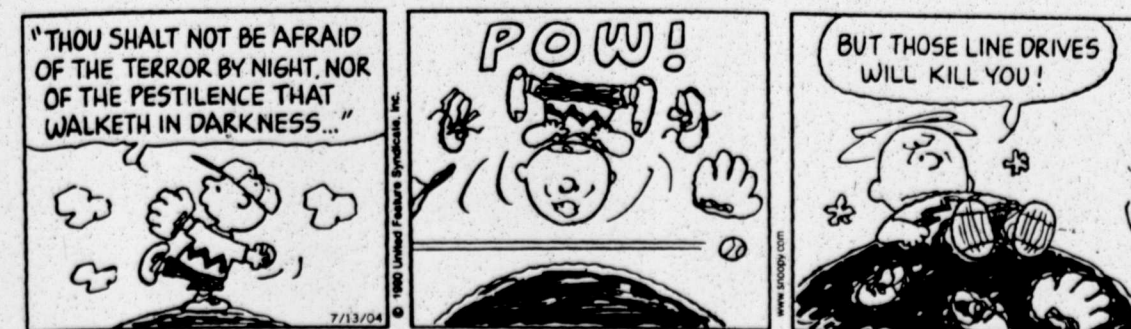
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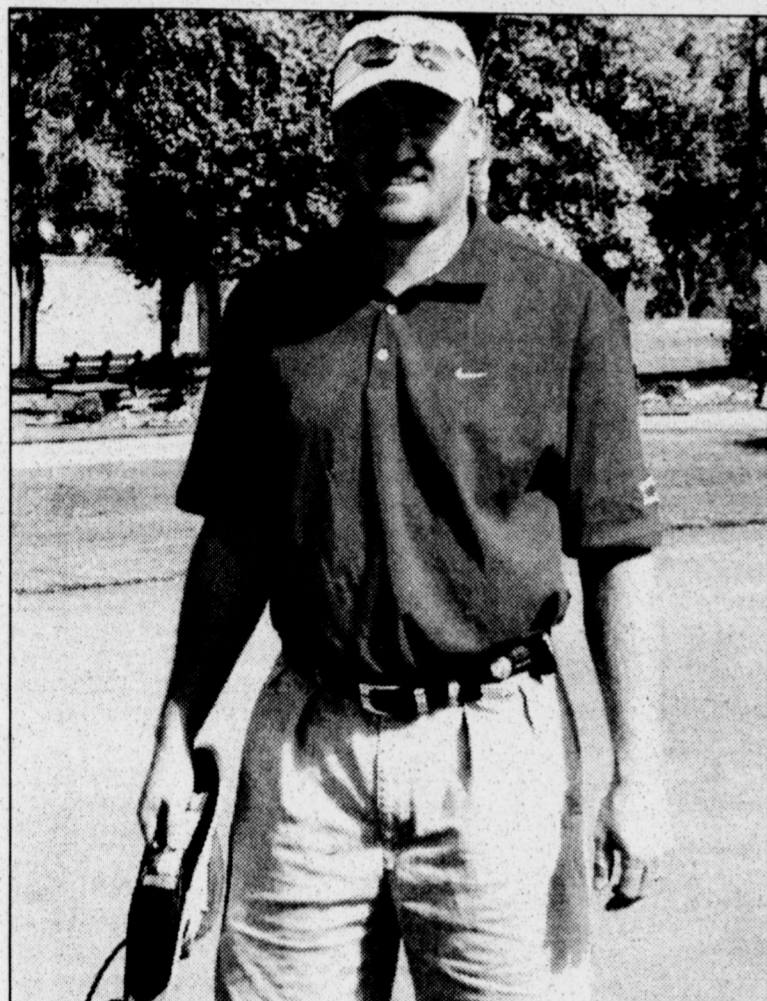
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# Sports Day



2004 Panhandle Country Club men's champion Corey Stone.

## Stone, Hargus win

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS  
Sports Editor

Can lightning really strike twice? It can if you're Cory Stone. Stone repeated as the Panhandle Country Club's men's champion with an amazing performance over the July 10 and 11 weekend.

