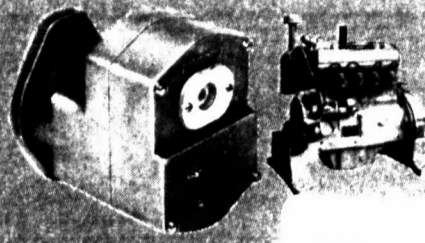


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Police find boy, 11, living alone in filth

Mother free on \$2,500 bond on child abandonment charges

By **MARILYN POWERS**
Staff Writer

A Pampa woman is free on \$2,500 bond after turning herself in to Gray County Jail Tuesday on a charge of abandoning/endangering a child.

Margaret B. Stevens, 44, whose address is listed by the jail as 414 E. Browning, was released at about 3:30 p.m., Tuesday, after turning herself in that morning, according to a Gray County Jail spokesperson.

Stevens' bond had origi-

nally been set by Precinct 1 Justice of the Peace Joe Martinez at \$30,000, according to a press release from Pampa Police Department dated Aug. 18. A subsequent hearing before Martinez, involving 31st District Attorney Rick Roach, result-

ed in the bond being reduced to \$2,500, and the degree of the felony reduced from second-degree to state jail felony, according to Roach.

Stevens' 11-year-old son was found alone by Pampa police officers at a house at 414 E. Browning on Friday,

Aug. 13, after an anonymous call was received by Pampa emergency services, said Police Chief Trevlyn Pitner. The caller said the child had been living alone at the house.

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Descriptions draw tips in prostitute murders

By **MARILYN POWERS**
Staff Writer

Gray County Sheriff's Office has received several calls in response to descriptions of a semi-tractor trailer rig and its driver which a 23-year-old female homicide victim was seen entering hours before her body was found near a rest area along Interstate 40 near Hydro, Okla. last Saturday morning.

The woman may be the latest in a series of homicides by a suspected serial killer. Between 10 and 15 victims have been found in a region including Texas and Oklahoma, and some victims have been linked to prostitution. The slayings have occurred within the past couple of years.

One unidentified homicide victim was found Oct. 16, 2003 near Mile Marker 132 on I-40 in Gray County. She has not been identified, nor has a suspect been identified or arrested, said Chief Deputy Kelly Rushing. The sheriff's office can neither confirm nor rule out the possibility that the death of the woman found in Gray County is connected to the

other homicide victims. Rushing said.

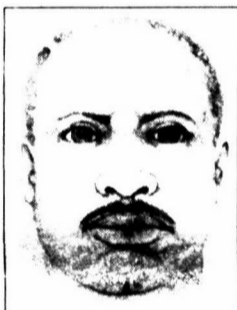
"We have to consider that this may have something to do with our homicide in Gray County. We're working closely with the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation and others," Rushing said.

The latest victim has been identified as Taddemika McHenry. The semi she was last seen getting into is described as banana-yellow in color, with a Tasmanian Devil decal on the side of the vehicle, either underneath the sleeper or on the side of the hood. Witnesses also say the rig's stack, grill and tanks are chrome. Amber colored lights cover the top and along the side of the semi.

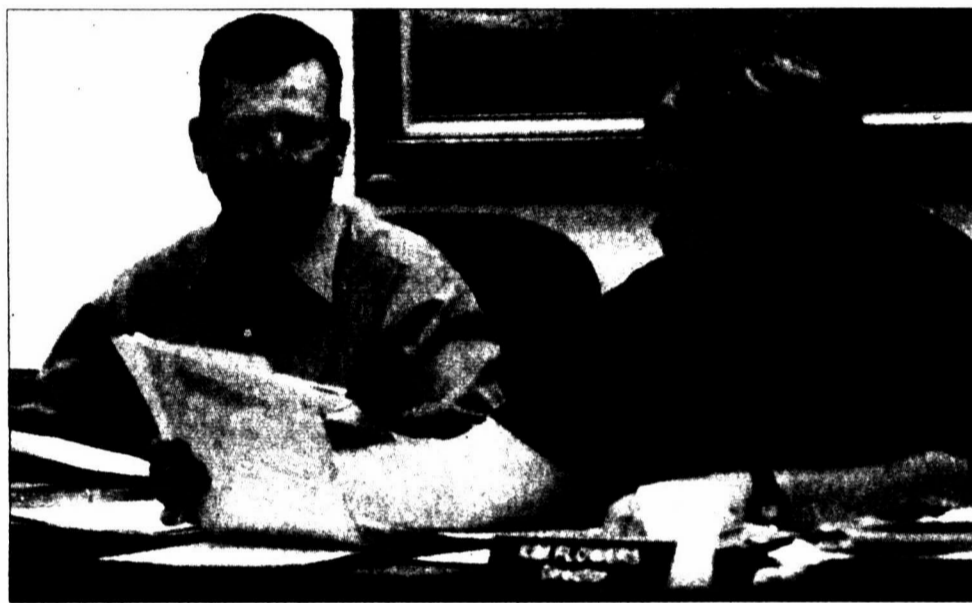
"We've had several calls here in town about seeing a yellow truck," Rushing said.

The driver is described as a black male, 5'7" tall, about 120 pounds, with a medium complexion, a cleft in his chin, and both upper front teeth capped in gold. The man is 25 to 35 years old and has a Jamaican-type accent.

Anyone with information on the rig or driver may call the sheriff's office at 669-8022 or the OSBI hotline at 1-800-522-8017.



Suspect



Pampa News photo by DAVID BOWSER
John R. Spearman, vice president of the Panhandle Ground Water Conservation District board of directors, left, discusses proposed rule changes with board member Kim Flowers, right, during Wednesday's meeting.

PGWCD pondering Pickens' well permits

By **DAVID BOWSER**
Staff Writer

WHITE DEER -- With no opposition, the board of the Panhandle Ground Water Conservation District set Sept. 29 as a hearing date for Boone Pickens' multiple well drilling application.

The deadline for public comment is Sept. 17.

"We have worked closely with those guys," C.E. Williams, general manager of the PGWCD, said of Pickens and his representative Mike Jackson.

Pickens has drilled three eight-inch wells on a western tract of land on his ranch. Although the wells are covered by a High Impact Production Permit, Pickens neglected to get a multi-well permit.

John R. Spearman, vice president of the board, noted that the driller at the time may have been lax in not seeing that the wells on the western tract were properly permitted. Williams said that meetings recently with area

drillers have increased their understanding of and cooperation with the district's rules.

"We're making progress," Williams said.

Board member Kim Flowers said she wanted people to cooperate with the district rather than hit them over the head with rules.

Williams said the wells were drilled prior to the passage of the district's new rules and would have met the rules at the time they were drilled. They simply weren't permitted.

Board member John McKissack, however, said that he found Pickens' actions offensive.

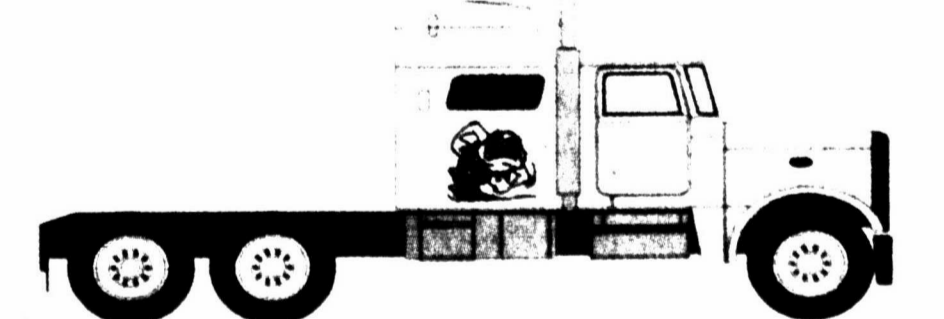
"To ask forgiveness rather than permission flies all over me," McKissack said.

Flowers said that in a letter to the district, Pickens took responsibility for the mistake.

"I expect our rules to be adhered to," said Spearman.

Board President Charles Bowers

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This is an artist's rendering of a description of a truck which Oklahoma's latest murder victim was seen getting into only hours before her body was found.

