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PGWCD tables management plan until August

By David Bowser
 The Pampa News

WHITE DEER -- Following an hour and a half public hearing Tuesday afternoon, the Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District board of directors tabled their proposed 2008 District Management Plan.

After hearing from Marvin W. "Marty" Jones, a lawyer for Mesa Water, and Bob Harden, an hydrologist for Mesa Water, Tom Cambridge, Amarillo's representative on the district's board, suggested putting off a vote on the draft plan until their August meeting so requirements from the Texas Water Development Board could be incorporated into it and suggestions by the Mesa representatives and written

comments from Kent Satterwhite, general manager of the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority, could be reviewed (See related story).

The board reviewed seven conservation study areas, areas where the decline of the water table has triggered concern. They also proposed creating a new study and changing one of the old study areas

into a conservation area. Action can be taken in a conservation area to curb production.

The board voted to change the study area near Hedley in Donley County to a conservation area so wells can be metered.

A public meeting will be scheduled in the area for August and a public hearing will be scheduled in White

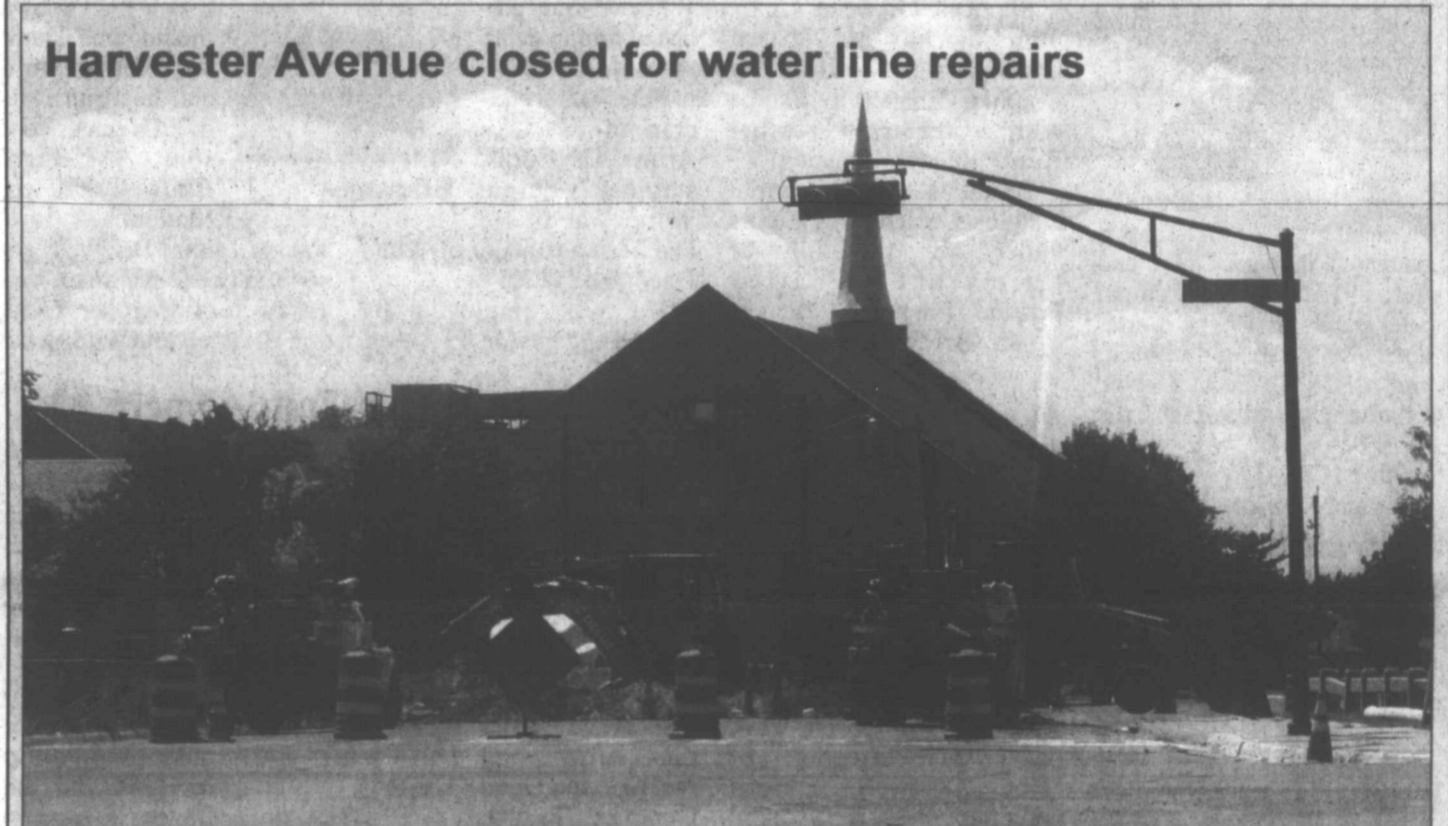
Deer in September before the change can be made.

