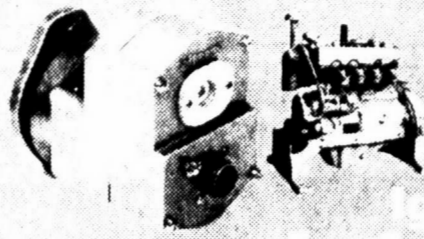


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John Bass
Deputy Executive Director, Region 16

Going for exemplary

Pampa ISD board decides to keep lofty 2007 goal

By DEE DEE LARAMORE
Editor

Pampa Independent School District's Board of Education wrestled almost two hours Thursday night, trying to decide whether to keep a 2002 goal for the district to reach exemplary status by 2007.

After all was said and done, the goal remained intact.

John Bass and Ronnie Teichelman, both of the Region 16 Education Service Center, came to Pampa to assist the board in reviewing its goals and setting new ones for the coming year.

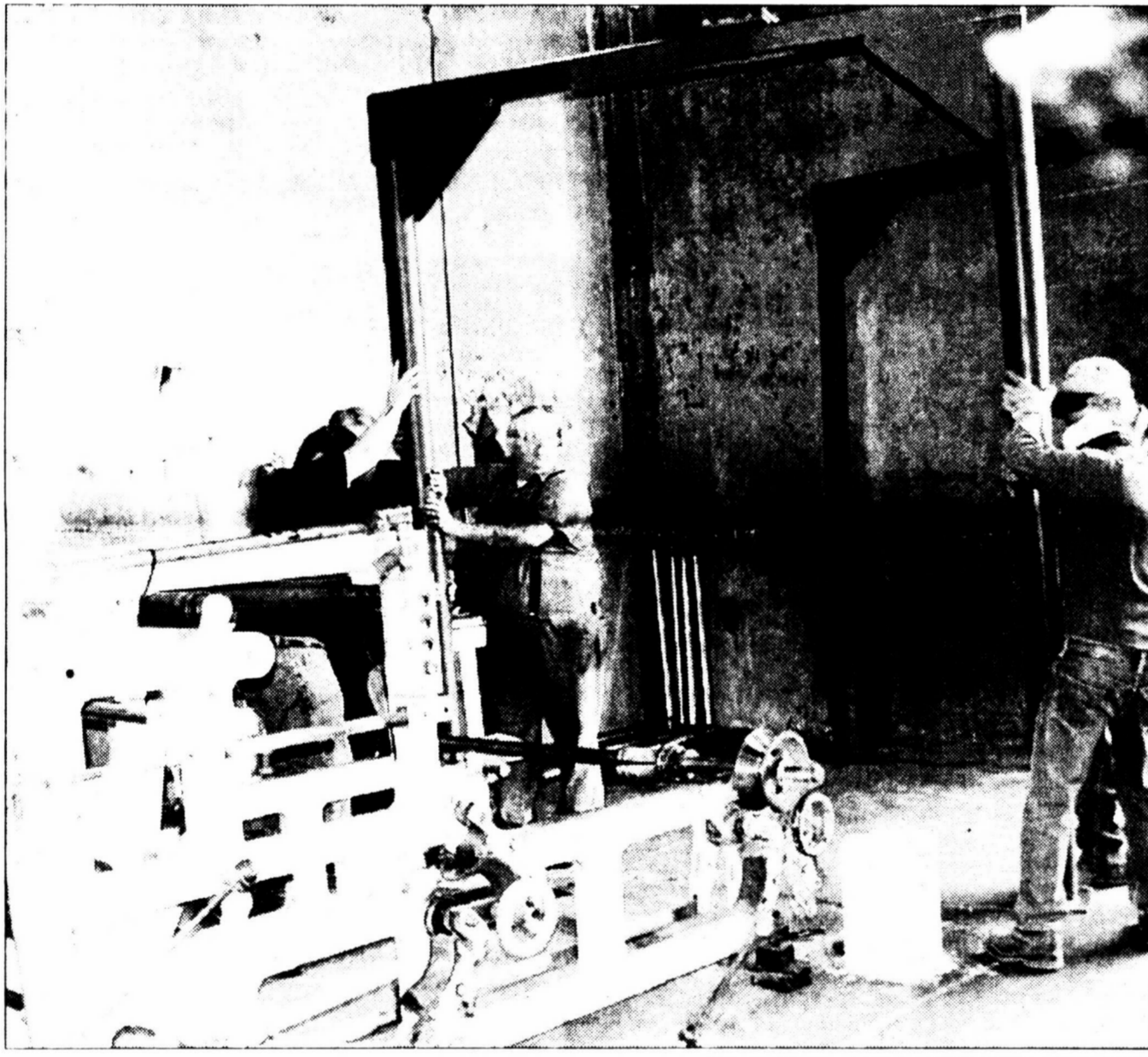
"It's good to set goals, but sometimes you set goals that are too high," Bass told the board.

Referring to the Pampa ISD's TAKS scores, Bass said that some gaps between local scores and the

90 percent needed to achieve exemplary status are too great to close in the next three years — particularly in the subgroups (African American, Hispanic, Economic Disadvantaged, Limited English Proficient, and Special Education).

"Other districts like ours are exemplary. We're not," said Lee

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Pampa News photo by DEE DEE LARAMORE

Almost ready

Pampa News head pressman, Wes Martin, center, and other workers steady a part of the paper hoist I-beam today as the press upgrade continues. Officials hope to have the improvements completed and the press up and running by next week.

County opens budget talks

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

Gray County commissioners began discussion of the county's 2004-05 fiscal year budget at their regular meeting Thursday morning in the second-floor courtroom of Gray County Courthouse.

No action was taken on retirement rates and supplemental death benefits for county employees for 2005. James Hefley, Precinct 4 commissioner, said he would rather wait to see the entire county budget before making a decision on one item. After County Auditor Elaine Morris presented information, action on the benefits was deferred until further budget discussions were held.



Morris

Gray County Judge Richard Peet provided commissioners with packets of information concerning the new budget, said County Clerk Susan Winborne. More detailed discussion of the budget will begin with a special all-day public meeting beginning at 10 a.m. July 26 in the second-floor courtroom of the courthouse, she said.

An amendment to the Precinct 2 Road and Bridge budget was approved. The amendment involved money coming in to the account from outside sources, Peet said.

Several intra-budget transfer requests were also approved.

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THC to evaluate Panhandle sites

AUSTIN — A team of experts from the Texas Historical Commission (THC) will hit the trail this summer to research heritage tourism sites in the Texas Plains Trail Region, a 52-county area throughout the state's Panhandle area.

"The information will be used in a report that offers ideas for improvements for heritage and cultural sites," said Jamie Headrick, director of the THC's Texas Heritage Trails Program. "It's an effective way for the Texas Historical Commission to work hands-on with each site."

The information will also be utilized in a brochure, slated for release in 2005, promoting heritage tourism in Northwest Texas.

An interdisciplinary team will provide expertise in the areas of archeology, heritage education, architecture, history, marketing and tourism development.

The Texas Heritage Trails Program is a regional tourism initiative providing training, education, technical and financial assistance to targeted regions across Texas. For more information about the

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Tulia drug case

Wrongly-accused Tulia defendants share \$6 million settlement checks

By BETSY BLANEY
Associated Press Writer

Tulia residents wrongly charged and jailed in falsified drug cases five years ago began getting checks Friday from a \$6 million settlement stemming from a lawsuit claiming the arrests were racially motivated.

Retired Judge Ron Chapman, who decided how the settlement would be divided among the 45 defendants, said distribution of the checks began Thursday night. The defendants will share \$4 million, while some of the attorneys who represented them will receive \$2 million.

Civil rights groups claimed the drug cases were racially motivated because 39 of the 46 arrested or charged in the 18-month

drug operation were black. Tom Coleman, the former undercover agent who made the arrests, is white.

Coleman, 44, testified at trials that he bought cocaine from dealers in Tulia, though he had no audio or video surveillance to back up his claims. He faces aggravated perjury charges in connection with post-conviction hearings for a few of those imprisoned.

Along with their checks, each claimant will get a letter from the judge. The letter addresses the defendants' futures, Chapman said.

"It's my heartfelt hope that you would use this in a positive way to improve your future and your family's future," the letter

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Obituaries

Dianna Sue Bailey, 50

Dianna Sue Bailey, 50, went to be with the Lord on July 14, 2004. She was born on Aug. 5, 1953, in Hobbs, New Mexico. Dianna passed away after a lengthy illness at her home in Del City, Oklahoma. She is survived by her husband, John Bailey; a daughter and son-in-law, Michelle and Toby Miller of Midwest City; a son, John Aaron at home; grandsons, Tyler and Zachary; her parents, Junior and Joy Shelton of Pampa, Texas; a brother and sister-in-law, Lonnie and Marilyn Shelton of Pampa, Texas. Dianna was a homemaker. She was a member of Del View Baptist Church of Del City, Oklahoma. Funeral arrangements are by Bill Eisenhour Funeral Home. Services will be held at 2 p.m. at the Del View Baptist Church in Del City today, Friday, July 16. Brother Jerry Connell will be officiating.

Elvin Wesley Totty, 87

Elvin Wesley Totty, 87, of Pampa, died Wednesday, July 14, 2004. Services are scheduled at 2 p.m. Saturday in Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel with Pastor Paul Nachtigall, of Cornerstone Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa. Mr. Totty was born Feb. 2, 1917, at Burkburnett. He had been a Pampa resident since 1948, working as a welder for Cabot Corporation prior to retiring in the 1970s. He married Drucilla Upton on Oct. 17, 1941, at Lakeview. Mr. Totty was a U.S. Army veteran, serving during World War II, and belonged to Pampa Veterans of Foreign Wars Post, serving as post commander in 1988-1989. Survivors include his wife, Druc Totty, of the home; a daughter, Barbara Franklin of League City; a son, Wesley James Totty of Alvin; two sisters, Ola Dunn of Hayward, Calif., and Gladys Boone of Bakersfield, Calif.; a brother, Johnny Totty of Fontana, Calif.; six grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren. The family requests memorials to be BSA Hospice, 800 N. Sumner, Pampa, TX 79065. —Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichael-whitley.com.