Early morning house fire

Officials investigating blaze as possible arson

By **DEE DEE LARAMORE**
Editor

Pampa fire officials continue to seek the cause of a house fire on Maple Street early today.

"All indications are it was probably an intentionally-set fire," said Pampa Fire Marshal Gary Stevens. Stevens planned to return to the

scene of the early morning blaze this afternoon to continue his investigation of what caused the fire, he said.

A person passing by the house at 421 Maple reported the fire shortly after 2 a.m. this morning.

Stevens said that, so far, he's been unable to find out who the person was that first saw the fire

and alerted authorities.

Five fire department vehicles and 10 firefighters responded to the blaze.

The fire appeared to have started at the front door and extended to the front part of the house, fire officials said.

"Damage was basically smoke throughout the house," Stevens

said. "(There was) not a lot of fire damage."

Fire officials estimated the house sustained approximately \$5,000 to \$10,000 in damages.

"The house had electricity to it, but I haven't been able to find out who lives there," the fire marshal said.

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Obituaries

Esther Sweigart Fenno, 98

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Esther Sweigart Fenno, 98, of Albuquerque, died Monday, Aug. 16, 2004, at Albuquerque. Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, Aug. 20, 2004, at Fairview Cemetery in Pampa, Texas, with Wyatt Fenno, grandson and minister with the Quail Springs Church of Christ in Oklahoma City, Okla., officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa, Texas.

Mrs. Fenno was born Oct. 7, 1905, in Lancaster County, Pa. She was reared on a farm and ranch near Perryton, Texas, where she met and married Ernest G. Fenno in June of 1925. They later resided in Borger, Texas, and Lefors, Texas.

While in Lefors, she was a member of the Lefors Church of Christ and was an active member of the Lefors Senior Citizens Center, often helping with the preparation of meals.

She moved to Albuquerque in 1988 to make her home with her daughter and son-in-law.

Survivors include two daughters, Ruth Tucker and husband Dewitt and Betty Roark, all of Albuquerque, N.M.; one son, C.E. Fenno

and wife Jo Ann of Pampa, Texas; four grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews; one sister in Indiana; a brother in Florida; and a very dear friend, Marcie Scott.

She was preceded in death by a son-in-law, Joe Roark; five sisters; and four brothers.

The family will receive friends at Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Home in Pampa, Texas, from 6-8 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 19, 2004.

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

CONNERVILLE, Okla. — Graveside services for Earl D. Hilton, 75, of Connerville will be held on Friday, Aug. 20, 2004, at 1 p.m. at the Connerville Cemetery with the Rev. David Browning officiating. Mr. Hilton passed away on Sunday, Aug. 15, at his home.

Earl was born on Jan. 16, 1929, in Connerville. His parents were Newt P. and Ali Ogusta Roach. He graduated from high school and attend-

Earl D. Hilton, 75

ed college in Texas. Earl married Rosalena Hayes on July 30, 1949, in Wheeler, Texas, and they lived there for many years before moving to Johnston County in 1975. He was a farmer and rancher most of his life.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, on Sept. 28, 1999; a brother, J.P. "Pete" Hilton; and two sisters, Billie Ward and Faye Weldon.

Earl is survived by two sons, Earl D. Hilton, Jr., of

Sherman, Texas, and Kenneth R. Hilton of Duncanville, Texas; two daughters, Donna Lynn Coburn of Fort Worth, Texas, and Susan Rene McGough of Denison, Texas; a brother, L.V. Hilton of Dallas, Texas; eight grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Arrangements are under the direction of Clark Funeral Service of Tishomingo, Okla.

Rose Nichols Johnson, 51



Johnson

Rose Nichols Johnson, 51, of Pampa, Texas, died Wednesday, Aug. 18, 2004, at Pampa. Vigil services will be at 7 p.m. today, Aug. 19, 2004, at Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel and liturgy of the word will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Aug. 20, 2004, at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church with the Rev. Tony Neusch, associate pastor, officiating.

Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Johnson was born Sept. 6, 1952, in Pampa,

where she was a lifelong resident. She was a 1970 graduate of Pampa High School. She married Chris Johnson on June 2, 1972, in Pampa. She was a member of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church. She was a registered esthetician.

Survivors include her husband, Chris Johnson, of the home; three sons, Ross Johnson and wife Toni of Amarillo, Scott Johnson, Bryan Johnson and wife Tiffany, all of Lubbock;

one daughter, Valorie Johnson of Houston; her mother, Correne Nichols of Pampa; two sisters, Peggy Rodriguez and husband Domingo and Jan Trusty and husband Clyde, all of Pampa; and four grandchildren, Taylor Vinson and Paten Johnson, both of Amarillo, Alexis Johnson and Alex Johnson, both of Lubbock.

The family requests memorials be to Scleroderma Foundation of America, 12 Kent Way, Suite 101, Byfield, MA 01922.

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

Pauline Golden, 89

Pauline Golden, 89, of Pampa, Texas, died Wednesday, Aug. 18, 2004, at Amarillo, Texas. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 21, 2004, at Memory Gardens Cemetery with the Rev. Fines Marchman, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Skellytown, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Golden was born Dec. 4, 1914, in Faxon, Okla. She married Alvie Tom "Red" Golden on May 3, 1929, at Olton, Okla. He preceded her in death on April 9, 1982. She had been a resident of Pampa since 1948. She was a member of the Calvary Baptist Church. She was a homemaker and a gardener.

Survivors include one daughter, Marie Griggs of Amarillo; one brother, John Bolton Howell of

Anchorage, Alaska; one grandson, Jay Griggs and wife Christy of Amarillo; and four great-grandchildren, Josh, Anna, Stephanie and Alli.

The family requests memorials be to BSA Hospice, P.O. Box 950, Amarillo, TX 79176.

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

Sara Ontiveros, 18, of Pampa, died Sunday, Aug. 15, 2004, at Abilene. Vigil services will be at 6 p.m. Friday at Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel. Funeral mass is scheduled for 10 a.m. Saturday in St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church with the Rev. Michael Colwell, associate pastor, officiating.

Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direc-

Sara Ontiveros, 18

tion of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Ontiveros was born Oct. 30, 1985, in California. She had been a Pampa resident for approximately eight years and graduated from Pampa High School.

She was a member of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church.

Mrs. Ontiveros had been

employed at both Braum's and McDonalds.

Survivors include a daughter, Jaelyn Jade Soliz of Pampa; her parents, Rene and Martha Ontiveros of Pampa; a sister, Vanessa Ontiveros of Pampa; and her grandmother, Sara Soto of California.

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

Services tomorrow

FENNO, Esther Sweigart — Graveside services, 10 a.m., Fairview Cemetery, Pampa.
HILTON, Earl D. — Graveside services, 1 p.m., Connerville Cemetery, Connerville, Okla.
ONTIVEROS, Sara — Vigil services, 6 p.m., Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

Gray County Weather

Today: A 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 77. South

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derstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 58. North northwest wind around 5 mph.



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Emergency Services

Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department today reported the following incidents and arrests.

Wednesday, Aug. 18
 Theft was reported in the lobby of the police department. A bicycle valued at

approximately \$100 was reported taken from the 1300 block of Garland.

A 17-year-old female was reported missing from the 1700 block of North Russell.

Ian David Spencer, 19, 232 Tignor, was arrested on a bond surrender for burglary of a building.

Frank Jeffery Walker, 49, 321 N. Faulkner, was arrested for driving while intoxicated.

Sheriff

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

Wednesday, Aug. 18
 Gregory Edmon Harden, 35, 1700 Duncan, was arrested for a probation violation on a charge of violation of a protective order.

Enrique Lopez Hernandez, 22, Stinnett, was arrested for no driver's license and is being held for the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

Charleton Dorian Jeffery, 28, Peoria, Ariz., was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety for possession of marijuana over 5 pounds and under 50 pounds.

Francisco Toxqui, 59, Compton, Calif., was arrested by DPS for firing a gun in the air.