Stone carded scores many PGA players would envy. He followed his Saturday score of 63 with a Sunday round of 69. He completed his first round by going eagle, birdie, birdie, par, par and eagle. He cruised to the clubhouse after birdies on two for the first four holes in Sunday's second round.

Debbie Hargus meanwhile won her first club championship due in large part to steady play on the back nine in Sunday's round. She made the turn with a 3-shot lead and never allowed her competitors to close that gap.

## BYU players appear in court

PROVO, Utah (AP) — Suspended Brigham Young University football players Marcus Whalen and Breyon Jones have appeared in court on charges alleging they assaulted and robbed an acquaintance.

Whalen, 22, of Waldorf, Md., and Jones, 21, of Round Rock, Texas, are charged with felony robbery, misdemeanor assault and making false statements at a preliminary hearing, also a misdemeanor.

They appeared Monday before 4th District Court Judge Lynn W. Davis, who scheduled another hearing for Aug. 11.

After the hearing, Whalen said he feels embarrassed.

"I was just in the wrong place at the wrong time," he said. "If I'd have just stayed home that night, I wouldn't be here."

However, he said he was not nervous about the case. "I still feel like I'm inno-

cent," he said.

The charges relate to an alleged altercation on April 14 with Yussufu R. Nsabimana, 34, of Burundi.

He said he was attacked twice after he, Whalen, Jones and another acquaintance had been drinking at a Provo bar and the men argued, and that \$125 was stolen from him.

Whalen and Jones were both suspended by BYU until January 2005 for violations of the school's honor code, which, among other things, prohibits consumption of alcohol.

Whalen's suspension appears to end his college football career, as his eligibility expires at the end of the next football season.

Whalen led BYU in rushing in 2002 when he ran for 918 yards. He gained just 152 yards last season after he broke his foot during warm-ups before the season-opener.

## Replacement Tejada wins home run derby

HOUSTON (AP) — Miguel Tejada didn't seem to fit in. Hank Aaron, Barry Bonds, Willie Mays — and him? "Shivers," he recalled. "Just being so close to those guys, it's unbelievable."

Bonds hit the early drives — after a humorous call for the usual intentional walk — and Tejada then flashed even more power than the slugger who usually gets the attention.

The Baltimore shortstop hit a record 15 home runs in the second round, topping out at 497 feet and putting several over the 58-foot wall behind the left field seats, toward Crawford Street. He went on to defeat hometown favorite Lance Berkman 5-4 in the final with five of 10 outs to spare.

"Oh my gosh, I'm winning the Home Run Derby," Tejada thought to himself. "I usually watch it from my house, usually watch it on TV."

Five of Berkman's 10 homers in the second round were dramatic shots out of the ballpark, including a 493-foot drive.

"After I hit three in a row out of the stadium, I thought that was really neat. The fans were going crazy," Berkman said. "I got in a nice groove. The second round was quite an experience. I ran out of gas."

Both finalists batted right-handed and replaced left-handers who pulled out, with Tejada taking over from Jason Giambi and Berkman, a switch-hitter, getting the call after Ken Griffey Jr. got hurt last weekend. The big wall in left, which has a replica 1860 locomotive that runs across it, provides a perfect panorama for right-handers.

When he took his first swing, Tejada was hoping to hit just one homer.

"Miggy, you're not going to win," he recalled thinking. "There's so many

home run hitters."

Bonds did get pitched to, hitting eight homers with the roof closed in the first round, one a 483-foot shot over the top row of seats in the right-field upper deck. But he had just three in the second, when the panels pulled back to reveal the night sky, and the humidity rolled in.

*'Oh my gosh, I'm winning the Home Run Derby. I usually watch it from my house, usually watch it on TV.'*

— Miguel Tejada  
2004 Home Run Derby Champion

Before the competition, the 14 living players among the 20 with 500 or more homers came together to swap stories, pose for photos and project what the future will bring to the long ball. If the ball has been juiced in recent years, this was the appropriate setting for such a gathering — Minute Maid Park.