The new proposed study area, which adjoins the Hedley study area, will also mean a public meeting and public hearing before it can be established.

The study area in northwest Carson County, just south of Fritch, will continue to be monitored.

The northern section of the hourglass-shaped study area near Groom will be eliminated.

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Harvester Avenue closed for water line repairs

Harvester Avenue between Duncan and Christine streets has been closed to through traffic this week while City of Pampa Water Department workers replace a valve on a water main. After the valve is replaced, the city's street department will re-pave the dug-up section of street. The project is expected to be completed by the end of this week, according to a water department employee.

Pampa News photo by Marilyn Powers

PEDC told to resubmit budget after salary questions from City Commission

By David Bowser
 The Pampa News

In something of a surprise move, the Pampa City Commission kicked back the Pampa Economic Development Corporation's proposed budget for next year and told them to resubmit it.

Dwight Fiveash, executive director of the Pampa Economic Development Corporation, presented the proposed \$440,000 budget to the city commission at the

commission's meeting Tuesday afternoon.

Commissioner Bill Allison questioned the proposed salaries of \$130,000 for the EDC's 2008-2009 budget year.

When Fiveash explained that it included his \$60,000 and \$45,000 for an assistant, Allison pointed out that the total for those two salaries was \$105,000. Fiveash quipped that he expected a raise.

"The salary increase might not be justified," Allison

said. Allison said he wanted the budget resubmitted with the salaries broken out.

Commissioner Robert Dixon said the budget was quite inflated.

Fiveash countered that it was just an estimate. He noted that of the EDC would be well below what had been budgeted this year.

Gary Sutherland, the EDC treasurer, said he projected that the actual expenditures for this fiscal year would be about \$160,000.

Fiveash said that a big item in the budget that wasn't in this year's budget is \$100,000 for a category entitled 'Projects.' It would be projects of \$10,000 or less that would not need city commission approval.

He said that the EDC had funded three such projects this past year -- \$9,000 for the Rotary entrance signs to the city, \$8,400 for prison guard scholarships and \$3,000 for the VFW to help

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Autopsy results incomplete in drowning death

By Marilyn Powers
 The Pampa News

Preliminary autopsy results on a Pampa man who drowned early Saturday at Lake Greenbelt list "pending" as the cause of death, according to Donley County Justice of the Peace Ann Kennedy.

"The preliminary report



Wilson

states there were no obvious signs of trauma," Kennedy said. It can take up to three months for full autopsy results, including toxicology results, to be completed and received, she said.

Chafen Wayne Wilson, 21, drowned shortly after midnight Friday near Old Clarendon Point at the lake. An emergency

call was received by Donley County Sheriff's office at about 12:30 a.m. Saturday concerning a drowning there.

Wilson's body was recovered at about 1:16 a.m. Saturday in eight feet of water, about 75-feet offshore. Sheriff's officials said Wilson was apparently swimming across a cove northwest of the Sandy Beach area at the time of the apparent drowning.

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Bobby Joe Brazil, 76

Bobby Joe Brazil, 76, of Pampa, Texas, died July 20, 2008, at Pampa. At Mr. Brazil's request, his body was donated to Texas Tech University Medical School in Lubbock.