Totty

Hattie Pinrose Hindman, 96

Hattie Pinrose Hindman, 96, of Pampa, Texas, died Wednesday, July 14, 2004, at Borger, Texas. Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, July 17, 2004, at Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel with Charley Wasson, a great-nephew, and David Osborne, a friend, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors. Mrs. Hindman was born Aug. 7, 1907, in Winchester, Ky. She married A.J. Hindman on Sept. 21, 1934, in Amarillo. He preceded her in death on July 1, 1989. She worked as a sales clerk for C.R. Anthony's for over 40 years. She was a member of the First Baptist Church and the Anna Sunday School Class. She was a volunteer for the Pampa Senior Citizens for a long time. She was preceded in death by her parents, Edward and Carrie Adams Haggard; one brother, Tom Haggard; and one sister, Eddie Martin. Survivors include several nieces, Shirley Eagle and husband Kent of Fritch, Betty Terrell and husband Bill of Angleton, Linda Iker and husband Denny of Stamford, Conn., and Ruth Roeder and husband Rick of Amarillo; a host of great-nieces and great-nephews, and great-great-nephews. The family requests memorials to be Caring Heart Care Home, 401 Monroe, Borger, TX 79007; or the Pampa Senior Citizens, 500 W. Francis, Pampa, TX 79065. The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 5-7 p.m. on Friday, July 16, 2004. —Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichael-whitley.com.



Hindman

Services tomorrow

HINDMAN, Hattie Pinrose — 10:30 a.m., Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.
TOTTY, Elvin Wesley — 2 p.m., Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

Nebraska appeals nuke dump ruling

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Nebraska asked the U.S. Supreme Court on Friday to overturn the \$151 million judgment it has been ordered to pay for blocking efforts to build a nuclear dump within its borders. The dump was to take waste from the Central Interstate Low-Level Radioactive Waste Compact, which consists of Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, Louisiana and Arkansas. Nebraska doesn't have the money to pay the court judgment because of an ongoing budget crunch and has been trying to negotiate a settlement with the compact. The compact earlier rejected a settlement offer and said it would offer a counterproposal. Compact officials are scheduled to discuss negotiations at a meeting next week. Attorney General Jon Bruning was not overly optimistic on the chances that the high court would agree to hear the case, let alone rule in Nebraska's favor. "Look at the track record in this litigation — we haven't won anything yet," Bruning said. "That's not to say we have no chance. But let's be realistic — it's a long shot." The Associated Press reported last week that Gov. Mike Johanns had approached Texas Gov. Rick Perry about storing nuclear waste there. Details of that offer were released Friday. As part of the deal, Nebraska has offered to pay Texas a flat fee of \$25 million to take a five-state group's low-level radioactive waste. Nebraska also offered to pay \$5 million to Texas to cover any unforeseen expenses for storing the waste. U.S. District Judge Richard Kopf of Lincoln ruled in 2002 that former Nebraska Gov. Ben Nelson, now a U.S. senator, engaged in a politically motivated and orchestrated plot to keep the regional dump from being built in Nebraska. The 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals has upheld that ruling. With interest, the judgment now stands at \$156 million. The compact, however, is arguing in court that Nebraska should pay a higher interest rate, which would put the total at \$202 million. The compact also argues that Nebraska is still obligated to host a site and wants to bar Nebraska generators of low-level waste from using the facility.

Emergency Services

Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department today reported the following arrests and incidents.
Wednesday, July 14
Theft of a purse and contents valued at \$8 was reported in the 900 block of East 23rd.
Criminal mischief was reported in the 300 block of Jean. Windows valued at \$1,000 were broken out.
Thursday, July 15
Forgery of a name on a government document regarding parental rights was reported to the Pampa Police Department.
Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 2600 block of Navajo. Checks valued at \$20 were taken from the vehicle.
Assault by a family member was reported in the 900 block of Varnon. No injuries were reported.
Telephone harassment was reported in the 600 block of Carr.
Criminal trespass of a habitation was reported in the 400 block of Pitts. No

damage was found and nothing was missing from the residence. The case has been turned over to Criminal Investigation Division.
Criminal trespass of a habitation was reported in the 300 block of Canadian. No damage was reported and nothing was missing.
Harassment was reported in the 1400 block of Charles.
A bicycle was reported found in the 2200 block of Charles.
Nancy Darlene Free, 30, 618 N. Gray, was arrested for telephone harassment.
Abraham D'Jesus, 17, 917 Varnon, was arrested for assault causing bodily injury - family violence.

George Enrique Sanchez, 19, 832 Scott, was arrested on two capias pro fines for minor in possession of alcohol.
Kristen Brenee Brooks, 18, 1121 Neel Rd., was arrested on an instant warrant for no front license tag.
Friday, July 16
Zachary Dale Ferris, 19, Amarillo, was arrested for minor consuming alcohol.
Cody William Hopson, 21, Pampa, was arrested for furnishing alcohol to a minor.

Fire

Pampa Fire Department responded to the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.
Thursday, July 15
11:57 a.m. — Two units and three firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 400 block of Doucette.
9:15 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a leaking fire hydrant in the 100 block of South Osage. Firefighters closed a valve on the hydrant.

Sheriff

Gray County Sheriff's Office today reported the following arrests.
Thursday, July 15
Phillip D. Larue, 31, Borger, was arrested for criminal mischief over \$1,500 and under \$20,000 and was released on personal recognizance bond.

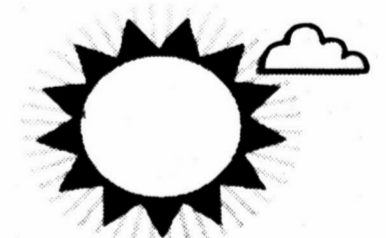
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- ROOFING, REAS.** rate! 886-0164 or 665-2619.
- GARAGE SALE**, J. Autry, 719 N. Somerville, Sat. 8-?
- ROUTE 66** Steak House Anniversary Party, Sun. July 18, 12 noon, All You Can Eat Brisket & Hot Wings, \$6 ea., at Groom Recreation Park.
- MOORE'S FRESH** Tomatoes, Lefors. Call 835-2253.
- NO LAWNMOWER** Races until Aug. 7th.
- PAMPA COUNTRY Club** Buffet, Sun., July 18th, open to public. Entrees are Prime Rib & Brisket. Please make reservations, 669-3286.
- PLAY DAY**, Taylor's Arena Sun. 2. Any ?s, call 669-6008!
- POKER RUN** 4th Annual David Luedecke Memorial, July 17. Register 3-5 p.m. Pampa Rodeo Grounds. Live music, vendors, door prizes. Benefit Tralee, Pampa Shrine.
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- YARD SALE**, 603 N. West, Sat. 8 a.m.--??
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Gray County Weather

Today: Partly cloudy, with a high near 94. Northeast wind around 15 mph becoming southeast.
Tonight: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 66. South southeast wind 10 to 15 mph becoming northwest.
Saturday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high around 89. North northwest wind around 10 mph.
Sunday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low near 65.



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Sunday: Partly cloudy, with a high around 92. South wind between 5 and 10 mph.
Sunday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 7 p.m. Partly cloudy, with a low around 68. South southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.
Monday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 96. South wind around 15 mph.
Monday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 69. South southwest wind around 15 mph.
Tuesday: Mostly sunny,

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Atebury Grain of Pampa.			Cobot Oil Gas 42.63 -0.07			Atmos 25.21 -0.07		
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Milo	3.62		VLO	78.36	+1.89	KCP	38.41	-0.64
Corn	4.38		HAL	31.52	+0.47	COP	78.37	+0.45
Soybeans	6.75		Triad	37.72	+0.07	SLB	65.52	+0.65
			NOI	33.71	+0.41	Tenneco	12.45	+0.10
			KMI	60.74	+0.21	CVX	95.52	+0.86
			XCEL	17.03	+0.03	Wal-Mart	52.58	+0.25
The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Co of Pampa			Kerr McGee	53.13	+0.30	OKE	21.77	-0.06
OXY	49.45	+0.32	Limited	19.36	-0.55	NS Grp	18.22	+0.43
BP	55.63	+0.84	Williams	12.32	+0.02	New York Gold	404.05	
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'Five Tellers' a character study of Southern women

By KAYLA PURSLEY
Guest Reviewer

Karen Smith is making her directoral debut with Area Community Theater, Inc.'s last show of the 2003-2004 season, "Five Tellers Dancing in the Rain" written by Mark Dunn.

The play is a character study of five women who work together as tellers in a bank in Mississippi. All the action takes place during one week in the employee lounge where the ladies meet every morning before starting their work day.

The play opens Friday and Saturday, July 16-17, and again July 23-24 with curtain going up at 7:30 p.m. Tickets will be available at the door. The ACT I theater is located on the west side of Pampa Mall on Perryton Parkway.

A cast of ACT I veteran performers highlights this production. Rated PG-13 the women pull no punches as they try to sort out their lives and relationships away from their jobs. Although billed as a comedy, the humor is subtle and the heartbreak of broken homes is very real.

Smith is a wife, mother, substitute teacher and a writer in her spare time. She made her acting debut playing Mary in ACT I's pro-

duction of The Women several years ago and has been actively involved every year since. Last year she was the assistant director for the children's production of "Rumpelstiltskin."

Debra Sandefur plays Jennifer. Jennifer's husband has left her but she wants him back. Her unnamed frustrations only mount up when the Moon Pies are not replenished by the candy vendor. Sandefur was last seen in the children's production of "Rumpelstiltskin" as Griselda. She is employed at McDonald's and has a 7-year-old son, Connor.

Berinda Turcotte plays Delores. Her husband was killed in a fire with his mistress. Coming to terms with his death and betrayal while keeping track of returning all the items loaned to her during the course of the funeral plus finding a new apartment, are Delores' challenges for the week. Turcotte was last

seen as Mildred in ACT I's production of "The Secret Lives of Mildred Wild." Turcotte is in her 26th year as an employee at Celanese.

Gina Kane plays Twyla. Twyla's husband

walked out on her leaving her with a young rebellious son who doesn't understand why his parents are not together. Twyla's challenge is to keep her family intact and keep her job at the bank as her

world crumbles down around her. Kane was director for "Rumpelstiltskin" last summer. She is employed by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. She also manages a household of teens and is expecting her first grandchild soon.

Diana Bruner plays Betina, a single working woman who loves to dress in western clothes and shamelessly talks of her male suitors and her sexual exploits. Bruner works at National Oilwell and was last seen in "The Secret Affairs of Mildred Wild" playing the role of Bertha Gale. Bruner is new grandmother, too.

Kim Tatum plays Lorene, the head teller and boss of the this group of ladies. Lorene is also a virgin and when the opportunity comes along to change that bit of history she turns to Betina for advice. Tatum was last seen in "Rumpelstiltskin." She is the Lobby Manager at Albertsons.

Heather Kane is the cleaning lady who changes the employee lounge between scenes, getting it ready for each new day at the office. Kane is daughter of Gina and a junior at Pampa High School. Her last ACT I job was as lighting manager for "Private Lives" and "Next." She is also involved with band and the swimming program at the high school.

The play will run for two weekends. Season tickets holders get preferred seating with reservations by calling Kayla Pursley at 665-3820. Anyone interested in ushering for the show or selling concessions are also welcome to call Pursley.

ACT I is an all volunteer, not-for-profit organization dedicated to producing a minimum of three shows a year.

Five Tellers Dancing in the Rain

WHEN: 7:30 p.m., July 16-17 and July 23-24

WHERE: ACT I Theater, Pampa Mall, Perryton Parkway. Tickets available at the door.