Adding it all up, the gathering totaled 8,083 homers; 10 of the top 11 sluggers in baseball history, all but the deceased Sultan of Swat, Babe Ruth.

Aaron, the only man to top Ruth's 714, predicted Bonds (currently at 681) will surpass his mark.

"It won't bother me a bit," Hammerin' Hank said.

Even among the glittery stars,

Bonds shined the brightest. The light from the cameras reflected off the diamond crucifix earring on his left earlobe.

Mark McGwire, making a rare ballpark appearance, predicted 28-year-old Alex Rodriguez (367) or 24-year-old Albert Pujols (136) could be the next record challengers.

"In 10 years, it's going to be scary," he said.

McGwire, whose season record of 70 homers in 1998 was topped by Bonds' 73 in 2001, didn't want to discuss baseball's decision this spring to ban the use of androstenedione, the steroidlike supplement McGwire used in 1998.

"Great. Perfect. Then I would have never used it," said McGwire, who stopped taking andro the following year, saying he didn't want children to follow his lead.

Bonds wouldn't talk about steroids. He was among the athletes who testified last fall before a federal grand jury investigating illegal steroid distribution. His personal trainer was indicted. Bonds has denied using illegal steroids.

"What court are you talking about?" he said when asked whether the court proceedings were a distraction. "I'm not in court. I'm not in there, so I don't have to worry about it."

Reggie Jackson thought it was unfair the media have cast suspicion on today's home run hitters for using illegal steroids.

"You haven't fingered anybody," he said. "So until then, stop accusing until you have evidence that this guy did this, and if you don't, lay off of him. If it was me, I would sue for defamation of character."

## Abernathy sends Denver City packing

Abernathy was too much for Denver City Monday easily dispatching them 11-1 to set up a rematch with Plainview today at 7 p.m. at Optimist Park in the West Texas Cal Ripken 11-12 State Baseball Tournament.

Bradon Rannels held Denver City to four hits while striking out 12 and walking none to earn the win. He hit one batter. Joey Pena pitched for Denver City. He struck out four, walked two and hit a batter.

Austin Lewis, who had three hits, a run scored and one RBI, led Abernathy in hitting. Jacob Wilson, with a single, home run and two RBI, Steven Barbee, with two doubles, two runs and one RBI, and Brayden Smith with two hits, one run and two RBI, aided the Abernathy onslaught.

Jake Reed and Jared Kitchens had one run and one hit each for Abernathy while Rannels and Ryan Pierce each contributed a hit. Jeremiah Trevino slammed a hit and

scored twice as the entire starting lineup was productive for Abernathy.

Denver City got its only run on a solo home run in the fifth inning by Alberto Alarcon. Josh Pesina was Denver City's leading hitter with two doubles. Casey Williams made the only other hit for Denver City. Alarcon made the defensive play of the game by going behind second base from his shortstop position to glove a ball and make a throw to first to nip the batter. Abernathy improved its tournament record to 3-1. Denver City was eliminated from the tournament with a 2-2 record, the furthest a Denver City team has ever gone in Cal Ripken post season play.

The West Texas Cal Ripken 11-12 State Baseball Tournament is being hosted by the Pampa Optimist Youth Club, a Pampa United Way agency.

## North Randall County slips past Plainview

North Randall County slipped by Plainview 5-4 on a bases loaded walk to the No. 9 batter in the bottom of the fifth inning to advance to Wednesday's championship game in teh West Texas Cal Ripken 11-12 State Baseball Tournament being played this week in Optimist Park.

Heath Herrington doubted to open the inning for North Randall. Conner Croslin was hit by a pitch. Zac Maestas attempted a sacrifice, but he turned it into a base hit to load the bases with none out. Plainview pitcher Kane

Hendershot struck out the next two batters to bring up Cody Pinkert, the last batter in the lineup. Pinkert quickly got into a hole with a one ball, two strike count. He fouled off a pitch and worked the count full. The last pitch was a low to force in Herrington from third and gave Pinkert credit for the game winning RBI.