U.S. Army and a member of the Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ.

The family would like to extend special thanks to Dr. Laxman Bhatia and wife Vicki, the Pampa Regional Medical Center staff, Shepard's Crook Home Health Care, National Home Health Care, and Bob Lindsey with Odyssey Health Care.

Survivors include his wife, Bonnie Brazil, of the home; a daughter, Pamela Carter and husband Randy of Pampa; one grandson, Bobby Carter and wife Sarah of Lubbock; and a special niece, Debbie Corona and husband Thomas of El Paso.

MEMORIALS: Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ, 1342 Mary Ellen, Pampa, TX 79065.

The family will be at 1717 Fir in Pampa.

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

Nona Lee Karbo, 90

Nona Lee Karbo, 90, of Pampa, Texas, died July 22, 2008, at Amarillo, Texas.

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



Karbo

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Obituaries

Services tomorrow

BALLARD, Houston "Red" — 2 p.m., Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa. BRIDWELL, Vernon Frank "Pete" Sr. — 4 p.m., Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

Houston 'Red' Ballard, 85

Houston "Red" Ballard, 85, of Pampa, Texas, died July 21, 2008, at Pampa.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, July 24, 2008, at Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel with Billy T. Jones, minister of Pleasant Valley Church of Christ, officiating.

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

Mr. Ballard was born Feb. 10, 1923, in Poolville. He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force, serving during World War II.

Red married Vergie Mae Smith on July 6, 1957, in McLean.

He had been a resident of Pampa since 1962. He retired in 1986 from Southwestern Bell Telephone after 39 years of service.

Red was a member of the West Side Church of Christ.

Survivors include his wife, Vergie Ballard, of the home; four daughters, Marilyn Kay Miller and husband Russell of Amarillo, Dorothy Annette Plichter and husband Thomas of Bell Flower, Calif., Martha Gail Savedra and husband Clarence of Palmdale, Calif., and Sandra Lou Grate and husband Charles of Corning, Calif.; one sister, Annie Mae Robbins of Perrin; two brothers, Virgil Ballard and Raymond Ballard, both of Poolville; seven grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.



Ballard

Red preceded in death by his parents, Eligah and Sarah Ballard; three brothers, Bill Ballard, Hubert Ballard and Carl Ballard; and a grandson, Chuck Grate.

MEMORIALS: American Heart Association, 2514 82nd Street, Suite B, Lubbock, TX 79423, or American Cancer Society, c/o Gerry Caylor, 2130 Charles, Pampa, TX 79065.

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Vernon Frank 'Pete' Bridwell, Sr, 86

Jan. 13, 1922, in Mendota. He married Virginia Mae Parker on March 13, 1940, in Wheeler. She preceded him in death on Nov. 5, 1988.

Pete was a veteran of the U.S. Army Air Corps, serving during World War II. He had been a resident of White Deer since 1977.

He was employed by Tejas Feeders for 13 years,



Bridwell

and he worked for various feed yards and ranches in the area for many years.

Survivors include one daughter, Verna Smith and husband Dave of Dumas; five sons, Frank Bridwell and wife Madonna of Pampa, John Bridwell and wife Judy of Spearman, Vick Bridwell of Wagoner, Okla., Joe Bridwell and wife Becky

of Perryton, and Jim Bridwell of Borger; 15 grandchildren; and 24 great-grandchildren.

Pete was preceded in death by his parents, Geneva Frances Purcell and Jessie Lafayette Bridwell; four brothers, Raymond, Merle, J.L. and Junior Bridwell; two sisters, Oleta Dooley and Lorene Cain; and one granddaughter, Lonna Faye.

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

Walter Charles 'Dub' Cypert, 82

In 1944, Mr. Cypert joined the U.S. Army and served in the Philippines and Japan. After attaining the rank of staff sergeant he was honorably discharged from the Army and received the Good Conduct Medal, Combat Infantryman Badge, Army of Occupation Medal (Japan), Overseas Service Bars, Victory Ribbon, Asian-Pacific Theater Campaign Ribbon with two Bronze Stars and Philippine Liberation Ribbon.