Adam Slater, 21, 432 Wynne, was arrested for disorderly conduct/language.

Accidents

Pampa Police Department today reported the following

accidents.

Wednesday, Aug. 18
 9 a.m. — A 2002 GMC extended cab pickup, driven by Bobby Dewayne Sanders, 51, White Deer, and a 1996 Buick Regal, driven by Gary Wayne Troutner, 31, 1020 Charles, collided on private property in the 1300 block of North Hobart. No injuries were reported, and no citations were issued.

3:21 p.m. — A 2002 Ford Focus, driven by Kima Crystal Blanco, 31, 526 N. Gray, collided with an Xcel Energy light pole in the 1100 block of West Somerville and then came to rest in a parking lot. Blanco was transported by Guardian Ambulance Service to Pampa Regional Medical Center with non-incapacitating injuries. She was cited for DWI - alcohol/drugs.

Fire

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

Wednesday, Aug. 18
 3:25 p.m. — One unit and four firefighters responded to a motor vehicle collision in the 1200 block of North Somerville.

Thursday, Aug. 19
 2:03 a.m. — Five units and 10 firefighters responded to a structure fire in the 400 block of Maple. Firefighters extinguished the fire at the front door and front interior. The fire is under investigation.

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The boy admitted officers inside the home, which was filled with debris, animal feces and urine, and dirty clothing.

"There was little furniture in the house, trash was heaped in the kitchen and living room, and dirty clothes were strewn about the bedroom floors. There were several pets at the residence that were covered with fleas. Throughout, the house also, feces, urine and vomit from the pets was discovered on the beds, furniture and floors," according to the police department release. The pets included at least two cats, a Chihuahua, a guinea pig and a turtle, all of which were removed to Pampa Animal Shelter, according to the release.

Police estimate that the boy had been living alone at the house for "at least a month, possibly two," the release said. "Officers learned that

the mother would come by once or twice a week to bring food. Two adult sisters were also aware of the plight of the young boy," according to the release.

"One of the sisters took him to register for school," Pitner said.

Child Protective Services representatives were called to the scene and took the boy into their custody, according to the release. CPS planned to order a physical and psychological examination of the boy, the release said.

"The boy did not know where his mother was living, and had lost the phone number she had given him. Officers believed he had last seen relatives on Thursday, Aug. 12," the release said.

Police sought a warrant for the arrest of Stevens, and "got the warrant Friday night," Pitner said. "We looked for her over the weekend," he said.

"We got a call Monday from the jail that Mark Buzzard had called there and said she would turn herself in at 7 a.m. or so on Tuesday,"

Pitner said. Buzzard is a Pampa attorney in private practice.

Roach sought a second bond hearing Tuesday to ask that the degree of the charge and amount of bond be reduced, although he has not yet received the police department's investigation results concerning the case.

"We've not received the formal file. I did receive a formal petition for habeas corpus for the purpose of having bond reduced; also, a statement from CPS with statements attributed to the child; also, other information from law enforcement," Roach said when asked his basis for the reduction request.

"I got a visit from the defendant's attorney," he said. Roach decided to seek the reduction after he was

approached by Buzzard and CPS and "looked at the facts."

"To me, it is a state jail felony offense. Often, if there is any question, you initially go for the highest charge. You can always lower it."

"I don't think we can prove abandonment without intent to return, or imminent danger," Roach said, noting that the mother had been making regular visits to the boy at the house to bring food. "It would be costly for me to defend that (original) bond when I don't think that's defendable," he said.

Roach said he asked that the severity of the charge and amount of bond be reduced based on definitions in the state penal code and the circumstances of the case.

"The warrant was originally issued on a second-degree felony charge, and the JP set bond on that basis," Roach

said today.

Roach said that under Section 22.041 of the Texas Penal Code, there are three levels of severity possible under the charge filed against Stevens: second degree, third degree and state jail felony, with second degree being the most serious.

"Essentially, the only way you're going to show a second degree felony is if the actor abandons the child under circumstances that a reasonable person would believe would result in imminent danger to the child," Roach said. "A third degree felony talks about if a child is just purely abandoned, to leave in any place without providing reasonable and necessary care. A state jail felony is if the child is abandoned with intent to return for the child."

One factor of the boy's situation which is still under evaluation is his mental competency.

"My understanding is he was mentally challenged, but has always been that way," Roach said.

The mother left the child at the house alone because he did not want to be separated from his pets. "The explanation I got is that the child wanted to stay there because of the animals. He really loves his animals," Roach said.

"A bail bond is not a punitive thing. It's not to be used for purposes of punishment. It is to be set in an amount which will ensure the attendance of the defendant," Roach said.

The boy remains in CPS temporary custody. Police continue their investigation.

'The boy did not know where his mother was living, and had lost the phone number she had given him.'

— Lt. Fred Courtney
Pampa Police Dept.

Permits

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said that he would rather work with people in the district than make things more difficult for them.

Because the total of the two tracts is smaller than the initial permit, Pickens will pump less water than originally permitted.

There had been a problem with well spacing on the western track, PGWCD officials said. One of the proposed wells was closer to the property line than rules allowed, but with Pickens' purchase of 3,900 acres from the neighboring Reynolds estate, the well now lies within the allowed boundary line rules.

"It meets all rules of the district," Williams told the board during their monthly meeting here Wednesday.

The wells are to be used for

domestic, livestock and wildlife purposes, Williams said.

"It will actually lower the amount by 11,000 acre-feet of what can be pumped," he said.

The high impact production permit will expire May 15, 2007, unless Pickens finds a buyer for the water. Williams, however, said that Pickens could then apply for an initial production permit under the district's new rules that has replaced the high impact production permit of the past.

While no one spoke in opposition during the public comment period Wednesday, Robert Jacobs of Pampa, representing the Reynolds estate, said the estate supported Pickens' application.

The public hearing will be at 10 a.m., Sept. 29, at the district offices in White Deer.

In a related matter, Pickens is also proposing to drill one single well on an eastern tract of land. At the same time, he is withdrawing 320 acres from the permit along the southern boundary of his ranch.

A split board approved the four single well permits on the eastern track of Pickens' ranch.

The board also approved single well permits for Rhonda McWhorter in Wheeler, the W.A. and Agnes Mays Trust in Potter County, Leroy McMurtry in Potter County, Gene Hill in Donley County, Dominion Homes LP in Potter County and Kirk

'To ask forgiveness rather than permission flies all over me.'

— John McKissack
PGWCD board member

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tion. (See related story, Page 1.)

Ambulance

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

Wednesday, Aug. 18

8:04 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2100 block of Chestnut and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

11:12 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient to Baptist-St. Anthony's West, Amarillo.

3:23 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1000 block

of West Somerville and transported a patient to PRMC.

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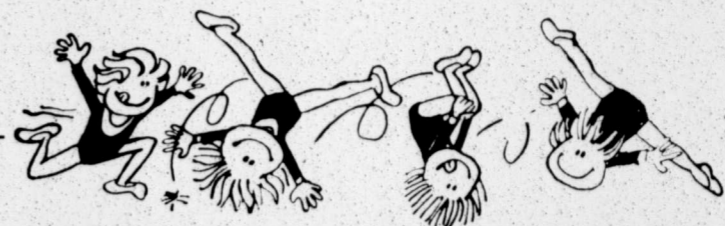
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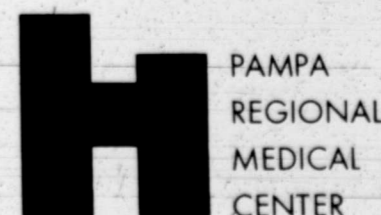
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Viewpoints

Black bear bares bias against Busch beer

What would you think of a bear with an obvious bias towards a specific brand of alcoholic beverage? Too far-fetched to be true, right? Well, not according to an Associated Press article found on-line this week through "Yahoo!® News."

Titled "Bear Drinks 36 Cans of Favorite Beer," the AP article relates how a black bear went on a marathon binge recently in Washington state and showed quite a preference for Rainier beer as opposed to rival Busch, getting himself so inebriated on the

Rainier, which the AP said he filched from campers' coolers, that he passed out cold on a resort lawn at Baker Lake, Wash.