County

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Election judges and alternates for the upcoming 2004 elections were approved. Not all precincts currently have judges, and alternates selected, Winborne said, because party chairmen have not submitted names to her office to serve as judges.

Winborne told commissioners she would have all judges' and alternates' positions filled by the next commissioners' meeting so that they could approve any judges not listed in Thursday's action. Voting locations needing judges or alternates are Lefors Community Center, judge and alternate; and Austin Elementary School, alter-

nate. Judges and alternates approved by commissioners are Janice Hoffer, judge, and Zetha Dougherty, alternate, Lovett Memorial Library; Judy Davis, judge, and Linda Babcock, alternate, Grandview Hopkins School; Linda McAnear, judge, and Betty Morgan, alternate, Lovett Library - McLean; Joel Combs, judge, and Joann Coker, alternate, Travis Elementary School; Maxine Hawkins, judge, Austin Elementary School; Esther McAdoo, judge, and Pat Lee, alternate, M.K. Brown Civic Auditorium; and Wanda Carter, Virginia Greer and Nancy Whitten, early voting at the courthouse.

Commissioners approved three road crossings requested by Duke Energy to cross Davis, Haiduk and West Line Roads in Precinct 3 with natural gas lines. Commissioners also accepted a \$250 bid on tax delinquent property at 436 Warren. The property is valued at \$3,100, and \$1,875 in back taxes is owed against it, Peet said. Robert Cain of 111 Warren submitted the bid.



Cornelison

asked that action on an internal audit report which was on the agenda be deferred. She said she was not prepared to present the audit due to work on the 2005

budget. Commissioners agreed to defer action on the item.

County Treasurer Lee Cornelison explained a fee which the county is required to collect for every arrest made. For each arrest, a \$15 fee is collected, of which \$13.50 must be sent to the state, he said. Later, bondsmen may ask for the fee to be refunded, and the county is required to refund the fine when appropriate.

"We can't refund the money until we prove the case wasn't prosecuted. Bondsmen must wait 180 days before applying for the refund," Cornelison said.

"It requires a huge new report that has to be taken care of. It's going to end up costing us money," he said. Non-action items presented during the meeting

included a discussion by Emergency Management Coordinator Ken Hall. Hall said the Texas Department of Public Safety's emergency management division had asked if Pampa and Gray County would sponsor a tabletop exercise relating to homeland security. The planning session for the exercise will be 9 a.m. to noon Aug. 19, and the tabletop training exercise will be held Sept. 23. Local officials may attend, Hall said.

Joe Millican, chief of Hoover Volunteer Fire Department, asked for more area in the county for the

department to cover in order to maintain the firefighters' skills.

"Since October of last year, we have had only two runs in our response area. We have been dispatched outside our area five times in 2004. We want to enlarge our area," Millican said.

No action was taken concerning the volunteer fire department, since it was not on the agenda as an action item. Further discussion of the department's area of responsibility will likely be included in upcoming budget discussions, Winborne said.

Goal

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Porter, board member. "And we're frustrated as to why we're not.

"For some, the attitude is it's okay, but I don't want to be in the position that we were in two years ago when a state magazine comes out and we're the lowest subgroup," he said.

"I don't know if exemplarity is unattainable, but we've got to try," he said.

Curry commented that goals can have "two edges."

"You set them for want to

be and the reality is, you may not be able to reach them," Curry said. "Then again, if you set them on reality, you may never get there."

"We have to do better than we did last year," Charles Smith of the board said. "I don't think it's very professional to set a goal and keep changing it."

"I'm a Pollyanna, but I'm telling you, our district probably won't be exemplary by 2007," said Haenisch. "We've gotta lot of big jumps (in scores) to make, but if we're not better by 2007 then I'll be very disappointed."

"I'd like to see us keep the

2007 exemplary goal, even though it may not be attainable," said Porter.

"If the people out there in the district think it's an unattainable goal and won't even try, then we're shooting ourselves in the foot," Smith countered.

"What I'm hearing is, we want to see continuous improvement, but don't want to see jump up, jump back," Haenisch said. "If we get there, we're going to celebrate, if we don't but we're close ..."

"We're still going to celebrate," finished Board President Joe Martinez.

Also attending the board

meeting Thursday, which lasted from 6 p.m. until 10:15 p.m., were board members Lance DeFever and Greg Brown. Assistant Superintendent Jane Steele and Carol Fields, finance director, also attended.

In other action Thursday, the board approved the hiring of five new teachers: Cesali Ericson, kindergarten at Lamar; Lesa Greer, third grade at Travis; Dane Farmer, special education at Pampa Junior High; Marty Fields, drama at Pampa High School; and Phyllis Floyd-Harp, science at Pampa High School.

much each of the defendants would get based on how much time they spent in jail and the financial losses related to that. There were 46 defendants, but one has since died.

Checks

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reads. Ted Killory, an attorney for one of the defendants,

said he was pleased that the wrongly accused got at least some compensation, but "no amount of money is going to make up for losing four years of life in prison."

Gov. Rick Perry granted pardons last year to 35

defendants in Tulia, a small farming and ranching community of about 5,000 between Amarillo and Lubbock. Charges were dropped against others arrested.

The judge decided how

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Consumer prices moderate in June

WASHINGTON (AP) — Consumer prices rose a modest 0.3 percent in June, half the size of the previous month's advance and fresh evidence that inflation poses no immediate threat to the economy.

The over-the-month increase in the Consumer Price Index followed a 0.6 percent spike in May, reflecting a big jump in energy and food costs, the Labor Department reported Friday.

In June, energy and food costs went up, but not by nearly as much. That helped to moderate overall consumer prices and brought a little bit of relief to Americans who have been forced to dig deeper into their pockets to fill up their gaso-

line tanks and buy groceries. Excluding energy and foods costs, "core" prices nudged up by just 0.1 percent in June, down from a 0.2 percent rise in May and the smallest increase since December 2003. From an economic point of view, that deceleration suggested prices of other goods and services

were relatively stable. Economists were expecting both the overall CPI and core prices to each rise by 0.2 percent in June.

On Wall Street, stocks were mixed. The Dow Jones industrials were up 8 points, while the Nasdaq was down 8 points in morning trading.

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Viewpoints

TV journalism doesn't make the grade

Current events have always been a mainstay of my otic and optic sensorics since way back when. In fact, I thank my parents for my desire to stay abreast of any newsworthy development be it local to international. That was the case until Sept. 11, 2001, when I and millions more were drawn like moths to a lantern light by the horror shown across our television sets. I could not move from the television that day; in fact, the TV was on every waking hour. The events of 9-11-

2001 consumed me. I was eaten by the up close and personal journalism of that chaos. I witnessed what my parents witnessed with Pearl Harbor, with one exception, the in-your-face clarity of TV journalism. I can only imagine what it was like to hear about Pearl Harbor over the radio — waiting for the details to our populace eager for pictures and print. I now wish journalism could be as it was in 1941, because I'm tired of what television journalism has done to me.

I cannot watch national news anymore; whether it's "fair and balanced" or the big three with their constant droning of politics, terrorism, war, Scott Peterson, Michael Jackson, obesity, Hollywood, oil and gasoline, the environment, gay marriage — with every pundit and know-it-all ready to give his/her rendition of why the news event happened.

Dennis Palmitier
Columnist

Television journalism to this writer has become nothing but an excuse to up my Zoloft Rx. Enough already! Do these people take every American as a mindless, unable to think for himself/herself twit? You bet they do. Why, we don't have to think anymore, TV news has the answer. I don't need God, parent, pastor, therapist, doctor



when I have TV news to lead me to the answer — 24/7. My current event appetite is fed by our local and regional newspapers and only local television news, with local events, the headline and national/international events secondary — where weather is the headline — where I heard it in the coffee shop first. My nerves are better for the change. Maybe I can lower the Zoloft dose a little? That's why it was so refreshing to walk into a bank Tuesday and notice

their TV tuned to "The Dating Game." Already knowing the answer, I asked the "why" question anyway. Every person behind the counter replied in unison: "We had the TV tuned to Fox News, then CNN News, then MSNBC for our customers. It was the same thing over and over. It was so depressing..." I must keep my faith that I and those bank employees are not alone in this world, that there are more of us able to think for ourselves.

Today in History

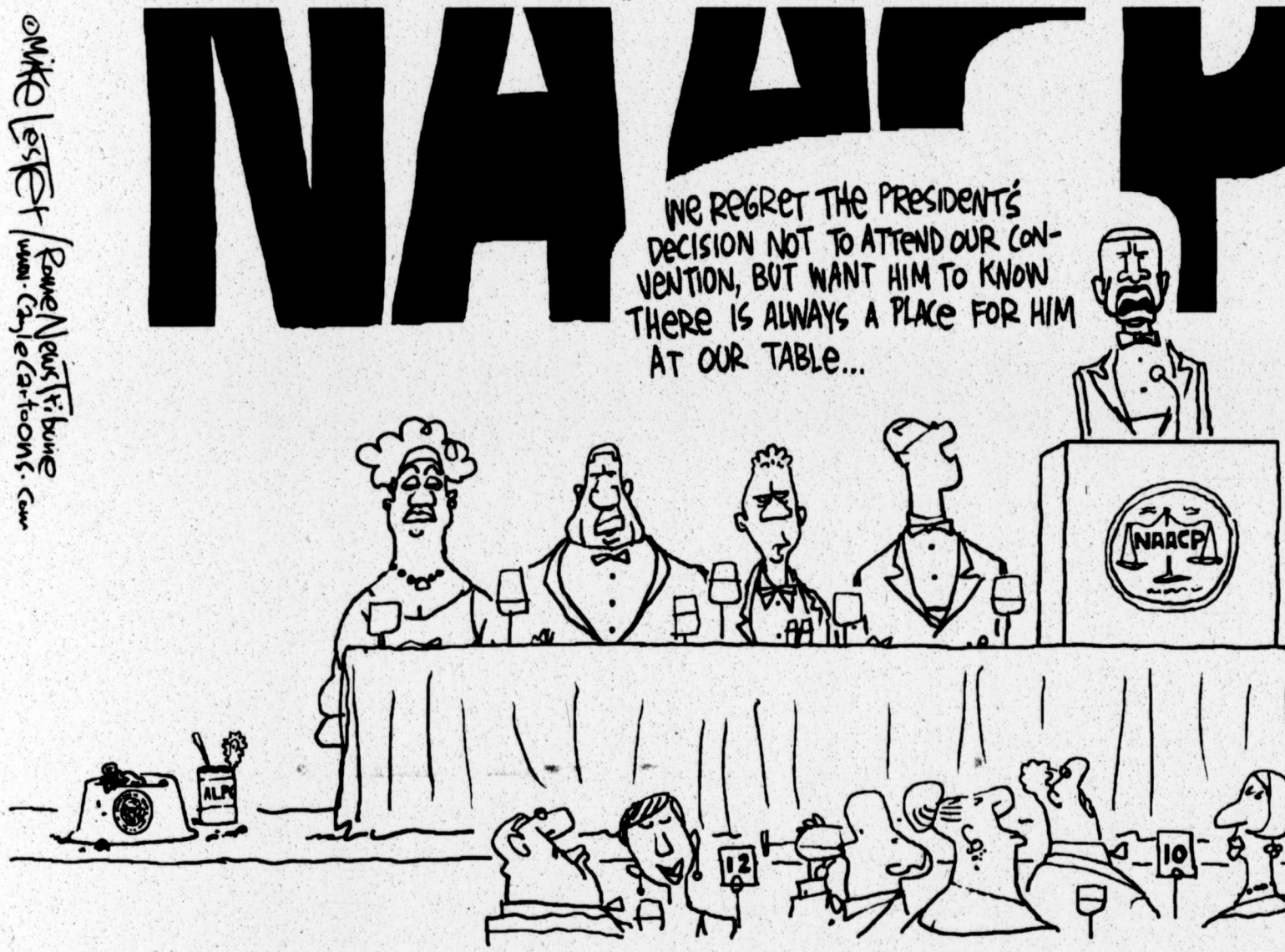
(AP) — Today is Friday, July 16, the 198th day of 2004. There are 168 days left in the year.
Today's Highlight in History:
On July 16, 1945, the United States exploded its first experimental atomic bomb, in the desert of Alamogordo, N.M.
On this date:
In 1790, the District of Columbia was established as the seat of the United States government.
In 1862, David G. Farragut became the first rear admiral in the United States Navy.
In 1918, Russia's Czar Nicholas II, his empress and their five children were executed by the Bolsheviks.
In 1951, the novel "The Catcher in the Rye" by J.D. Salinger was first published.