Cypert

In 1947, he went to work for Phillips Petroleum Co. and in 1950 married Janette "Pat" Easterling. In 1965, he married Laura Gunter Turner.

Upon his retirement from Phillips in 1986, he and Laura traveled extensively and went on many cruises.

Mr. Cypert was preceded in death by his parents; his wife Laura in 2004; and four sisters, Juanita Cypert, Elsie Mathews, Opal Barnes and Flo Towe.

Survivors include three children, Brenda Cypert Comer, Emily Turner Sargent, both of Borger, and Ed Turner of Pampa; 11 grandchildren; and 24 great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial donations be in Mr. Cypert's name to the Alzheimer's Association, 415 West 8th Ave. #300, Amarillo, TX 79101 or to BSA Hospice, Olivia's Angels, P.O. Box 950, Amarillo, TX 79105.

The family will be at 100 Gardner in Borger.

Emergency Services

Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the period from 7 a.m. Tuesday to 7 a.m. today.

Tuesday, July 22 Eleven traffic stops were made. Stops in the 1200 block of North Hobart and the 1300 block of West Kentucky resulted in arrests. A vehicle accident was reported at the intersection of Hobart and Alcock streets.

calls and stops concerning animals occurred in the 900 block of Brunow, the 500 block of Yeager, the 1300 block of Duncan, the 2200 block of Lynn and the 100 block of West 30th.

Four attempts to serve papers were made. Violation of a city ordinance was reported in the

2800 block of Charles. An arrest for violation of a protective order was made in the 1800 block of Alcock as a result of a follow-up investigation.

At least one arrest was made as a result of a follow-up investigation in the 600 block of North Summer. Silent/abusive 911 calls were received from the 800 block of North Somerville and the 100 block of South Starkweather.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1900 block of North Dwight.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 300 block of North Hobart. Harassment was reported in the police department lobby.

A threat was reported in the 300 block of Henry. Assault was reported in

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The study area southeast of Wheeler will continue to be monitored.

The study area in the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority's well field in western Roberts County will continue to be monitored.

A study area south and east of McLean and a study area wrapping around Clarendon to the east will also continue to be monitored.

The board discussed expanding the study area around Clarendon, but Jason Green, who represents Donley County on the board, said there is no water in the area they discussed adding to the study area.

"Those wells stopped pumping in the 1960s," he said. "We don't even water our cemetery there."

The board also heard from Amy Crowell, the district hydrologist, concerning groundwater near Washburn.

She said the district needs to develop a strategy for the Groundwater Management Area for dealing with water problems there because it appears the groundwater is from the Dockum Aquifer, and the rules cover only the Ogallala Aquifer.

C.E. Williams, Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District general manager, told the board that

they had received a \$1 million loan at 3.8 percent interest from the Texas Water Development Board. That money, in turn, will be lent to farmers for agricultural water equipment.

The board approved a request for a \$28,580 loan at 3.58 percent interest for a small pivot irrigation system.

Green said he thinks the board needs to start considering how to secure loans for drip irrigation projects. As producers begin to look at wind projects over the next five or six years, he says they may consider replacing pivot sprinkler irrigation systems with the more expensive and more efficient below ground drip irrigation systems.

They'll be looking, Green says, not to save water but to make money on power generating windmills.

The board approved a test well up to 14-inches for Boone Pickens in Roberts County. Bob Harden, a hydrologist for Pickens, told the board that the well would go to the bottom of the aquifer. Later, he said, they planned to drill another well to the top of the aquifer to test pressures.

Harden said that the two wells would be about 10 miles apart, and the data would be made available to the district.

The groundwater conservation board also approved drilling permits for one-inch domestic wells for Lanette Davis

in Potter County, Westley Maness in Potter County, Grasioano Sanchez in Potter County, Tandy Martin in Potter County, Howard Bailey in Potter County and five for Mays Trust in Potter County.

They approved a drilling permit for a two-inch well for Dan Hickerson in Carson County.