The first inning was a train wreck for Plainview. Jeremi Moreno walked. Ky Waher was safe on an error in an attempt to get Moreno at second. Nolan Hoskins and Herrington hit con-

secutive home runs to give North Randall a 4-0 lead with no outs in the first inning.

Plainview rallied for three runs in the third inning. Ty King walked. Tyler Brownlee and Jason Miller singled to load the bases. Shaun Martinez walked to force in the first run for Plainview. Brownlee came home on a wild pitch. Miller alertly scored on an attempt to catch Martinez off base at second.

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## Tour de France bars two suspected of doping

SAINT-LEONARD-DE-NOBLAT, France (AP) — The Tour de France headed for the higher ground of the Massif Central on Tuesday without two riders who were ejected because of doping investigations.

Tour director Jean-Marie Leblanc said Stefano Casagranda of the Saeco team and Martin Hvastija of Alessio were no longer welcome.

The ninth stage, which takes riders on a 100-mile route to Gueret in the Massif Central area of central France, started in Saint-Leonard-de-Noblac, the hometown of Tour great Raymond Poulidor.

A rider from the 1960s and 70s, Poulidor is still adored in France as the cyclist who always came in second. He had eight podium finishes between 1962 and 1976.

Hvastija was 124th overall, and Casagranda 155th when they were kicked out despite their protests.

"I don't understand such a cruel decision," Hvastija told The Associated Press. The Slovenian suggested that he and Casagranda were unfairly picked on because they are not top performers.

He said Italian investigators bugged a conversation he had with a teammate during the 2001 Tour of Italy about a recently banned substance. He did not reveal the name of the other rider or the product, but said it had been legally used before.

*'I don't understand such a cruel decision.'*

— Martin Hvastija  
banned Tour de France rider

Gabriele Coppola, a spokesman from Casagranda's Saeco team, said the team is prepared to take legal action.

"That is our right," Coppola said. Meanwhile, Tour organizers have contacted judicial officials in San Remo, Italy, about an article in the French newspaper Le Monde that said one of Lance Armstrong's U.S. Postal Service teammates — Czech Pavel

Padnos — has been summoned to appear before an Italian tribunal for allegedly taking doping substances during the 2001 Tour of Italy.

Johan Bruyneel, the Postal team director, dismissed the report last week.

"There is no case. It's not even worth considering having any doubts about this boy because we're not speaking about any forbidden substance," he said.

But Leblanc said the Tour was prepared to exclude Padnos and the other rider, Italian Stefano Zanini of Quick Step-Davitamon, if race organizers confirm their involvement in the Italian doping case.

"Perhaps the same thing will happen as with the two others," Leblanc said. "If tomorrow, or in three days or in five days, we get a reply that says I confirm these riders are implicated in a doping affair, we'll still follow the same line."

Before the Tour, organizers said all riders "implicated in a judicial inquiry or under police investigation" would be barred.



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## Look alive

Pampa Team Manager John Warner yells advice to the third baseman from the dugout during the Cal Ripken 11-12 State Baseball Tournament this past weekend. Pampa was eliminated from the tournament in two games.

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# Randall

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Martinez tied the score at four in the top of the fifth inning for Plainview when an outfielder dropped a towering fly ball allowing him to speed all the way to third base. He deliberately got into a hot box and scored when a throw hit him in the back. Moreno, who relieved Herrington in the third inning, was the winner pitcher. He struck out seven allowing only one unearned run and two hits. With the tying run on the first, the left hander started a 1-6-3 double play which ended the game. Herrington recorded six strikeouts and three walks in 2 1/3 innings. He was charged with three runs and three hits. Anthony Castillo started for Plainview

and was the victim of North Randall's first inning uprising. He permitted two walks, two hits and three earned runs. Martinex relieved in the first inning and shut North Randall out for three innings giving up only one hit. He struck out four, walked two and hit a batter. Hendershot assumed pitching duties in the fourth inning. He gave up one run and two hits. He struck out three, walked two and hit a batter.