Funny bear.

"Fish and Wildlife enforcement Sgt. Bill Heinck," the AP noted, "said the bear did try one can of Busch, but ignored the rest."

Wouldn't you call this scenario an advertising executive's dream?

Picture this — a huge, menacing black bear, full of attitude and a macho waddle, swaggers into a campground and holds campers

up for, you guessed it, Rainier beer.

"Come on, folks. This is a stick up," the bear growls, a lethal-looking firearm swinging from a strap around his massive neck. "Empty those coolers. I want all your Rainier, and I want it now. And I'm warnin' you, don't try to trick me 'cause I know Rainier from Busch, see?"

Or, how about a cuddly

black bear wearing, say, a baseball cap and a red tank top. That's nice and cuddly, don't you think?

Asked to participate in a taste test, he takes off his ball cap while some human fits him with a blindfold then rubs his paws as he prepares to flex his taste buds. And what do you know? He chooses Rainier beer over the contender which is, of course,

Busch.

Or a brawny black bear strolling casually into a crowded bar. The patrons all run for cover except for the bartender cowering behind the counter.

After situating his hefty rump on a barstool, the bear leans over the counter. "Hey, bartender dude, got any Rainier beer? Grrrrrrr."

The bartender is so nervous he accidentally serves up a pint of Busch, to the extreme displeasure of the bear.

"No, wonder the party-crowd up and left," the bear

drawls, "you're servin' up Busch instead of Rainier."

Shaking his head in disgust, the bear drops to all fours and ambles out of the now empty establishment.

A commercial based on actual events is not a bad idea either; however, it needs THE BEAR to give it that authentic, unimpeachable quality, don't you think?

Alas, the bear in question, "THE RAINIER BEAR," has been relocated by wildlife officials due to his predilection to return to the site of his beer guzzling.

Skyla Bryant
Columnist



Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, Aug. 19, the 232nd day of 2004. There are 134 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Aug. 19, 1812, the USS Constitution defeated the British frigate Guerriere east of Nova Scotia during the War of 1812.

On this date:

In 1848, the New York Herald reported the discovery of gold in California.

In 1929, the comedy program "Amos and Andy," starring Freeman Gosden and Charles Correll, made its network radio debut on NBC.

In 1934, a plebiscite in Germany approved the vesting of sole executive power in Adolf Hitler.

In 1942, about 6,000 Canadian and British soldiers launched a disastrous raid against the Germans at Dieppe, France, suffering about 50 percent casualties.

In 1955, severe flooding in the Northeast claimed some 200 lives.

In 1960, a tribunal in Moscow convicted American U-2 pilot Francis Gary Powers of espionage.

In 1974, U.S. Ambassador Rodger P. Davies was fatally wounded by a bullet that penetrated the American embassy in Nicosia, Cyprus, during a protest by Greek Cypriots.

In 1976, President Ford won the Republican presidential nomination at the party's convention in Kansas City.

In 1977, comedian Groucho Marx died in Los Angeles at age 86.



Our readers write

Horton heads to England

Editor's Note: J.B. Horton is a longtime Pampa and graduate of Pampa High School. Since going to Washington, D.C., he has periodically written columns for The Pampa News telling about his experiences in the nation's capitol. We wish him and his wife well in their new venture.

Friends:
After five years of blood, sweat and tears (and a few laughs) it is time for me to move on to the next chapter in life. My wife and I are

moving from Washington D.C. to Leeds, England. It has been such an honor to work in the Bush Administration — memories that will stay with me for a lifetime!

The best way to reach us in the UK will be at this e-mail address: jbandlitzuk2004@yahoo.com

I will be working towards a masters in business administration and have been blessed with a scholarship to help. Liz will be working hard in a new job (and paying for the bills) — exciting times for both of us. Please keep in touch and good luck with everything you are doing. God bless.

J.B. Horton

Democrats' double standards

Democrats are demanding that President Bush stop Vietnam Veterans for Truth — an organization over which he has no control — from running their TV ad questioning John Kerry's claims about his Vietnam service. They want him to condemn the ad.

The Democrats, however, refuse to apologize for the ads that are being taken out by Moveon.org and the other sleazy 527 organizations they have doing their dirty work for them. They think that they have every right to do or say anything they want regarding the president, but the president has no right to

say anything, nor have groups opposing John Kerry any right to express their opinion about John Kerry.

Senator **Michael Reagan** Columnist

Kerry wants to go through this election without having anyone talk about his record, or talk about his past. When the news media talk about Kerry's ads about the president they talk solely about the content of his ads.

When they talk about the Bush ads they always refer

to them as "attack ads." Kerry's ads in their view are not attacks ads. He's merely opening horizons to allow people to think seriously about the issues even though the ads are a pack of lies.

The Democrats and the left will not apologize for their ads. They say they are sensitive, educational. They won't even apologize for Senator Tom Harkin's disgusting attack on Vice President Cheney,

whom he called a coward.

Here's what Harkin said: "When I hear this coming from Dick Cheney, who was a coward, who would not serve during the Vietnam War, it makes my blood boil," Harkin said. "Those of us who served and those of us who went in the military don't like it when someone like a Dick Cheney comes out and he wants to be tough. Yeah, he'll be tough. He'll be tough with somebody else's blood, somebody else's kids. But not when it was his turn to go."

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Visa regs should be same for all

El Paso Times on visa restrictions eased:

Logic, humanity and practicality all argue in favor of the visa-stay extensions that have been approved by the U.S. government.

Mexican nationals who have laser visas soon will be able to stay in the United States for up to a month instead of the restrictive three-day stays currently available. A date hasn't yet been set for the new limit, but it should be put in place and started as quickly as possible.

In one way, this decision was just bowing to what's already taking place. Until a

program called US-VISIT is under way, and that probably won't be very soon, it's very difficult for U.S. officials to keep track of people entering and leaving this country.

Because of that, many people already linger in the United States beyond the three-day limit.

But three days just isn't enough time to get a whole lot done, such as visiting family, friends and relatives, or taking a mini-vacation, or doing some thorough shopping. In an area such as El

Paso, where the economy can use every outside dollar it can get, this laser-visa extension could result in people dropping more money in local stores and for services. It's not going to save the economy, but every dollar helps.

As U.S. Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas, said, "Mexicans visiting with laser visas invest in our real estate, travel and support local industry. They have shown they are willing to visit this country legally and should be allowed to

stay as long as Canadians engaged in similar travel and commerce. It's the right thing to do for both our border economy and our short-term, nonimmigrant visitors."

He's right. And, that brings up the sore point of Canadian visitors. They've been allowed access to this country with much more freedom granted than have Mexicans. Border politicians, business groups and others have argued that the U.S. discriminates against Mexico because Canadians can enter this country for six

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CCPC scholarship recipients for the spring 2004 semester were Tina Renner, left, and Rhonda Gutierrez, both of Skellytown.

Deadline nears to apply for CCPC scholarships

Scholarships in the amount of \$500 are still available for the coming fall semester at Clarendon College-Pampa Center to students who qualify.

To be eligible for the scholarships, students must be enrolled full-time at CCPC or the ApTech Center. Applications require a minimum 2.5 grade point average for either the previous high school or college semester.

"With small children," Tina Renner, an office tech student at CCPC, said, "it was easier for me to go to school in town than to travel out of town. With fewer students per teacher, we also receive more individual attention."

For an application form or for more information, contact CCPC, 1601 W. Harvester, 665-8801.

The deadline to apply is Monday, Aug. 23. Classes for the new semester are scheduled to begin Aug. 25.

The scholarships are made possible through a grant from Amarillo Area Foundation which is administered through Pampa Center Foundation.

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— Tina Renner
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Calling the Vice President of the United States a coward because he did not serve in the military is really calling all the 14 million Americans who also didn't serve in Vietnam cowards.

That's perfectly fine with the Kerry crew who insist that Harkin had every right to make this slanderous charge, but when it comes to charges made by 254 brave men who served in Kerry's Vietnam unit — charges made by every single officer in the chain of command, many of them highly decorated — and

hordes of enlisted men as well, the President is told he must condemn them out of hand.