The board approved four-inch irrigation drilling permits for Curtis Schaefer in Donley County, Jason Lowrie in Donley County, Bill Ault in Wheeler County and Earl Smith in Gray County.

They approved permits for two five-inch wells in Donley County for Hedley Feedyard and two six-inch wells for Timothy Gee in Armstrong County.

The board also approved an amended well permit for Curtis Schaefer in Donley County. The original permit was for a two-inch well on 147 acres. The permit was amended for a three-inch well on 292 acres.

The board also approved bids of \$285 for tax delinquent property in Clarendon and \$2,509 for tax delinquent property in Hedley.

The unpaid board members approved an increase in mileage that they collect. Williams said board members had been paid 34 cent a mile. They adjusted that to meet state and IRS guidelines of 58.5 cents a mile.

PEDC

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bring a mobile Vietnam Memorial Wall to Pampa on Veteran's Day. Since none of the three had been budgeted, Fiveash said it had caused accounting problems.

Consequently, Fiveash said the EDC had created the 'Project' account for such expenditures.

Fiveash also told the commissioners that the EDC is planning on moving. He said that with the new assistant, scheduled to begin work Aug. 4, there is not enough room at the Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce offices, where

the EDC presently offices.

Fiveash said he expected the EDC board to make a decision on new offices Wednesday afternoon.

Allison also asked about income, since the budget showed only expenditures.

Sutherland said the sales tax money that funds the EDC is averaging about \$100,000 a month.

The proposed EDC budget requests \$154,700 for personnel services (including \$130,000 for salaries and wages); \$112,400 for contractual services; \$39,900 for supplies, materials and maintenance, and \$133,000 for other expenses

(including \$100,000 for Projects).

In other business, the commission approved tax assessment and collection services fees to Gray County up to \$7,004. That could change because of the passage of the new Clarendon College tax.

The current agreement is for \$6,800. The new agreement uses a base fee of \$2,000 and a percentage charge of 55.04.

The commission also approved a contract with Gray County for tax assessment and collection services.

Plan

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include the district's data along with the water board's.

The district also proposed a 10-year planning timeline, but the water board is insisting on a five-year timeline.

Marvin W. "Marty" Jones, an Amarillo lawyer representing Mesa Water, told the board during the hearing on the management plan that the plan was vague, ambiguous and incomplete.

He said the district's goal of maintaining 50 percent of the groundwater in storage after 50 years (known as the 50/50 rule) was laudable, but he questioned the criteria of the 50 percent.

Jones questioned how the 50 percent was to be determined and where it was to be kept.

Bob Harden, an hydrologist for Mesa Water, questioned the district's plan to divide the district into man-

agement areas. He opposed trying to manage the district through small areas.

Williams said the reason the district had taken that approach was because if there was a decline in the water table in one area, the district could work with the landowners in that area or at least let them know there was a problem. The landowners would be in a better position to deal with dropping water tables beneath their own property.

Williams said that controlling the water on a district wide basis has to be done by landowners. One landowner, he said, cannot control another's property.

Harden, while supporting the 50/50 rule, said he wanted the 50 percent of the water in storage to be averaged out over the entire district, which covers all or parts of nine counties.

Jones said the 50/50 goal

shouldn't be regulated in smaller areas. He argued that the plan should address 50 percent of water of the entire district, not 50 percent of the water beneath an individual's land.

Williams said the real issue with concern for the methodology being used boiled down to area.

He said that many of the changes proposed by Harden and Jones would make district procedures easier, but he didn't think they would properly protect the groundwater in the district.

"It's different," Williams said, "but I'm not sure that it's better."

Harden said he thinks the rules should be fair.

Williams said his priority was to make sure that future generations had water.

"My number one priority," Williams said, "is that my grandson has water under his land."

Kent Satterwhite, general manager of the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority, also complained that parts of the plan were not clear. He said that in some instances the plan didn't seem to match the district's rules.

Ultimately, the board voted to table the plan until the staff could make the changes required by the Texas Water Development Board and consider clarifying some issues brought up at the hearing.