Plainview, 2-1, will take on Abernathy today at 7 p.m. The winner will face North Randall, 2-0, tomorrow at 6 p.m. If North Randall wins the 6p.m. game, it will become the West Texas Cal Ripken 11-12 State Champion. If not, a second game will follow 30 minutes later with the winner being crowned state Champion.

The tournament is being hosted by the Pampa Optimist Youth Club, a Pampa United Way agency.

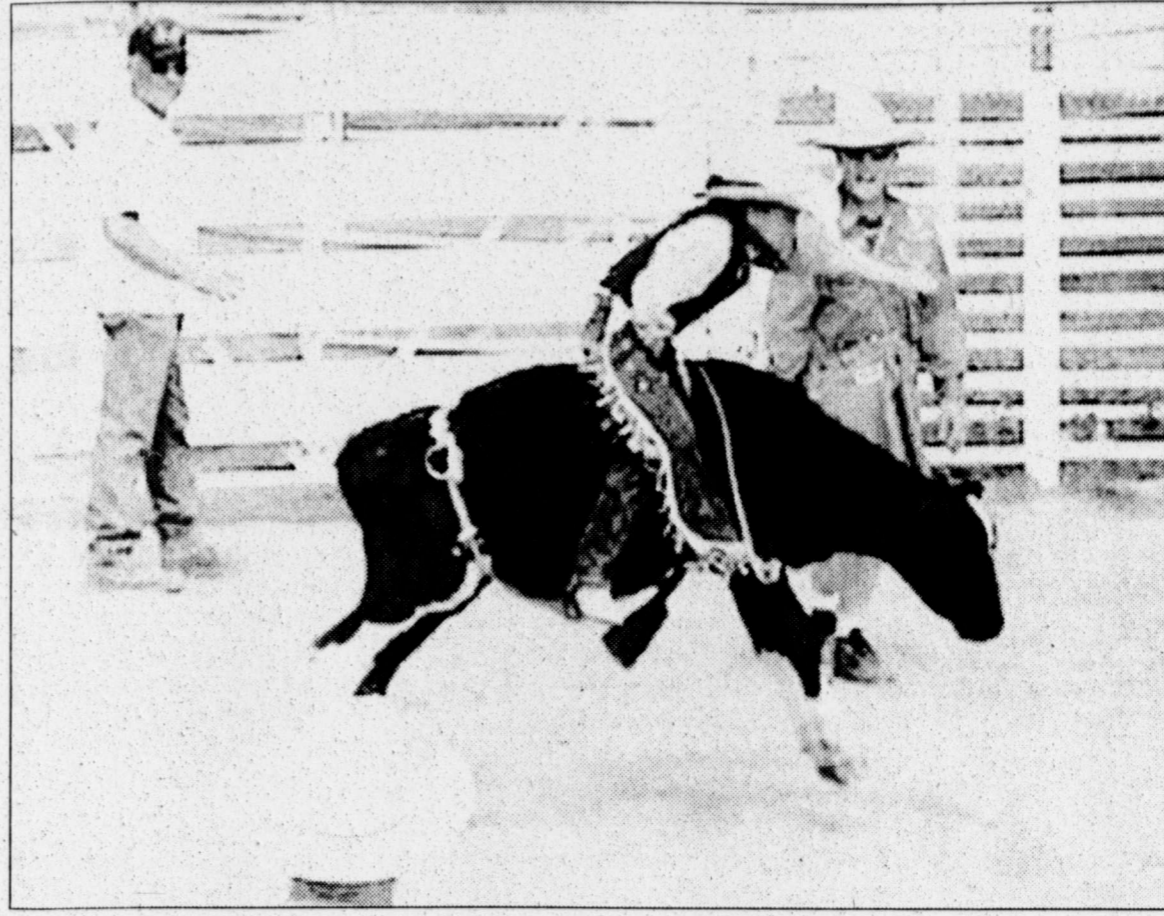


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## Buck-a-roo

Tjaeden Swires of Pampa takes a wild ride in the 6-8 Steer Riding event during the JRCA Rodeo in Pampa, July 10. The next JRCA rodeo will be in Canadian.