In 1964, in accepting the Republican presidential nomination in San Francisco, Barry M. Goldwater said "extremism in the defense of liberty is no vice" and that "moderation in the pursuit of justice is no virtue."
In 1969, Apollo 11 blasted off from Cape Kennedy on the first manned mission to the surface of the moon.
In 1973, during the Senate Watergate hearings, former White House aide Alexander P. Butterfield publicly revealed the existence of President Nixon's secret taping system.

'The fear of becoming a 'has been' keeps some people from becoming anything.'

— Eric Hoffer
American author-philosopher

In 1979, Saddam Hussein became president of Iraq.
In 1980, former California Gov. Ronald Reagan won the Republican presidential nomination at the party's convention in Detroit.
In 1981, singer Harry Chapin was killed when his car was struck by a tractor-trailer on New York's Long Island Expressway.
Ten years ago: The first of 21 pieces of comet Shoemaker-Levy 9 smashed into Jupiter, to the joy of astronomers awaiting the celestial fireworks.
Five years ago: John F. Kennedy Jr., his wife, Carolyn, and her sister, Lauren Bessette, died when the single-engine plane Kennedy was piloting plunged into the Atlantic Ocean near Martha's Vineyard, Mass. Stanley Kubrick's final film, "Eyes Wide Shut" starring Tom Cruise and Nicole Kidman, opened.
One year ago: The Environmental Protection Agency announced it was starting big-money, long-term cleanups at 10 Superfund toxic waste sites and putting ten other sites aside for later. A car driven by 87-year-old George Russell Weller plowed through a farmer's market in Santa Monica, Calif., killing 10 people and injuring 63. Cuban-born "Queen of Salsa" Celia Cruz died in Fort Lee, N.J. at age 77.



Some conservatives not making sense

A lot of Reagan conservatives are threatening to cut off their noses to spite their faces, as the old saying goes. They think that because President Bush hasn't done every single thing they want, or has done things they didn't want, they should punish him by staying home on election day or voting for some third party candidate who hasn't got a chance to win in November. It should be obvious to them that they will therefore help elect the Kerry-Edwards team that will do nothing they want and everything they don't want.

Somehow this idiocy seems to make sense to them — dump a conservative president for a pair of socialists who given four years in the White House will wreck this country's economy and in the process probably lose the war on terrorism as well. What bothers me is the insistence of these dissident conservatives that they are devoted to the legacy of Ronald Reagan, who under-

Michael Reagan
Columnist



stood the truth of the old adage, "Politics is the art of the possible." In other words you get what you can and wait for a chance to get the rest of what you want. These people think that if they don't get everything they want they are willing to accept nothing, but that's not what my father stood for. My father would say if I can get 80 percent or 60 percent or 50 percent of what I'm look-

ing for I'll take that and I'll go back later on for the rest of it. A lot of conservatives who say they espouse Ronald Reagan's values forget a whole lot of his history, and his willingness to take what he could get was an important part of that history. They should recall that he kept moving the ball ahead, sometimes by just a few feet at a time, but almost always would end up crossing the goal line. This is how great things get done, by persistence tempered by patience

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Tasers nonlethal alternative to handguns

Houston Chronicle on Tasers:
Under Police Chief Harold Hurtt, Houston would join a growing number of law enforcement agencies employing Taser guns as a nonlethal alternative to handguns for subduing suspects. In many cities, Taser use has reduced or eliminated police shootings. That result would be welcome here, where police have fired on suspects, some mentally ill or unarmed, with alarming frequency. ... One note of caution, however: Before approving Hurtt's request for \$3.2 million to buy 3,600 Tasers,

City Council should insist that police reasonably restrict Taser use to replacing lethal force. It would ill-serve the public if police were given carte blanche to use the electric stun guns to compel compliance from suspects who might be uncooperative but pose no threat. Hurtt, who took over HPD in March after a year in

which officers fatally shot two unarmed juveniles, wants to provide a Taser to every patrol officer. The strategy worked during his tenure as police chief in Phoenix, where he achieved a significant percent reduction in police shootings after outfitting officers with Tasers. Other large police departments that have implemented broad Taser use have seen fewer police shootings, fatal or otherwise. Upwards of 4,000 police departments around the country have bought the devices, according to its Arizona-based manufactur-

er, Tasers International. The technology is not without its downside, however, a point illustrated by a recent police confrontation in Amarillo. According to an account in the April 29 Amarillo Globe, police officers used Tasers on an unarmed, 24-year-old man they were arresting on suspicion of inciting a riot. Witnesses said multiple officers had the man pinned down, but instead of handcuffing him, they zapped him repeatedly with their Tasers. The Globe quotes one res-

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Senate votes to give FDA new powers to regulate cigarettes

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate approved a plan to give the government broad new powers to regulate the cigarette industry, including the ability to eliminate harmful ingredients in tobacco products and forbid advertising that appeals to children.

The measure empowering the Food and Drug Administration to oversee the sale, marketing and manufacturing of cigarettes was linked on the Senate floor Thursday to a \$12 billion buyout of tobacco farmers.

An unlikely coalition of anti-smoking advocates and tobacco-state senators pushed to secure the 78-15 vote to add the twin measures to a massive corporate tax bill that the Senate then passed on a voice vote and sent to a House-Senate conference committee.

The House-passed tax bill includes a plan to

pay tobacco farmers to leave the federal tobacco-growing system but does not give FDA any new powers. Health groups hailed the Senate action.

"This is the first time that any body of Congress has ever passed a bill giving the FDA authority over tobacco," said Matthew Myers, president of the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids. "The fact that tobacco state members supported its passage could represent a sea change in attitudes if they con-

tinued to support it in conference." Under the proposal, health warnings on cigarette packs would be made larger and would more explicitly state the dangers associated with smoking.

The FDA could not ban cigarettes. It also could not eliminate nicotine, though it could call for major reductions in the amount of the addictive substance found in tobacco products. The agency could order the removal of other harmful ingredients.

— Matthew Myers
Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids

Sen. Mike DeWine, R-Ohio, who crafted the FDA measure with Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., said the public would for the first time get details about what's in tobacco products. Under current law, there are very limited disclosure requirements placed on tobacco companies.

"Current law makes sure we know what's in products designed to help people quit smoking, like the patch or Nicorette gum, but not the very products that get people addicted in the first place to cigarettes themselves," DeWine said.

Marketing terms such as "light" and "ultra-light" would be prohibited unless the FDA approved them. Studies have shown those cigarettes haven't reduced health risks faced by smokers.

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Report: Kids healthy, smart but too heavy

WASHINGTON (AP) — America's children are less likely to commit a violent crime or become a victim of one, but more of them are living in poverty, according to the government's broadest measure of children's well-being.

A report released Friday by the Federal Interagency Forum on Child and Family Statistics paints a mostly upbeat picture of how children are doing. The teen birth rate has declined steadily since 1991, hitting a record low in 2002. And the death rate has gone down for young people.

Still, it's not all positive news. America's children are more likely to be overweight than they were before and child poverty has inched up after several years of decline, according to the report that draws together findings from many federal agencies.

The reduction in teen births is one gain that should not be overlooked, said Duane Alexander, director of the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development at the National Institutes of Health.

This is a key indicator of progress because teens who give birth are less likely to finish high school or to graduate from college.



Run to class

Pamela Whinery and Elke Hupp run to their Lava Lava Island VBS Bible story class, a joint project of four local churches hosted by First Christian Church, 1633 N. Nelson, this week.

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and realism.

For Reagan conservatives to say that because they don't like this or that thing that President Bush has done or has not done, they will even the score by walking away from the most conservative president since Ronald Reagan and thereby ensure the election of John Kerry, who is 180 degrees the opposite of my dad.

One of the things that is upsetting these conservatives is the preponderance of so-called moderate Republicans scheduled to be featured speakers at the Republican convention.

If the GOP relied on conservatives alone to win elections we'd never get elected to anything. Whether we like it or not, we need the moderates, we need the liberals in the party, we need to attract cross-over Democrats, if we want to elect Republicans and conservatives to office.

We may not like everything that is done, but we have to understand it's the nature of politics — the art of the possible. As far as the lineup of convention speakers is concerned, we have to understand that national political conventions are essentially show business. This year, for example, there is no question about who the nominees will be so the main concern of the parties is to use the conventions as showcases for their political

wares. Part of that is the effort that will be made to win over those who don't support the party but can be won over if they are attracted by what they will see and hear at the convention.

The Democrats are using my brother Ron at their convention. They may claim that they really want him as an advocate of embryonic stem cell research, which they support, but what they are really trying to do is to attract all those Reagan Democrats who have been voting Republican by saying, in effect, look, here's Ronald Reagan's own son lending his name to our party's convention. They are saying c'mon home, Reagan Democrats and join with Ronald Reagan Jr.

Dissident Republican conservatives need to stay home, in the party of Ronald Reagan. After all, think how silly you'll look without noses.

Tasers

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ident as saying, "I can't count how many times they stung him. They 1/8 were 3/8 hitting him on his head, on his knees, everywhere."