The fact that the president has already condemned all of the 527 groups' ads as an abuse of the campaign finance law is not enough for the Kerrycrats.

They want him to pull the veteran's ads off the air which he has absolutely no power to do. They know that, of course, but that doesn't stop them from shouting it from the rooftops. The truth is not in them.

They always find excuses to accept whatever their own people do, no matter how slimy their attacks are as long as they are pointing fin-

gers at the president. It isn't enough that the president has denounced all of these ads — they demand that he pull the swift boat ad, fully aware that it is not his ad and therefore can't order it stopped.

If I recall correctly, it was Kerry's running mate John Edwards who said if you want to know about Kerry's war record all you have to do is spend three minutes with anybody who served with him in Vietnam. Now come 254 veterans who did serve with John Kerry and the Kerry-Edwards campaign calls them liars.

Well, a lot of people are heeding Edwards' advice and spending time listening to men who did serve with

John Kerry, and Kerry and Edwards don't like it. As my colleagues at NewsMax.com reported the other day, 8,000 Americans from all across the nation have already contributed \$400,000 to help the vets keep the ad running.

Visas

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months with little more than proof of citizenship. And, they can travel throughout the United States.

Mexicans will still be limited to staying within 25 miles of the border in Texas and New Mexico, and 75

miles in Arizona.

There's a difference in the borders, certainly. The northern border, for example, has nowhere near the vast illegal immigration problems endemic on the southern border. That must be taken into account when determining entry and exit policies.

Those who argue that the laser-visa extensions will imperil national security

don't really have much of an argument. Laser visas can be obtained only from an American consulate or embassy after a criminal background check, and the visas bear the carrier's digital photos and fingerprints.

The new extension policy is welcome. And if it works well, more easing of restrictions shouldn't be out of the question.

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I'm writing concerning the letter from the 15-year-old girl, "Needs Closure in Georgia," whose grandfather committed suicide. You suggested she write a letter to him, and then to burn it.

Another useful technique is to sit opposite an empty chair and speak your heart to the person you need to communicate with. I wasn't getting on with my life after my husband died, and it worked for me.

— DOING BETTER IN MILLBRAE, CALIF.

DEAR DOING BETTER: Thank you for the helpful suggestion. Many readers were touched by that girl's letter and wanted to reach out to her. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: When my grandmother died, my father and his wife planted a small rose garden. Over the years, as we have lost family members (including pets), additional rose bushes have been added in their honor. It is peaceful and comforting to sit among the blooming roses and think of our loved ones. It feels like they haven't really left us.

— REMEMBERING IN ARIZONA

DEAR REMEMBERING: I believe you. After Cary Grant passed away, his widow, Barbara, gave my mother a rose bush that had been named for her husband. Mama, who had been very fond of both of them, planted it outside her office window — and when the roses were in bloom, it gave her many hours of pleasure.

DEAR ABBY: I found "The Grief Recovery Handbook," by John W. James and Russell Friedman, to be extremely helpful. My grandfather committed suicide more than 25 years ago, when I was in seventh grade, and my parents didn't want us to tell anyone what happened, which didn't help at all.

Perhaps "Needs Closure" could organize a memorial service with a

local church, depending on what is going to be done with his ashes. If that's not possible, she should reach out to other family members and grieve with them. I hope they do not feel embarrassed about the suicide. — LOYAL READER IN SAIPAN

DEAR LOYAL READER: One thing is certain: She should not suffer alone and in silence.

DEAR ABBY: While "Needs Closure" feels that her grandfather's cremation is the reason she has had a difficult time letting go. I suspect it is the manner in which he died. Suicide is a traumatic loss — sudden, unexpected, often violent. That girl is now a survivor of suicide. One does not "get over" a suicide. The effects may stabilize, but the loss is forever felt.

I speak from experience. Five years ago, my beautiful little sister committed suicide at 19. I have read many books for suicide survivors and belong to an online support group for sibling survivors. One great resource for her could be SOLOS — Survivors of Loved Ones' Suicides. The Web site is www.solos.org. She can also write to the group for information at P.O. Box 592, Dumfries, VA 22026-0592.

— STILL GRIEVING IN WASHINGTON

DEAR STILL GRIEVING: Please accept my sympathy for your loss, as well as my gratitude for suggesting this resource.

DEAR ABBY: Your advice was right on the money. I was away when my best friend dropped dead of a heart attack. Since I had no chance to say goodbye, I wrote him a letter telling him what his friendship had meant to me. At first, I planned to "send it" to him by burning it in the fireplace. But it is now 2004, and I still write letters to him. What started as a way to bring closure became the beginning of a wonderful journal. — J. IN OCEANSIDE, ORE.

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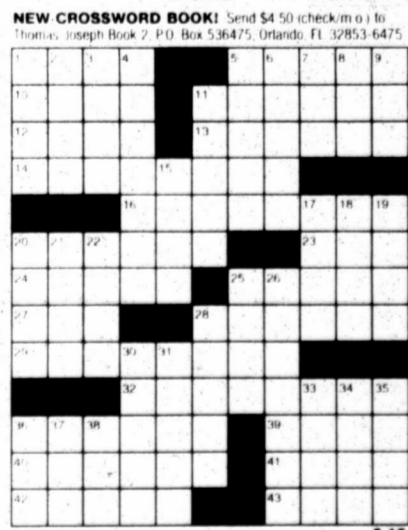
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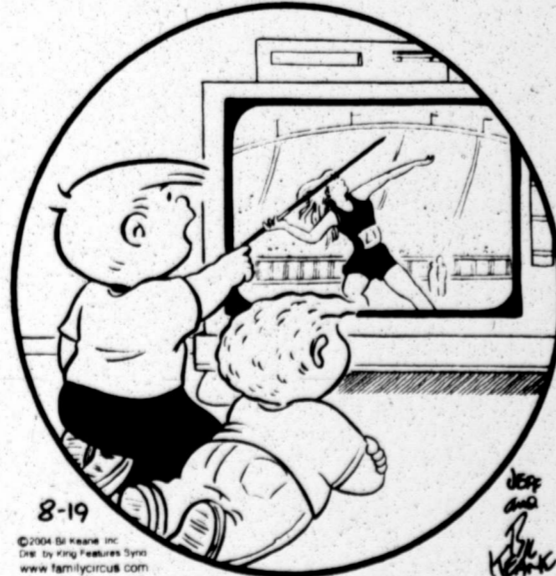
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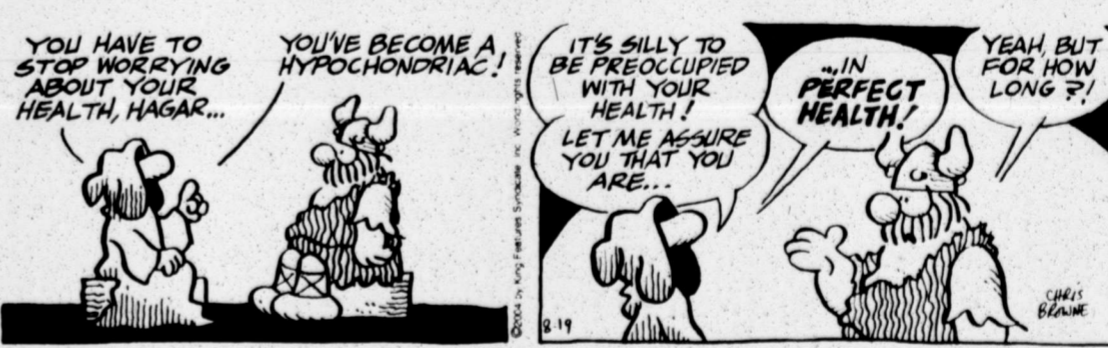
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HAMM IT UP

Olympic gymnast Paul Hamm should inspire all who want to quit

If there was ever an Olympic moment that should be capsulated and brought out each time an athlete, or any one for that matter, felt he or she was simply spent and willing to give up, may I suggest the footage of U.S. gymnast Paul Hamm and the nightmare of his vault attempt during yesterday's Men's All Around competition and how his perseverance was later rewarded?