## NHL Devils sign defenseman Matvichuk

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — The New Jersey Devils bolstered their defense by signing unrestricted free-agent defenseman Richard Matvichuk, who comes to the Meadowlands after 12 seasons with the Dallas Stars.

Terms of the deal were not released.

The 31-year-old Matvichuk had 21 points and 36 penalty minutes in 75 games last season with Dallas.

## US loses to Canada in CanAm Bowl

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS  
Sports Editor

It was a tough outing for the Americans in the Great White North this past Saturday as they took the field against the Canadians in the 8th annual CanAm Bowl.

The Americans lost 61-28.

The CanAm Bowl is a 6-man All Star football game featuring some of the best players from both countries. New Wheeler head football coach Toby Tucker was on the American sideline and referred to the game as a "great experience" for the kids, 4 of which were from Texas. They included Andrew Jennings of Lefors and Cody Schaffer of Groom.

Tucker said the game was played using Canadian rules which differ in some areas from the way 6-man football is played in the states. Among

the differences— the quarterback can run with the ball without having to hand off to another offensive player first, also known as a "quarterback sneak". Offenses have only three downs to make a first as opposed to four. And Canadian rules also allow multiple-motion in the offensive backfield.

Tucker said, despite a close game early on, the Canadians simply wore the American team out with. He noted the temperature was a factor. He also added the Canadian team was made up of 25 players where the Americans had only 13, many of them playing on both sides of the ball.

Still, Tucker said the experience was a good one and that he would expect things to be a little different next time.

## Storm blows away Silver Stars

SEATTLE (AP) — Lauren Jackson and the Seattle Storm needed a second-half surge to end their three-game losing streak.

Jackson scored 15 of her 25 points in the second half and Seattle used a 12-0 run after halftime and a 12-2 burst to end the contest in beating the San Antonio Silver Stars 75-59 Monday night.

"That is a gutsy win right there," Storm coach Anne Donovan said. "That is a team that was out of gas. We were traveling on the reserve tank at halftime. It was just a gutsy win."

Sue Bird had 13 points, nine rebounds and eight assists for Seattle, playing its fourth game in six days after going winless on a three-

game road trip to Washington, Charlotte and Detroit.

"We're back on the right track," Bird said. "We wanted to end that losing streak. We just wanted to win. We wanted to play better."

Sheri Sam scored 12 and Kamila Vodichkova added 13 points and eight rebounds.

The Storm got a nice lift late in the contest from guard Betty Lennox, who had nine points and hit a 3-pointer with 4:02 remaining to spark the closing burst. She held San Antonio's Agnieszka Bibrzycka to 1-of-9 shooting.

"Betty is the unsung hero of the game," Donovan said.

Margo Dydek led San Antonio with 15 points and nine rebounds.

## Challenges keep coming for Phelps

LONG BEACH, Calif. (AP) — The challenges just keep coming for Michael Phelps.

The world's best swimmer couldn't keep pace with Aaron Peirsol leaving the final turn in the 200-meter backstroke, and lost for the first time at the U.S. Olympic swim trials Monday night.

Peirsol pulled away on the final lap to win in a world record 1 minute, 54.74 seconds — breaking his own mark of 1:55.15 set two years ago. Phelps earned the other Olympic berth, finishing second in 1:55.86.

"Having a loss like that will definitely fuel me a little bit more. I don't like to lose."

His next challenge comes Tuesday night in the 100 butterfly final, the last of Phelps' six individual races at the eight-day trials. Like the 200 back, it will be another match race: Phelps vs. world record holder Ian Crocker.

Crocker was the fastest semifinal qualifier in 51.25 seconds. Phelps won his heat in 51.89.

"I love going fast. I love surprising myself," Crocker said. "That's my thrill. I'm real interested to see how fast I can go, and I'm real interested to see where Michael is at, too."