Tasers emit a 50,000-volt electrical shock that can immobilize a suspect for five seconds at a time. They can accurately fire two tiny darts up to 21 feet, or a jolt can be applied directly to skin.

HPD officials told City Council members that officers would be trained not to use Tasers against armed suspects because the shock could cause a suspect to fire. In other cases, Houston police officers would decide appropriate Taser use. The

Harris County Sheriff's Office, which has had its own frequent civilian shootings, bought 161 Tasers and is training 200 patrol deputies to put them into action before suspects threaten deadly force.

In both agencies, it appears, officers are to have broad power to shock civilians. Unlike night sticks, choke holds and other law enforcement tools and tactics, Tasers leave only bee-

sting-like marks. Taken together, this could make jolting unruly suspects — or even run-of-the-mill stubborn and cantankerous ones — too enticing for hotheads on the force to resist.

Taxpayers will be happier to pay for Tasers if they can be assured that they won't be trading the benefits of fewer police shootings and greater safety for officers for the disadvantages of excessive use of electrical force.

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Community happenings

• **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.

• **The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center** has announced the following upcoming breast cancer screening clinics: July 23, First United Methodist Church, 201 E. Foster, Pampa. Participants will receive a low-cost self-exam mammogram and a breast health appraisal along with individual instruction by a registered nurse in breast self-examination. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for

Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are by appointment only. For more information, call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673.

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Kairos Outside weekend set July 23-25

AMARILLO — Kairos Outside, a ministry to support women whose lives are affected by prison, is hosting its ninth support weekend, July 23-25.

The support weekend is specifically for women who have a friend or relative who is, or has been, incarcerated.

A team of 30 women come from different Christian denominations to put together a weekend of fellowship

and love for these women. The weekend is designed to bring together women who are in the same situation to find acceptance and understanding.

"This ministry is an incredible way of showing God's unfailing love to women who have been hurt and damaged," says Tonya Freeman, leader for Kairos Outside #9. "Prison tears families apart and often

leaves these women feeling helpless and shameful. We want to lift them up and show them that they are God's children — that they are special."

The weekend is open to any adult female, 20 years or older, whose life has been impacted by the incarceration of a relative or friend. It is also open to women who themselves have been incarcerated. An Angel Camp is available for children from

grades 1-6 during the Kairos Outside weekend, as well. Both the weekend and the Angel Camp are free of charge.

Kairos Outside ministry is supported by the Christian community of the panhandle of Texas. It relies completely on donations.

Anyone wishing to attend may contact Tonya Freeman at (806) 379-8951.



The Melodies, pictured here, include Esther Hudson, middle right, who grew up in Pampa and graduated from Pampa Christian School in 2001.

Calvary Baptist to host TwiceBorn Ministries



TwiceBorn Ministries

TwiceBorn Ministries, a three-man worship band, will lead a special youth service at 6 p.m., Sunday, July 18, at Calvary Baptist Church Youth Hall. Members of the group are Jeremy Hathway of Waco, Joshua Rhodes of Huntsville and Kenny Johnston, a student at Sam Houston State University. Calvary's youth minister, Rick Pearson, invites all young people, from those entering seventh grade in the fall to college-age, to hear the group's music and ministry at this special event. The church is located at 900 E. 23rd St.

The Melodies to sing at Bible Baptist here

The Melodies, a women's chorus from Oklahoma Baptist College, will be singing Sunday, July 18, at Bible Baptist Church, 500 E. Kingsmill.

They will be singing during all the morning services. Evangelist Daniel Knight will be preaching during the Sunday School hour at 9:45 a.m. and also at the 11 a.m. preaching service.

The pastor's daughter, Esther Hudson, is a member of the group. She grew up in Pampa and graduated from Pampa Christian School in 2001. She is now entering her senior year at Oklahoma Baptist College and plans to be a missionary when she graduates.

For more information or transportation, call 669-7830.

One man + one woman = marriage

This is not a political article. This is a biblical morality article.

How clear are the following passages?

1 Timothy 1:9-11: "We also know that law is made not for the righteous but for lawbreakers and rebels, the ungodly and sinful, the unholy and irreligious; for those who kill their fathers or mothers, for murderers, for adulterers and perverts, for slave traders and liars and perjurers — and for whatever else is contrary to the sound doctrine that conforms to the glorious gospel of the blessed God, which he entrusted to me."

The word used here in verse 10 and translated "perverts" is the Greek word "arsenokoites." It means a male who has sex with a male, sodomite, homosexual.

1 Corinthians 6:9-10: "Do you not know that the wicked will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor male prostitutes nor homosexual offenders nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God."

The Greek word used in verse 9 is the same word used in 1 Timothy 1:10 and means the same thing: a

male who lies with a male, sodomite, homosexual.

Romans 1:24-27: "Therefore God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts to sexual impurity for the degrading of their bodies with one another. They exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator — who is forever praised. Amen. Because of this, God gave them over to shameful lusts.

Mike Sublett
Hi-Land Christian



Even their women exchanged natural relations for unnatural ones. In the same way the men also abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed with lust for one another. Men committed indecent acts with other men, and received in themselves the due penalty for their perversion."

Jude 7: "In a similar way, Sodom and Gomorrah and the surrounding towns gave themselves up to sexual immorality and perversion. They serve as an example of those who suffer the punishment of eternal fire."

The word "perversion"

here in Jude comes from several Greek words that mean to "go after strange/unnatural flesh." Clear enough?

The marriage of two men to each other or of two women to each other is flat out sin. The sexual activity between two men with each other or between two women with each other is flat out sin. And one of three things is true about anyone who says differently.

They are 1) not a disciple of Jesus Christ; or 2) so Biblically ignorant that they should keep their mouth closed (thinking about the stricter judgment for teachers and preachers); or 3) a false teacher of heresy trying to poison the body of Christ.

The sin of homosexuality is not an issue calling for tolerance in the body of Christ. It is not only a clear-cut issue of sin, but it will cost every man or woman practicing the sin to spend eternity in hell. Don't like that?

Well, take it up with the author of the Bible — God.

And if someone calling themselves a Christian sides against the above verses, then they need to quit calling themselves a Christian, because they aren't.

Our nation and our churches have been sucked farther and farther into this discussion of "alternate lifestyles" and "sexual preference." For

unbelievers to be blind on this issue is understandable. For Christians to be so blind is an abomination.

Love the sinner, but hate the sin and call it a sin. And remember that sin requires repentance. Church, it is time to stand up and speak up — loud and long. God bless.

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I met a man on a business trip recently. I'll call him Ray. We spent a little over a week together and had a wonderful time. After I returned home, we decided we'd try a long-distance "whatever." (It was never defined.)

The following weekend I paid to fly Ray here, and it was great. It seemed like things were heating up. Two weeks later I arranged a weekend getaway for Ray, myself, his son and the son's friend. Again, I paid for everything. Another co-worker had relocated there and joined us. We went to a sporting event, and when we reached the ticket window, Ray said he had only enough money to pay for himself and the kids. Naturally, I paid for my own admission. My co-worker said, "I can't believe you put up with him!" I ignored the comment.

When I got home, Ray told me he didn't like it when I said, "I miss you" -- so I stopped. The next day, he said he just wanted to be friends. (No problem.)

Last night, while we were online he switched screen names. I made a comment, kiddingly, "Trying to hide from me? (lol)" He went nuts! He sent an instant message that this is why he doesn't date, and if I want "secrets," then he'll keep a bunch of them. When I tried to respond, I found he had blocked my messages.

I am crushed. I feel like I have been taken for a ride. Don't you agree that I at least deserve some explanation? What would you do in a situation like this?

— STUPID WHEN IT COMES TO MEN

DEAR "STUPID": For openers, I'd erase his e-mail address from my computer. Then I'd take a

long, hard look at what had happened since I met the man. Once you decided you liked him, you went overboard. You made all the arrangements. You paid for everything. When he backed off, you didn't.

I don't know whether or not he was trying to avoid you when he switched his screen name, but you may have hit the nail on the head. Next time, be less aggressive. Let the man do some of the pursuing. When something comes too easily, it often isn't valued.

DEAR ABBY: We are invited to a renewing of the wedding vows of a couple who have been married for 10 years. (They're a young couple in their early 30s.)

We are trying to figure out if we have to give them another gift, since we gave them one when they were first married. Please help us out.

— BAFFLED IN BROOKLYN

DEAR BAFFLED: Call the couple and ask if (and where) they are registered. This will give them the chance to tell you whether or not gifts are expected.

A "renewal of vows" could be considered a fancy anniversary party, and if you attend, you should mark the occasion with some sort of gift. It doesn't have to be expensive -- it could be a photograph of you and the couple with a short paragraph sharing a happy memory; something associated with their hobbies or interests; or a tree or plant for their yard.

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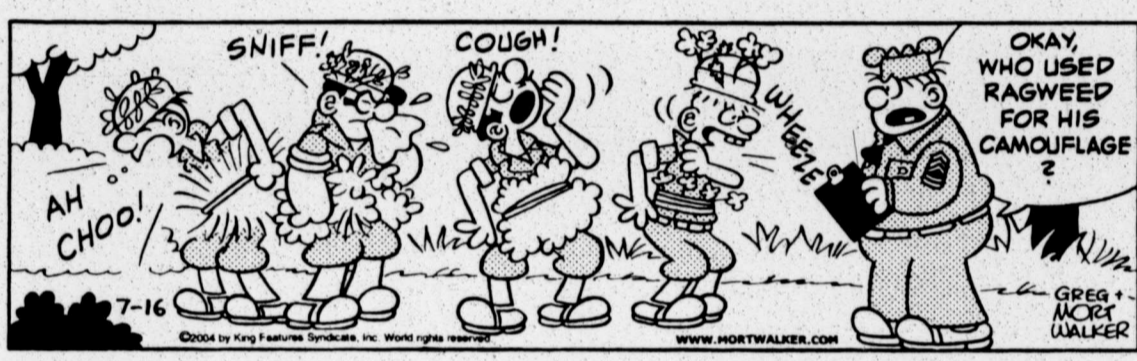
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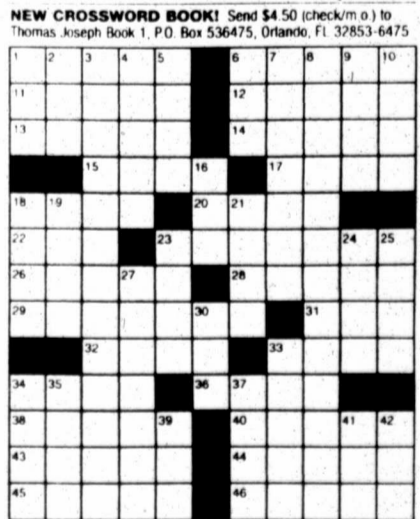
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Pamcel golf club announces tournament

Pamcel Golf Club 2004 will be hosting a 2-man low bow tournament.