You are no doubt aware by now that Hamm all but fell into a judges arms while trying to stick his landing during his vault attempt yesterday. Prior to that, he was neck-and-neck with his Chinese counterpart Yang Wie. Both men looked awesome.

Then came Hamm's Vault. The Vault looked spectacular. The

landing was the type of thing can would ruin a commoner. Hamm proved he was no commoner.

Hamm was so far off balance when he landed, he tumbled off the mat and into a judge's table. One of the judges had to hold out an arm to stop him. The look on Hamm's face said it all. His name would fall from near the top of the leader board to 12th.

An Olympic medal, no matter what color, was now gone. His coach consoled him. He still had two rotations to go.

Wie meanwhile looked stellar. That is until he got to the Horizontal Bar. There, not long into his routine, he faltered. He missed a simple grab and came off the apparatus.

Now both men who just

moments before had both the gold and silver medals locked up, became victims of mistakes both mental and physical.

Then the most amazing thing happened.

Michael J. Stevens
Sports Editor



Hamm stepped up to the Parallel Bars and executed a near perfect routine. Better yet, he stuck his landing. Now, a possible podium position seemed within reach. Then Hamm took his turn on the Horizontal Bar.

The same apparatus that minutes before had doomed Wie. Again, he nailed a solid performance. Rather than wallow in the aftermath of his mistake, Hamm seized the moment and used it to propel himself to one of the greatest Olympic comebacks ever.

Said Hamm afterward, "I'm really excited that I did it. I made a big mistake on the Vault and I thought that everything was over for me. But I tried hard, I was good on the Parallel Bars and I gave the performance of my life on the Horizontal Bar."

The following is both a prediction and a business idea.

Despite the fact it is pronounced 'Hawm', "Hamm It Up" will be, or at least should be, on T-shirts, bumper stickers, uttered from the

mouths of coaches, players, cheerleaders, managers, co-workers, any one wanting to instill a can-do attitude into one who may operating at less than 100 percent.

"Wow, that test was hard! I really had to Hamm it Up to pass it!"

"160 yards rushing tonight. He really Hamm-ed It Up!"

"That tooth was stubborn and didn't want to come out. But he managed to Hamm It Up and took it like a man."

Okay, that last one was me. To be honest, I didn't Hamm It Up. But after witnessing what I did last night, I wish I could say I did.

Congratulations Paul Hamm. And thank you. Not for the gold medal. But for the impact your performance will have for what I hope will be many years to come.



Court date

Coming off a tough loss to Amarillo High, Jaclyn Spearman and her Pampa Lady Harvester volleyball teammates host the Pampa Classic Volleyball tournament tomorrow and Saturday. Play begins tomorrow morning at 8 a.m.

Rangers winning at right time

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Hank Blalock homered twice, Kenny Rogers earned his 15th win and the Texas Rangers extended their winning streak to six games with a 5-2 victory over the Cleveland Indians on Wednesday night.

Blalock went 3-for-4 with a solo homer in the fourth and a two-run shot in the sixth, breaking out of a 10-for-64 slide spanning his previous 19 games. He had gone 28 games without a homer since July 19.

Blalock's wife, Misty, was in labor at a hospital Wednesday night awaiting the birth of their first child.

Rogers (15-5) allowed two runs and eight hits in six effective innings to move within two wins of matching his career high — he went 17-7 for Texas in 1995. The left-hander struck out three and didn't issue a walk.

Francisco Cordero got three outs for his 37th save in 39 chances. Ron Mahay, Carlos Almanzar and Cordero combined for three innings of scoreless relief, keeping Texas just a half-game behind first-place Oakland

in the AL West.

David Dellucci hit a two-run homer in the first to spark the offense and the Rangers completed a three-game sweep of the Indians, who dropped their fourth in a row and fell 4 1/2 games behind first-place Minnesota in the AL Central.

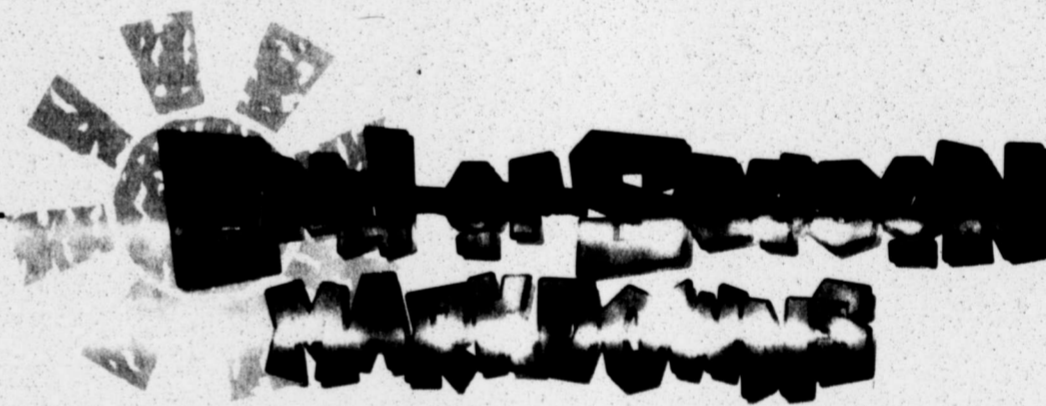
Mark Teixeira, who became the second Rangers player to hit for the cycle Tuesday night, arrived at the ballpark with an upset stomach and went 1-for-4 with a double.

Indians starter Scott Elarton (2-3) allowed three homers and left in the sixth trailing 5-2. Elarton gave up five runs and eight hits in 5 1-3 innings. He struck out five.

Casey Blake homered for the Indians, who finished 1-8 against Texas this season.

Texas took a 2-0 lead in the first when Alfonso Soriano struck out but reached first on a wild pitch, and Dellucci followed with his 12th homer.

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2004 Property Tax Rates in Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District

This notice concerns 2004 property tax rates for Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

Last year's tax rate:

Last year's operating taxes	\$ 1,062,272
Last year's debt taxes	\$ 0
Last year's total taxes	\$ 1,062,272
Last year's tax base	\$ 6,897,870,130
Last year's total tax rate	0.015400/\$100

This year's effective tax rate:

Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$ 1,053,813
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$ 6,941,261,567
= This year's effective tax rate	0.015181/\$100
x 1.03 = maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearing	0.015636/\$100

This year's rollback tax rate:

Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)	\$ 1,053,813
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$ 6,941,261,567
= This year's effective operating rate	0.015181/\$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	0.016395/\$100
+ This year's debt rate	0.000000/\$100
= This year's rollback rate	0.016395/\$100

Statement of Increase/Decrease

If Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District adopts a 2004 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.015181 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2003 taxes by \$18,102.

Schedule A - Unencumbered Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will be left in the units property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
General Fund	\$800,000

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at PO Box 637 White Deer, Texas 79097.

Name of person preparing this notice: C.E. Williams

Title: General Manager

Date Prepared: August 13, 2004

AUGUST 19 2004

Olympic Medal Table

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Through Aug. 18
71 total medal events

Country	G	S	B	Tot
USA	10	10	9	29
China	11	7	4	22
Australia	6	4	6	16
Russia	3	6	6	15
Japan	8	3	2	13
France	3	3	4	10
Germany	3	2	5	10
South Korea	2	5	3	10
Italy	3	4	2	9
Netherlands	2	3	4	9
Ukraine	5	1	1	7
Britain	0	2	4	6
Cuba	0	1	4	5
Hungary	1	2	1	4
Poland	1	2	1	4
Slovakia	1	2	1	4
Greece	2	0	1	3
Romania	2	0	1	3
Turkey	2	0	1	3
Bulgaria	1	0	2	3
Thailand	1	0	2	3
North Korea	0	2	1	3
Georgia	1	1	0	2
South Africa	1	1	0	2
Switzerland	1	0	1	2
Austria	0	2	0	2
Belarus	0	1	1	2
Czech Rep.	0	1	1	2
Zimbabwe	0	1	1	2
Belgium	0	0	2	2
Brazil	0	0	2	2
United Arab Emirates	1	0	0	1
India	0	1	0	1
Indonesia	0	1	0	1
Portugal	0	1	0	1
Serbia-Montenegro	0	1	0	1
Spain	0	1	0	1
Argentina	0	0	1	1
Azerbaijan	0	0	1	1
Canada	0	0	1	1
Colombia	0	0	1	1
Croatia	0	0	1	1
Denmark	0	0	1	1
Mongolia	0	0	1	1

United States 89, Australia 79

ATHENS, Greece (AP) — LeBron James eyed Shawn Marion's pass coming toward him and made a split-second decision to redirect the ball. One nifty touch pass later, Dwyane Wade converted it into a layup.