Their rivalry was established at

last year's world championships, where Crocker set the world mark of 50.98 in upsetting Phelps, who had previously owned the record.

"I'm really excited," said Phelps, who succeeded in breaking the 52-second barrier in the semifinals.

"Hopefully with some good rest, him and I and the rest of the field will have a good race."

Phelps keeps a photo of Crocker on his bedroom wall as motivation. He may need to add one of Peirsol, who has defeated him in their last three meetings, including twice at a meet in Santa Clara in May.

"I don't ever want to lose my race," said Peirsol, the silver medalist in Sydney who hasn't lost the 200 back since then. "I love that thing."

Peirsol and Phelps were both under world record pace for the first three laps, matching each other nearly stroke-for-stroke. Then Peirsol came off the final turn faster, and Phelps said that cost him the race.


"It's going to make me go back to the drawing board and try to change some things," Phelps said. "It gave me sort of a message. I knew what I'm trying to do isn't easy. No one said it was."

At the Athens Games, he wants to break Mark Spitz's record of seven gold medals.

*"Having a loss like that will definitely fuel me a little bit more. I don't like to lose."*


— Michael Phelps  
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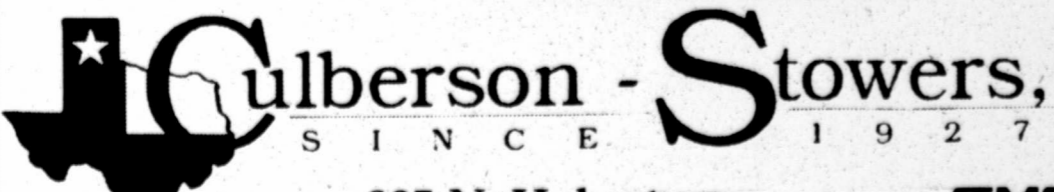
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# Business Review

## Innovative Staffing Solutions expands services

A career change eight years ago for a former Stramit employee in Perryton and the former economic development director in Perryton led to a business that has grown to five area offices.

In August of 1996, Regina Partain, owner and manager of Innovative Staffing Solutions, LLC, and Dr. Myron McCartor, former economic development director in Perryton, partnered together and created Innovative Staffing Solutions, LLC (Innovative) to be "beneficial to the community."

Innovative specializes in the hiring of long-term employees in the Texas and Oklahoma panhandles. They provide agricultural, industrial, oilfield, clerical, administrative, medical and sales personnel.

Specializing in the best fit for the client, regardless of the industry, is one of the things that makes Innovative different from other staffing companies. Screening processes to ensure the best fit include reference checks, skill testing, cognitive abilities testing, and personality assessment, two levels of interview, drug screens and background checks as needed.

Additionally, through its Human Resource Consulting department, Innovative offers education to employers and other community groups. Some seminars and workshops include "Hiring Legally and Effectively," "Gender Diversity in the Workplace," "Team Building," and "Workplace Ethics." Other courses can be customized depending upon the needs of the client.

Safety of employees is a major concern. Innovative has invested in training for a Safety Coordinator who works with both employees and clients to ensure that all employees work in a safe environment and in a safe manner. Upcoming events in the safety program will include Defensive Driving courses and CPR courses to be offered to the general public.

Also, some of Innovative's staff members have been certified through the University of Utah to train substitute teachers in classroom management, how to follow a lesson plan, and how to be a valuable asset to school districts. Courses will be available later this year for interested persons.

Five offices serve the Panhandles of Texas and Oklahoma. They are located in Perryton, Pampa,

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Innovative Staffing Solutions is built upon the concepts of Integrity and Teamwork. The company is excited to be in Pampa and to be a part of the com-

munity. Innovative is thrilled to have the wonderful staff locally to provide solutions to clients' needs. Stop in, when you have a chance, and visit with Innovative's excellent staff: Jami Rodriguez, Staffing Coordinator, Rebel Fulton, Staffing Clerk, and Jamilou Garren, Senior Regional Personnel Consultant. They look forward to visiting and working with each of you.



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