The tournament will run from July 24 to the 25.

Cost is \$160 per team. The cost includes day money and mulligan.

Deadline to register is Friday, July 23 at noon.

Only the first 40 teams to enroll will be allowed to participate.

The tournament will be flighted by the total team handicap, maximum 7 stroke difference, and past performance. All handicaps must be verifiable.

Free practices rounds will be allowed on Friday, July 23.

Tee times for Saturday's round are 8 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Sunday tee times according to flight.

Carts are available for the tournament for a charge of \$20 per day. Personal carts are welcome to be used.

There will be a free evening meal on Saturday of Dos Caballeros Fajitas.

There will be a \$10,000 hole-in-one prize for each hole-in-one on #3 Saturday and Sunday.

This prize is sponsored by Matheson-Trigas.

Bonus prizes will be on all other par threes.

For more information, or to enter, contact:

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Jones leaps path back into Olympics — or not

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — Marion Jones is going to Athens.

Or not, if the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency comes up with the goods on her in its continuing inquisition, which is what the probe feels like to her.

She qualified for the Olympics in the long jump Thursday night with the greatest leap by an American woman in six years and the second best in the world this year, 23 feet, 4 inches, after missing out in her specialty, the 100 meters, last week.

Then again, by the quirkiest of circumstances involving still another doping case against one of her rivals, sprinter Torri Edwards, the feisty, irrepressible and seemingly unsinkable Jones just might run in the 100 in the Olympics after all.

Jones also still has a shot at a spot in the 200. If all the stars align in her strange universe she could wind up on a couple of relay teams and try to match the five medals she won in Sydney

in another lifetime four years ago.

That was when Jones was America's sweetheart of sports, the fastest woman in the world, charming, loquacious, and photogenic. She's still photogenic, though she dodges cameras as deftly as she flees microphones. These are not the best of times for her, on or off the track.

Her boyfriend and the father of her baby, 100 world record-holder Tim Montgomery, faces doping charges, a lifetime ban and no Olympics after failing to qualify.

Yet through it all, Jones has not backed down an inch. Not against the doping agency, challenging USADA to come up with solid evidence rather than innuendo and guilt by association. And not against

those who would write her off as a has-been.

She might not be as fast as she once was, but you have to admire the moxie of this woman, driven by injustices she claims have been heaped upon her.

"I think I had just a little bit of motivation," she told

the crowd after accepting her winner's medal at the Cal State-Sacramento track.

Jones bent over, laughing so hard at that.

"It feels really good. I had fun out there.

So many people told me, 'Marion have fun.' It was very hard to keep it together today."

Then, her voice cracking, she began to sob.

It's easy to understand why she is so emotional and why her performances are so erratic. A few nights ago in a blue suit that matched her mood, she couldn't reach the

qualifying mark of 21 feet in the long jump. She didn't smile and wouldn't talk. Now clad in a yellow body suit with racing stripes down the sides, she leaped 22-3/4 on her first attempt in the final and improved on that by more than a foot in her second attempt — her longest jump since 1998.

On all six of her jumps, she surpassed 22 feet, blowing away the competition. Grace Upshaw claimed the other spot on the U.S. team.

"She had a few days to recover from all the 100s ... physically, mentally and emotionally," Jones' coach, Dan Pfaff, said. "Technically, she was a little more aggressive at the end of her approach. She's a pro. She knew what the mistakes were and she fixed them."

After her final jump, Jones raised both arms and flashed a big smile as she bowed to the crowd. Then she jogged over to hug Upshaw, and waved again to the crowd.

"I don't put anything past Marion," Upshaw said.

"Technically, she was a little more aggressive at the end of her approach. She's a pro."

— Dan Pfaff
Jones's coach



Photos by Della Moyer

Ouch

Brock Ferguson falls off of his sheep during the mutton busting contest at the July 10 JRCA Rodeo.

Pampa hosts Mid America Youth Basketball Tournament this weekend



The Haver Boys Basketball Booster Club is responsible for organizing the tournament. Member include (front row) Michele Crowell, Kelli Reed, Lori Barker and Kitty Hall (back row) John Crowell, Jeff Reed and Terry Hall. Not Pictured: Beverly Allen, Doretta Gerber and Janyth Bowers.

Pampa will be a busy place this weekend with 36 basketball teams and 94 games to be played over the weekend.

The games will be played at the three high school gyms and the Pampa Optimist Club gym.

The Games will begin at 6:00 p.m. on Friday and finish at 10 p.m. On Saturday games begin at 8:00 a.m. and run until 10 p.m. in all four gyms.

The finals for all age groups will begin at 12 p.m. on Sunday with the championship game for varsity girls beginning at 5:00 p.m. and the boys varsity to follow at 6 p.m.

All championship games for varsity girls

will begin at 5:00p.m. and the boys varsity to follow at 6p.m.

All championship games will be played in McNealey fieldhouse.

There will be 8 different Pampa teams playing ranging from fourth grade girls to high school girls and boys.

This is the first time Pampa has ever put on a tournament of this magnitude and would like to invite the public to come out and support the tournament.

There will be teams from 15 different towns with some as far away as Albuquerque New Mexico.

Kobe Bryant claims "Laker at heart"

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Kobe Bryant played the free agency game and wound up back where he began, saying he's a Laker at heart.

Bryant swears he had nothing to do with the Lakers' recent overhaul — the exits of coach Phil Jackson and fellow superstar Shaquille O'Neal — and would have returned, no matter what.

"That upsets me. That angers me. That hurts me," Bryant said.

"They did what they had to do. That had nothing to do with me. In a perfect world, we would have all come back and won another (championship). I even said at the end of the season I wouldn't mind playing with them for the rest of my career."

That won't happen. Jackson is in Montana and O'Neal in Miami.

And Bryant is back with the Lakers after signing a seven-year contract worth around \$136.4 million late Thursday at a news conference at team headquarters in nearby El Segundo.

Bryant chose the Lakers

over the Clippers, remaining with the team he joined in 1996 at age 18 and helped win three NBA titles.

"It feels great to be in the city of Los Angeles playing for the Lakers the next seven years," he said.

"It feels great to be in the city of Los Angeles playing for the Lakers the next seven years."

— Kobe Bryant
LA Laker

"It feels unbelievable. Ultimately, it had to do with what I felt was right, what I felt in my heart was best for me and my family. Playing for the Lakers was it."

Bryant's decision was announced a day after the Lakers traded O'Neal to the Miami Heat — a day he referred to as "a sad day for me, a sad day for everybody."

"We had an incredible run together despite the ups and

downs," Bryant said.

Now, it will be Bryant — along with incoming coach Rudy Tomjanovich and Miami imports Lamar Odom, Caron Butler and Brian Grant — who will lead the Lakers.

When asked if the Lakers could win without O'Neal, Bryant replied: "I don't know. We don't have the most dominant player in the game, so things are going to change drastically for us. It's going to be a struggle. It's an uphill battle for us. (But) I'm not sitting in front of you guys believing we're not going to win."

One significant obstacle remains for Bryant before next season. He has pleaded not guilty to felony sexual assault and faces an Aug. 27 trial in Eagle, Colo. He claims he had consensual sex with an employee, now 20, at the Vail-area resort where she worked.

If convicted, Bryant faces four years to life in prison or 20 years to life on probation, and a fine of up to \$750,000. The trial figures to take several weeks.

Open house scheduled for hunters at Lake Meredith National Recreation Area

FRITCH- With the 2004-2005 hunting season just around the corner, the National Park Service announces that a hunters open house will be held on Tuesday, August 3, at 6:00 p.m., at park headquarters, 419 E. Broadway, Fritch, Texas.

NPS Rangers and Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Game Wardens and Biologists will be present to answer questions. Everyone interested in hunting, wildlife habitat and conservation in the park is encouraged to attend this meeting. A map showing hunting areas in the park is available from park headquarters.

"There are no new changes to hunting regulations in the park, but changes

made last year are still in effect, including closing quail season on the last day of the general duck season, eliminating turkey hunting from the Fall 2004 hunting season, specifying that method of take for spring turkey season will be by shotgun only, and closing the waterfowl hunting period at noon each day. These decisions are based upon input and research provided by Texas Parks and Wildlife biologists, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and park staff. These steps should help increase wildlife populations and quality of the hunting experience, in addition to improving hunter and visitor safety," said park superintendent Karren Brown.

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The National Park Service announces that a hunters open house will be held on Tuesday, August 3, at 6:00 p.m., at park headquarters, 419 E. Broadway, Fritch, Texas.

Crossing will remain closed November 22 through November 28, 2004, during the first week of deer season, as requested by numerous hunters and will be opened November 29, 2004 through the end of quail season, February 27, 2005. The gate may be closed at any time during this period due to extenuating circumstances such as severe weather and threats to public safety. After February 27, 2005 the gate

will be closed. The National Park Service retains authority for regulating the proper use of the park. Texas Parks and Wildlife Department manages the harvest of fish and wildlife within the park through a "Memorandum of Understanding" with the National Park Service. As an increased safety measure within the boundaries of the National Recreation Area, during gen-

eral gun season for deer, November 20 through December 5, 2004, and the special youth season, October 30-31, all hunters are required to wear blaze orange. This will consist of both a hat and a vest with a combined total area equaling 500 square inches and work conspicuously above the waist. Exempt from this requirement will be migratory bird hunters hunting on the waters of Lake Meredith. In addition, during the special youth hunt all accompanying individuals must also wear blaze orange. A second special youth hunt, January 15 through 16, will not take place at the national recreation area because it is for antlerless deer, which may not be taken from the park.

Listing of the 2003-2004 hunting season:
Mourning Dove: September 1-October 30, 2004.
Early Teal: September 18-26, 2004.
Quail: October 30, 2004-February 27, 2005.
White-tailed Deer: Archery Season- October 2-31, 2004. General Season- November 20-December 5, 2004. Special Youth Hunt- October 30, 2004.
Mule Deer: Archery Season- October 2-31, 2004. General Season- November 20- December 5.
Ducks, Mergansers, Coots: Information available upon final adoption in late August.
For more information call park headquarters at 806-857-3151.

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Tour de France seeks to ban Armstrong teammate, another rider

CASTELSARRASIN, France (AP) — Race organizers said Friday they wanted two riders, including a teammate of Lance Armstrong's, to be barred from the rest of the Tour de France, but cycling's governing body disagreed.

With the two parties at odds, the two riders, Pavel Padrnos of Armstrong's U.S. Postal team and Italian Stefano Zanini of Quick Step-Davitamon, will race on Friday, said Tour President Patrice Clerc.

But the disagreement has now been given to a third body to arbitrate, and if it rules in favor of the Tour, either one or both riders will be excluded, Clerc said.

Tour organizers learned Thursday that both riders have been called to appear in October in a case involving suspected drug use during the 2001 Tour of Italy, Clerc said.