The basket broke the last tie and began a game-changing 10-point run at the start of the fourth quarter, leading United States to a 89-79 victory over Australia on Thursday.

The win might have been a big step toward reversing the fortunes of a U.S. team that struggled to beat Greece and was embarrassed by Puerto Rico in a 19-point loss.

"Everything's not clicking yet, but we're heading

that way," Tim Duncan said. "It was a great learning experience today being able to fight back and staying with each other."

After a defensively inept first half and a so-so third quarter, the Americans increased their defensive intensity, moved the ball with aplomb and put together a few of the showtime moments their Olympic predecessors took for granted.

On Day 6 of the games,

perhaps they finally arrived. "This young kid (James) and Dwayne Wade started

throwing the ball inside, and all of the sudden everybody on our team got better," coach Larry Brown said. "Hopefully we've got to remember that. But we're not dealing with Michael Jordans and Magic Johnsons that have done that from the beginning, and it's going to take time for some of these young people."

Duncan scored 18 points, Allen Iverson and Marion each added 16 and Wade scored 12 for the U.S. team, which shot 57 percent from the field — 71 percent from 2-point range but only 3-for-17 on 3s.

The Americans kept their turnovers down, found better shots than in their first two games and realized that the only way to fuel their offense is through defense.

The United States forced four misses and a turnover on Australia's first five possessions of the fourth quarter, and the ball movement was fluid and flashy during the 10-0 run that put the Americans ahead 75-67.

Australia, led by Shane Heal's 17 points, never threatened again.

"This young kid (James) and Dwayne Wade started throwing the ball inside, and all of the sudden everybody on our team got better."

— Larry Brown
Coach, United States

Optimist football registrations continue

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

Football players were swarming the Optimist building this past Monday as they signed up for Optimist football, were weighed and issued equipment, registrations will continue through Friday, 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., according to Commissioner Leah Pearson.

At last count, 69 players had signed up. "We have all our coaches in place. We even have coaches for another fifth and sixth grade team if it makes it to that point", said Pearson.

Dr. Greg Kelly and Dr. Butch Buck will coach the Broncos. Larry Williams and Chad Epperson will lead the Texans. Shawn Clifton will be assigned a team this week as will Bobby Bolin and Kevin Burroughs. Keith Stewart is on board to help with the expansion team. Mando Ramirez returns to coach the Cowboys for the 22nd year. He will be assisted by Alfredo Jimenez. David Carter will handle the Packers again. Brian Wall and Rick Pearson will take charge of the Dolphins.

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

Results reminder

Just a reminder to area coaches, parents and boosters-please get those results turned in as soon as you can to ensure timely inclusion in The Pampa News sports pages.

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You are welcome to bring them by in person as well.

Texas

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Cleveland made it 2-1 in the third on Omar Vizquel's RBI single, then tied it at 2 in the fourth on Blake's 21st homer.

Texas went back in front 3-2 when Blalock's drive down the right-field line glanced off the outside of the foul pole.

In the sixth, Teixeira doubled and Blalock hit his 26th homer to push Texas' lead to 5-2.

Notes: Texas' six-game winning streak is its second-longest of the season. The Rangers won eight straight from June 18-26.

... Cleveland DH Travis Hafner was out of the lineup due to a sore right elbow. ... Dellucci's homer made him 8-for-12 in his career against Elarton with three homers. ... Rogers picked Jody Gerut off first in the fifth, his fifth pick-off of the season. ... Texas is 38-19 at home, the best home record in club history after 57 games.

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2004 Property Tax Rates in Gray County General Fund

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	General Fund	Farm to Market/ Flood Control Fund
Last year's tax rate:		
Last year's operating taxes	\$ 4,625,483	\$ 565,402
Last year's debt taxes	\$ 126,405	\$ 0
Last year's total taxes	\$ 4,751,888	\$ 565,402
Last year's tax base	\$ 1,019,228,525	\$ 1,008,871,759
Last year's total tax rate	0.466224/\$100	0.056043/\$100
This year's effective tax rate:		
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$ 4,680,471	\$ 556,818
+This year's adjusted tax (after subtracting value of new property)	\$ 1,135,489,266	\$ 1,125,245,616
=This year's effective tax rate for each fund	0.412198/\$100	0.049484/\$100
Total effective tax rate	0.461682/\$100	
x1.03 = maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearing	0.475532/\$100	
This year's rollback tax rate:		
Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, state criminal justice mandate, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)	\$ 4,556,002	\$ 556,818
+This year's adjusted tax base	\$ 1,135,489,266	\$ 1,125,245,616
=This year's effective operating rate	0.401237/\$100	0.049484/\$100
x1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	0.433335/\$100	0.053442/\$100
+This year's debt rate	0.010066/\$100	0.000000/\$100
=This year's rollback rate for each fund	0.443401/\$100	0.053442/\$100
This year's total rollback rate	0.496843/\$100	

Statement of Increase/Decrease
If Gray County General Fund adopts a 2004 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.461682 per \$100 of value, taxes would decrease compared to 2003 taxes by \$48,819.

Schedule A: General Fund - Unencumbered Fund Balances
The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund Balance	Balance
Maintenance & Operations	\$1,378,656
Interest & Sinking	\$8,708

Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes	Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts To Be Paid	Total Payment
2001 Certificates of Obligation	\$50,000	\$35,039	\$0	\$85,039
2001 Certificates of Obligation	\$0	\$33,539	\$0	\$33,539
Total Required for 2004 Debt Service				\$118,579
- Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A				\$0
- Amount (if any) paid from other resources				\$0
- Excess collections last year				\$3,598
= Total to be paid from taxes in 2004				\$114,981
+ Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 100.00% of its taxes in 2004				\$0
= Total Debt Levy				\$114,981

Schedule A: Farm to Market/Flood Control Fund - Unencumbered Fund Balances
The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund Balance	Balance
Maintenance & Operations	\$593,162

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at 205 N. Russell, Pampa, TX.
Name of person preparing this notice: Gaye Whitehead RTA
Title: Tax Assessor-Collector
Date Prepared: August 6, 2004

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One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

8-19 CRYPTOQUOTE

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Yesterday's Cryptoquote: BEFORE UNDERGOING A SURGICAL OPERATION, ARRANGE YOUR TEMPORAL AFFAIRS — YOU MAY LIVE. — REMY DE GOURMONT

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, Aug. 20, 2004:
Success results from communication and from reaching out to others. Sometimes you might not feel comfortable giving that extra effort, as you might be processing a lot inside. Separate your gut reaction from what is really going on. Don't stand on ceremony. Reach out for others. You will feel better, and so will they. You might purchase a new item that makes you enjoy talking, driving or visiting more with others. This item could also be for your home. If you are single, you won't be short of suitors, but be careful who you choose for your sweetie. This relationship could be intense -- unusually so. If you are attached, go back to old-fashioned dating, romance and overnights away. Share your uptightness or emotional hesitations. LIBRA likes to flirt with you.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Pick and choose your words with care, especially with a touchy person in your life. Right now, this person might be quite depressed. Don't take others personally. Detach a bit from what is going on. Tonight: Celebrate the weekend.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Dig into work. Make a serious effort to clear your desk and return messages. Certainly, you don't want to think about work at home or take it with you. Be willing to stay a little late to accomplish what you must. Tonight: Easy does it.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Your finances could hold you back from really letting loose.