Tour organizers said before this year's race that any riders involved or implicated in police or judicial doping investigations would be barred. Following that line, they asked the UCI, cycling's governing body, to exclude the riders, Clerc said.

But the UCI did not agree to the request, saying that Zanini's case had already been dealt with and that Padrnos' was not a problem with doping.

Lancaster pitcher strikes out five in single inning

LANCASTER, Calif. (AP) — Lancaster JetHawks right-hander Mike Schultz has struck out five batters in one inning.

The strikeouts came Thursday night in a 19-4 loss to the Rancho Cucamonga Quakes.

It was not immediately known if Schultz set a California League or minor league mark because the statistic isn't kept in the record books.

The major league record for strikeouts in a half-inning is four, accomplished 46 times — most recently by Houston's Brad Lidge on June 13.

Schultz struck out five and allowed five unearned runs and three hits in his

only inning for the Arizona Diamondbacks' Class A affiliate.

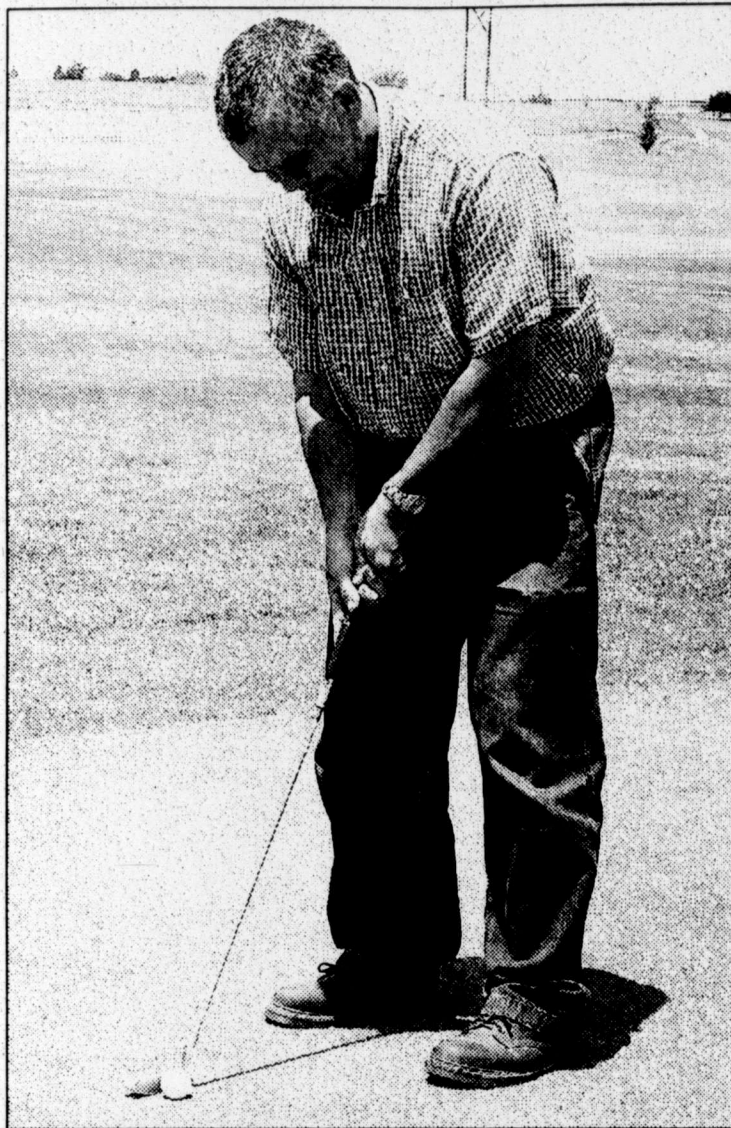
With Lancaster trailing 14-1 in the seventh, Schultz struck out leadoff hitter David Gates.

Adam Pavkovich followed by also striking out, but reached on Schultz's wild pitch.

After hitting a batter, allowing a single and a fielder's choice in which the batter reached on an error, Schultze fanned Reggie Willits for the second out.

Sandwiched between two singles was another strikeout, but Greg Porter reached on an errant third strike.

Schultz finished the inning by striking out Gates for the second time.



Pampa News photo by REDONN WOODS

Golf Scramble

Ricky Martin practices for the putting contest at the the Lions Club golf tournament on Friday, August 6. The tournament will be a day/night Golf Scramble. The four-person scramble will feature a shotgun start with a 5:30 p.m. registration time. Only one player from each team have a handicap of nine or less. Entry fee for the Lions Club Scramble is \$45. This includes cart, green fees and "Glow Ball." For additional information call about this tournament or other upcoming events at Hidden Hills contact David Teichmen at the Hidden Hills Pro Shop by calling 806-669-5866.

Duck breeding population slightly down from last year

BISMARCK, ND- Last spring a dozen US Fish and Wildlife Service pilotbiologists revved their planes' engines in preparation for next year's 50th anniversary of the world's largest wildlife inventory, the spring waterfowl breeding population and habi-

What they found was a significant decline in May ponds and an 11 percent drop in the breeding population of ducks across the traditional survey areathat includes Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Alaska, Yukon Territory, the Dakotas and western Montana.

The spring breeding population of mallards dropped to 7.4 million from last year's 7.9 million, a one-year decline of seven percent and one percent below the long-term average. The spring mallard population is the lowest it's been since 1994, the year the most recent drought ended.

The total duck population dropped to 32 million from 2003's 36 million, a decline of 11 percent and three percent below the long-term

average. Prospects for a good year of production don't appear favorable given a 24percent drop in the May pond count across the traditional survey area.

Hardest hit by dry conditions were prairie Alberta (down 43 percent from last year and 30 percent from the long-term average), prairie Saskatchewan (down 32 percent from a year ago and 26 percent from the LTA) and the eastern Dakotas (down 32 percent from 2003 and 20 percent long-term). Over-all May ponds across the prairie pothole region (PPR) were down 24 percent from last year and 19 percent from the long-term

'We got a mixed bag of news this spring. Many areas of the prairies were very dry when the springsurvey was conducted, and apparently some of the early-nesting birds like mallards and pintails over-flew the breeding grounds and headed north into Canada's bush country.'

— Rob Olson County Delta Waterfowl President

"We got a mixed bag of news this spring," says Rob Olson, president of Delta Waterfowl. "Many areas of the prairies were very dry when the springsurvey was conducted, and apparently some of the early-nesting birds like mallards and pintails over-flew the breeding grounds and headed north into Canada's bush country."

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Horoscope Friday, July 16, 2004

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Saturday, July 17, 2004:

Aries (March 21-April 19)
 ***** A resolution involving your family will stick. Think of different approaches and solutions. The traditional will not work. Humor will loosen up others later in the day. Don't sit at home; **step out the door.** Tonight: You're the life of the party.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
 ***** You might be up for a change of pace, which might be meeting someone halfway to visit. New wheels might fit the bill. You also might decide that another form of communication could work. Plan on heading home late this afternoon. Tonight: Surprise! The party is at your place.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
 ***** Use the morning to pay bills and balance your budget. When you clear out the door this afternoon, you can let go of responsibilities and simply enjoy yourself. You don't have to go far. Chat, catch up on friends' news and meet new people. Tonight: Hang out at a favorite spot.
CANCER (June 21-July 22)
 ***** You are on cruise control as the day begins. Be spontaneous and do what feels right. Your personality attracts others. Make the most of the moment. You tend to go to extremes later in the day, as you are having such a good time. Tonight: Don't count on an early night.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
 ***** Use the morning for personal matters. You might not want to be found. Make a resolution about having more personal time. You will discover that by late afternoon you are in full swing again. Let your magnetism and personality roll. Tonight: Whatever makes the Lion happy.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
 ***** Use the daylight hours to interact with others. You will be more personable than usual. Make a personal resolution that is way overdue. Go for what you want. By late afternoon, you might want to do something just for yourself. Tonight: Vanish.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
 ***** You have handled enough responsibility. Perhaps it is time to take a break and do something for yourself. Enjoy yourself. Get together with friends. Let your hair down; paint the town red — just forget your burdens for now. Tonight: You are the party.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
 ***** Reach out for others and make calls in the morning. Your plans could change at the last minute. You discover something new or get key information. Others look to you for suggestions and ideas. Anything can happen. Tonight: You are the lead actor.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
 ***** You're right on about a partner who expresses his or her feelings. Make a new beginning together. Don't keep dealing with heavy matters. Go off and do something you both enjoy. Consider driving to a resort near you. Tonight: Try something different.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
 ***** Others simply want to be near you. You find that you might need to establish terms and boundaries. Watch all the innuendoes and moves toward you. Decide to be with one person at a time. Tonight: Get to know one of your admirers better.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
 ***** Plunge into a home project early on. You will get a lot done if you focus. You might make a resolution to do this more often or never to do it again. Loosen up later in the day and find your friends, who might pitch in. Tonight: Play the night away.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
 ***** You might have difficulty calming down, and why would you want to? Enjoy yourself. Let your imagination churn up your plans. Whatever happens, you'll have a great time. Your feelings about another person could be changing. Tonight: Hang loose, if you can.

BORN TODAY
 Actress Lucie Arnaz (1951), singer Phoebe Snow (1952), actor James Cagney (1899)

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NOTICE TO PUBLIC OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY OF PROPOSED RELEASE OF FUNDING FROM THE City of McLean, P.O. Box 9, McLean, TX 79055 TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, INDIVIDUALS AND PERSONS. Seventeen (17) days of this publication of McLean intend to request the Office of Community Affairs (OCA) to release funds under Title Housing and Community Development Act (P.L. 93-383), for No. 724519.

Exempt Activities
 Administration
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The proposed project includes the rehabilitation of nine (9) holding tanks using approximately 20,000 CY of concrete material, the installation of an irrigation system with piping and a major WWTP amendment is included in the budget.

Finding of Significant Impact
 It has been determined that such a release of funds constitute an activity significantly affecting the environment and the above named project of McLean has not prepared an Environmental Impact Statement under the Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91-190). The reason for such a finding is based on the fact that all mental concerns have been minimized.

An Environmental Record for the proposed project has been made by the City of McLean which includes the environmental review of the project. The reasons why such a finding is not required is not required. Environmental Record is on file at the City of McLean, Main, and is available for public examination. Copying upon request between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. day through Friday.

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McLean, TX 79057
TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS:
Seventeen (17) days after this publication the City of McLean intends to request the Office of Rural Community Affairs (ORCA) to release Federal funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (P.L. 93-383), for Project No. 724519.
Exempt Activities
Administration
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Environmental Assessment Activities
The proposed project includes the rehabilitation of nine (9) holding ponds using approximately 20,000 CY of clay liner material, the installation of an irrigation system with piping and valves. A major WWTP permit amendment is also included in the project budget.
Finding of No Significant Impact
It has been determined that such a request for release of funds will not constitute an action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment and accordingly the above named City of McLean has decided not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91-190). The reason for such a decision is based upon the fact that all environmental concerns could either be minimized or mitigated.
An Environmental Review Record for the proposed project has been made by the City of McLean which documents the environmental review of the project and more fully set forth the reasons why such statement is not required. This Environmental Review Record is on file at the office of the City Secretary, City of McLean, 220 N. Main, and is available for public examination and copying upon request between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.
Public Comments on Finding
All interested agencies, groups and persons disagreeing with this decision are invited to submit written comments for consideration by the City to the address set forth above. Such written comments must be received at the address specified within

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sixteen (16) days after this publication. All such comments so received will be considered and the City will not request the release of funds or take any administrative action on the project prior to the date specified in the preceding sentence.
Release of Funds
The City of McLean will undertake the project described with Community Development Block Grant under Title I from its program year 2004 under grant number 724519 from the Housing Community Development Act of 1974. The City of McLean is certifying to ORCA that Frank Warner in his official capacity as Mayor, consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to environmental reviews, decision making and action; and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The legal effect of the certification is that upon its approval, the City of McLean may use the Block Grant funds and it will have satisfied its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. ORCA will accept an objection to its approval only on one or more of the bases and the procedures described in 24 CFR Part 58.75. Objections are to be addressed to the office of Rural Community Affairs, P.O. Box 12877, Austin, Texas 78711. Objections to the release of funds on bases other than one of those stated above will not be considered by ORCA. No objections received later than thirty-three (33) days after this publication will be considered by ORCA. The Chief Executive Officer of the City of McLean is Frank Warner, E-64 July 16, 2004.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of FANNIR DORA HINDS, Deceased, were issued on July 12, 2004, in Cause No. 0901, pending in the County Court of GRAY County, Texas, to LARRY HINDS.
All persons having claims against this Estate which are currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.
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3 Family Appliances, furniture, baby items, yard toys, misc. 2100 N. Summer. Sat. only, 9 a.m. No early sales.
2428 Cherokee, Fri., Sat. 8-4. Computer desk, golf clubs, crib, tires, sewing mach. cabinet, etc.
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GARAGE Sale Sat & Sun 8-? 509 N. Christy
3 Family Garage Sale. 9 a.m., Friday & Saturday, 1927 N. Nelson.
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4 Season Sale, Fri. & Sat. 9-? 525 Hazel. Plus sizes, new stuffed toys, lots more. No Early Birds.
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ST. Vincent's gym Flea Market! Fri 8-5, Sat 8-1 Lot's of gently used merchandise!!! No checks.
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House curbs loans for U.S. companies moving offshore

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House is taking an election-year swipe at U.S. companies that have lowered their tax bills by moving offshore, voting to bar them from receiving some lower-cost federal loans.

The Republican-led chamber voted 270-132 to add the provision to a \$19.4 billion foreign aid bill. In a long day of voting, the chamber also added provisions to the measure trimming aid to Saudi Arabia and penalizing countries that would hand over Americans to a permanent international court for war crimes.

The foreign aid bill passed easily, 365-41. But the votes blocking Export-Import Bank loans to companies that moved their offices to other countries and cutting Saudi aid were setbacks to the Bush administration and the House's GOP leaders.

The tallies, however, were not the final word on the issues, with the Senate yet to craft its version of the overall legislation and the administration still to decide how much muscle to flex before signing the package into law.

Rep. Bernard Sanders, I-Vt., chief sponsor of the proposal to block loans to departed U.S. businesses,

said Americans are "outraged by companies that come begging to Washington for corporate welfare and taxpayer dollars while they move to tax haven countries."

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At a time of voter outrage over companies that ship U.S. jobs abroad, that argument outweighed those of opponents, who said loans by the bank — a federal agency — go only to American exporting companies.

"It hurts workers in this country" who produce those exports, said Rep. Jim Kolbe, R-Ariz. "It hurts the economy of this country."

Earlier, the House voted 287-131 to derail a bipartisan effort to slice Egypt's \$1.3 billion in military aid by nearly half and give the funds to that country as economic assistance instead.

That vote represented a victory for Secretary of State Colin Powell, who personally wrote lawmakers

urging them to leave the military aid intact.

Powell wrote that failure to do so could imperil the U.S. relationship with Egypt just as that country prepares to keep the peace in Gaza should Israel, as promised, withdraw from there. He also warned the military aid cut would jeopardize \$2.2 billion in Egyptian defense contracts with U.S. companies — an argument that congressional aides said helped tip the balance.

But in a slap at another American ally in the Middle East — and over White House objections — the Republican-run chamber voted to erase the token amount of aid in the bill for Saudi Arabia. U.S. officials have alternated between praising the desert kingdom for its efforts against terrorism and chiding it for not doing enough.

The 217-191 vote — in which 60 Republicans broke with the White House — also means Saudi Arabia won't qualify for millions of dollars in price breaks for some American military equipment and U.S. training of its defense forces, said the sponsor of the effort, Rep. Anthony Weiner, D-N.Y. He said the bill had \$25,000 for Saudi Arabia, aid that by law triggered lower costs for military aid.

John Kerry wooing educators

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democrat John Kerry is giving teachers a promise he claims President Bush has left behind: to put as much money behind the nation's education reforms as allowed under law.

"No broken promises on funding, and no more empty rhetoric on reform," Kerry said in prepared remarks to the American Federation of Teachers. "As president, I will meet our responsibilities. We're going to get this done right because we know that empty rhetoric and empty promises lead to empty dreams, and we won't let that happen in our America."

Kerry was taking his message Friday to 3,000 delegates at the AFT convention, where he was also expected to pick up their endorsement.

He took on the topic dominating debate in education — No Child Left Behind, the law that was Bush's first domestic priority and that won overwhelming support in 2001 from Congress, including Kerry.

Despite record spending by the Republican-led Congress, critics ranging from legislatures to educators say the law is underfunded by billions of dollars, in turn limiting schools' ability to improve.

Kerry has embraced the theme, saying he will fully fund the law, meaning the maximum amount authorized by Congress. That would cost an extra \$27 billion alone based

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on his estimate of the current shortfall.

"We value education as the path to opportunity in America, and we value the teachers who dedicate their lives to giving our young people the best possible start in life," Kerry said. "That means understanding that we can't create good schools on the cheap."

Republicans say schools have enough money to meet the law's requirements, and that parents have become exasperated watching tax money pumped into an education system that isn't producing results for kids.

The law requires a highly qualified teacher in all core classes, expanded standardized testing, more school choice and reporting on how poor, minority and other students perform. Schools that get federal poverty aid but don't make enough progress are supposed to get extra help under the law, but they also face sanctions that grow more severe yearly.

Kerry had other messages sure to resonate with the teachers: improving student graduation rates, reforming testing, lowering health care costs.

The 1.3-million member AFT is composed primarily of public school teachers but also includes health care workers, college faculty and government workers from the local to federal level. The largest teachers union, the National Education Association, has already endorsed Kerry.

OPEC to make increase in oil output ceiling

LONDON (AP) — OPEC hopes to put a lid on stubbornly high crude prices by adding 500,000 barrels a day to its targeted output, but high worldwide demand for oil and a dearth of spare production capacity could spoil its plans.

With most members of the cartel already pumping all they can, analysts worry that a disruption in crude shipments from a major producer could raise prices to damaging new heights.

Indeed, some observers estimate that the world has little more than 1 million barrels in spare capacity remaining — a small cushion if shipments stop suddenly from places like Iraq.

"I think these are dangerous times. The danger is that a supply disruption at this stage would create unprecedented problems and unprecedented prices," said Peter Gignoux, a London-

based oil adviser for GDP Associates.

Already the price of crude has been hovering around an uncomfortable \$40 a barrel for more than two months. On Thursday, the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries decided to raise its daily production target by 2 percent, or 500,000 barrels, in an effort to keep prices from spiraling higher still. The cartel pumps more than a third of the world's oil.

OPEC made the increase automatic by mutual agreement, and canceled a formal meeting it had planned for its members on July 21 at its headquarters in Vienna, Austria, said Purnomo Yudiantoro, the group's president. The increase will take effect Aug. 1.

Although oil-exporting countries are happy to maximize profits, OPEC and its de facto leader Saudi Arabia

worry that global economic growth and the long-term demand for crude could suffer if prices soar higher.

Contracts of U.S. light crude for August delivery fell 20 cents to settle at \$40.77 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

But few analysts expect lower prices to last, noting production is already above quota and oil markets had already factored the output increase into prices.

"The increase itself has been telegraphed in the same fashion that dropping a brick on someone's toe gives a hint," said Jan Stuart of New York brokerage FIMAT USA.

OPEC agreed last month to make a two-step increase in its output ceiling to try to calm oil markets, which are jittery over pipeline attacks in Iraq and terrorism in Saudi Arabia.

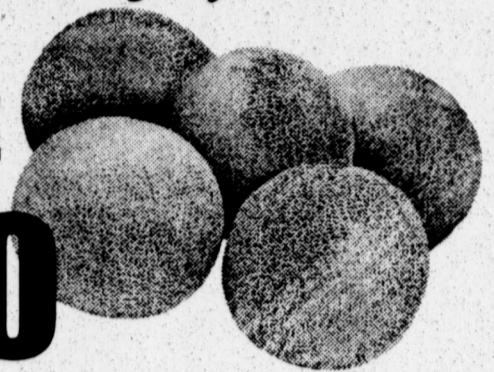
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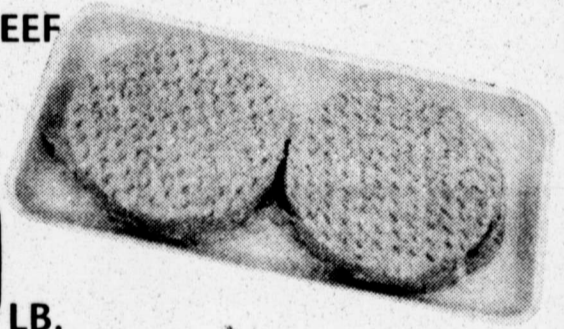
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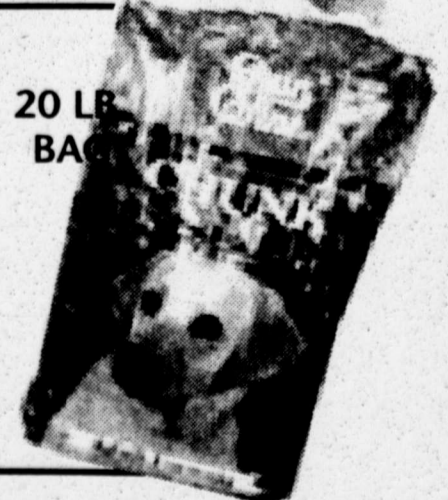
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