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CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ You might be causing yourself problems where there are none. Be honest with yourself: Are you projecting negativity? Get feedback from those who have known you for many years. Break past boundaries. Tonight: Head home.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ You might think you are telling it like it is, but your vision cannot take in all the details. Pressure builds in a conversation. You might be projecting some of yourself into what is being said. Detach if you can. You are very sensitive right now. Tonight: Hook up with friends.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Details that surround money and a friendship might make a situation very difficult. You aren't going to get what you want right now. When you lend funds don't expect them to be returned. Look at this exchange as a gift, should you decide to help someone. Tonight: Balance your checkbook.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Events surround you, and you have many choices. Someone who is key to you might need some extra time at the end of the day. Do your best. A meeting proves to be important and could dissolve into a Friday-afternoon get-together. Tonight: Ask, and you shall receive.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Maintain a low profile. Your instincts work with a boss or authority figure. You will gain financially by carefully checking out information and

news. Don't listen to gossip or hearsay. Tonight: Get some needed rest.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Meetings, groups and crowds help you get what you want. You might manipulate a meeting to get the results you desire. You have the unique ability to see what others don't. You present a strong case. No one can disagree because of your verbal presentation and logic. Tonight: Could a partner be jealous?

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Someone or several people could be quite difficult. You might want to bypass some of your advisers or co-workers. Just take command of what you can and clear out a problem. A key person supports you. Tonight: Out on the town.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Despite the fact that you don't feel A-OK, you make a strong effort to complete your work. Others will chip in if you ask. Don't hesitate. A friend makes a big difference, even if his or her approach is different from yours. Tonight: Take off. If you can, split town.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ You might be disappointed by a loved one you really care about. Understand what is happening through a chat, perhaps later in the day. Be supportive of a partner. This person needs your help and energy. Tonight: Dinner for two.

BORN TODAY Writer H.P. Lovecraft (1890), singer Robert Plant (1948), journalist Connie Chung (1946)

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1 Public Notice

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS PROPOSED TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (TxDOT) CONTRACT 0904-00-0 Sealed proposals for received by TxDOT the date(s) shown below and then publicly received by TxDOT MAINTENANCE BUILDING FACILITY CONTRACTS Dist / Div: Amarillo Contract 0904-00-0 SMALL SIGNIFICANT POTTER County, e be opened on Sept 09, 2004 at 1:00 pm State Office. Plans and specifications are available for i tion, along with b proposals, and a tions for the TxDOT qualified Contr list, at the app State and/or Dist/D fices listed below fices must submit p lification informat TxDOT at least 10 prior to the bid date eligible to bid on : ect. Prequalification materials may be rec from the State Offi below. Plans f above contract(s) available from Tx web site at www.dot.state.tx.us from reproduction panies at the exp the contractor. NPO: 13952

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CONSTRUCTION / MAINTENANCE / BUILDING FACILITIES CONTRACT(S)
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State Office
Constr./Maint. Division
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Austin, Texas 78704
Phone: 512-416-2540
Dist/Div Office(s)
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MG Dancers travel to New York

Madeline Graves Dance and Gymnastics Center's "MG Dancers" recently returned from a trip to New York City, N.Y., where they competed in the National Dance Masters of America contest.

Members of MG Dancers who traveled to New York were Klarisse Santo-Espiritu, Caylee Steward,

Jenna Munsell and Danielle Zuniga.

Every day the local dancers attended classes conducted by dance teachers from around the United States and took in Central Park, the Statue of Liberty, the Empire State Building, Ground Zero, China Town, Hard Rock Cafe, Toys 'R Us, Planet Hollywood and

more while sightseeing.

During the competition, the National Dance Masters of America organization appeared on "Good Morning America" for setting a new Guinness Book of World Record for the "longest dance kickline," which should be in the new issue.

Judge punishes 5 reporters for refusing to ID sources

WASHINGTON (AP) — A judge's decision to punish five reporters for refusing to identify their sources for stories about nuclear scientist Wen Ho Lee threatens to chill vital newsgathering at a time of increased government secrecy, advocates say.

U.S. District Judge Thomas Penfield Jackson on Wednesday held the reporters in contempt and fined each of them \$500 a day until they reveal their source.

He said the information was needed for Lee, a former nuclear weapons scientist once suspected of spying, to litigate his privacy lawsuit against government officials.

Jackson said the fines would be suspended pending appeals. Attorneys for the journalists said they would appeal.

It is the second time in two weeks that a federal judge in Washington has found journalists in contempt of court after they declined to disclose sources.

Last week, a Time magazine reporter was held in contempt as part of a grand jury probe into the leak of an undercover CIA officer's identity.

"The threat to First Amendment rights that's going on this summer is unprecedented," Lucy Dalglish, executive director of the Reporters Committee for the Freedom of the Press, said. "We have reporters being subpoenaed. We have judges issuing illegal prior restraints on the media."

"All this has to do with secrecy. The government is trying to keep more and more secrets all the time, and journalists are work-

ing harder to uncover those secrets. Given the terrorism climate, all this has come to a head," she said.

Jackson imposed the fine on Associated Press reporter H. Josef Hebert; James Risen and Jeff Gerth of The New York Times; Robert Drogin of the Los Angeles Times; and Pierre Thomas of ABC, who was at CNN when the stories were done.

Jackson avoided addressing the question of First Amendment rights, focusing more narrowly on whether the reporters complied with his October order to fully answer questions in depositions about their sources. He found they did not.

Lee is "not seeking to 'punish' the journalists for publishing the information; rather, he seeks an order of contempt because they will not reveal sources that they have been ordered to reveal," Jackson wrote in a 12-page opinion.

Lee is seeking the identity of the sources for his lawsuit against the Energy and Justice departments. He alleges the agencies gave reporters private information on him and suggested he was a suspect in an investigation into possible theft of secrets from Los Alamos National Laboratory in New Mexico.

The reporters contend they provided all the relevant information they could without breaking a commitment to protect their sources.

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YWCA adding men to boards

SAN DIEGO (AP) — "Please NO men or boys allowed on elevator," warns one sign at San Diego's downtown YWCA. Informational e-mails are called "hot flashes" and tablecloths come in pink.

But changes are coming to this YWCA and others. Men have joined the San Diego chapter's governing board, making it among the first nationwide to end an almost 150-year-old policy of female-only leadership.

The shift, implemented here last month in violation of the YWCA's national bylaws, is proving neither easy nor uncontested.

Meeting in Massachusetts last weekend, the YWCA's national board said it would wait before deciding how to reconcile its formal policy with the new direction several local chapters have taken.

Members of some YWCAs, mostly on the East Coast, want their boards to remain the domain of women.

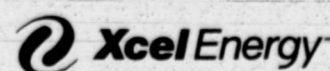


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Official: Report to blame 24 in Iraqi prison abuse

WASHINGTON (AP) — Two dozen people will be blamed by an Army investigation into the abuse of inmates at Iraq's Abu Ghraib prison, says a senior defense official.

The official, who spoke Wednesday on condition of anonymity, provided no details of the report. Bryan Whitman, a Pentagon spokesman, would say only that the report was nearing completion.

However, The New York Times reported the inquiry found no evidence of direct blame above the rank of the colonel who commanded the

military intelligence unit at the prison.

Photos of the prisoner abuse, which included beatings and sexual humiliation, created a worldwide scandal when they were published in April.

The Times reported in Thursday's editions that the inquiry found that senior American commanders created conditions that allowed abuses to occur at the prison because they failed to provide leadership and sufficient resources.

The report also will cite military medical personnel

who saw or learned of abuse when treating injured detainees but failed to report it up the chain of command, the Times said.

Maj. Gen. George R. Fay opened the inquiry, which will blame military intelligence personnel, civilian contractors and Central Intelligence Agency officers, the newspaper reported. The report will be thousands of pages long.

Senior officers in Baghdad and in Washington were not found to have played a role in ordering or allowing the abuse, according to the Times report of the inquiry.

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