The plan is expected to be presented to the board again at their Aug. 20 meeting.

Drowning

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The Donley County Fire Department dive team recovered the body from the lake. Kennedy ordered the autopsy, which was to be performed Monday morning in Lubbock.

Wilson was at the lake with friends at the time of his death, according to Donley County Sheriff's officials. Statements were taken from witnesses, but there appeared to be no signs of foul play, officers said.

Also responding to the scene of the incident were Donley County emergency medical technicians and officers with the Greenbelt Water Authority.

Funeral services for Wilson were scheduled for 10 a.m. today at First Baptist Church, with burial in Miami Cemetery.

Wilson was born in Pampa and was a 2006 graduate of Pampa High School. Survivors include his mother, Jill Wilson of Pampa; his father, Loney Wilson and wife Melody of Mobeetie;

two sisters, Chandon Portillo of Pampa and Lily Forbes of Mobeetie; four brothers, Cade Wilson, Conor Wilson, Dillon Forbes and Ben Wilson, all of Mobeetie; his paternal grandparents,

Wayne and Zelda Wilson, and Dwight and Kathy Dennis, all of Pampa; and paternal great-grandparents, Ardelle Sirmans and Jean Orr, both of Pampa.

Texas governor deploys state resources to hurricane area

AUSTIN — Gov. Rick Perry has ordered state resources pre-deployed to areas throughout south Texas to help communities prepare for Hurricane Dolly's landfall expected tomorrow.

Hurricane Dolly is expected to produce total rain accumulations of 4 – 8 inches with isolated amounts of 15 inches over much of South Texas and northeastern Mexico. Coast storm surge flooding of 4 – 6 feet above normal tide levels along with large and dangerous battering waves can be expected near and to the north of where the center makes landfall.

A Hurricane Warning is now in effect for the coast of Texas from Brownsville to Corpus Christi. A Hurricane Warning means that hurricane conditions are expected within the warning area within the next 24 hours. A Tropical Storm Warning is in effect from north of Corpus Christi to San Luis Pass. A Tropical Storm Warning means that tropical storm conditions are expected within the warning area within the next 24 hours.

Additional emergency resources are available for activation and deployment as needed at the request of local officials.

The State Operations Center is conducting daily conference calls with local officials, first responders, mass care providers, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and the National Weather Service to assess the latest weather projections and to coordinate state and local preparation and response.



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Viewpoints

Solar power should be part of state's future

Texas has the potential to become a world solar leader. The combination of land, wind and solar resources positions Texas to profit from a fleet of solar thermal power plants that will be up and running within the next five years helping to stabilize Texas energy prices while meeting Texas growing need for peak power to grow the state economy.

Solar power available in Texas should be fully utilized to our advantage to replace coal-fired plants and significantly reduce global warming. We can protect our

environment and move towards a cleaner energy future.

Solar thermal energy storage allows electricity generating capability even when the sun is not shining and it can replace traditional energy sources like coal, natural gas and nuclear power. The way we produce and use energy in Texas has severe impacts on our environment and our public health.

Air and water pollution is caused by the coal-power plants and toxic nuclear waste is created by the state's nuclear power plants.

We should be working towards creating a new energy future for Texas in which we will be more reliant on clean renewable sources like wind and sun and in which we can take advantage of energy efficient technologies to reduce our overall energy demand. With the support from policymakers, Texas could quickly get much of its energy from this abundant and clean domestic

energy source at prices competitive with new nuclear or "clean coal" power plants.

If we are going to get serious about fighting global warming and addressing our nation's energy woes solar energy must be part of the solution. Solar power is increasingly becoming cost-competitive with other power generation technologies that do not produce carbon dioxide, the

main global warming pollutant. Solar power can make a large contribution towards reducing global warming in United States.

With sky-high gas prices, if we could find a solution using solar energy, then it would be great for the general public and the environment. We can strategically increase the use of solar cookers for cooking and solar heaters for getting boiled water exploiting the available solar potential in utilizing renewable low-cost environment-friendly, safe and clean energy source.

Saving our planet is our primary goal. Voluntary efforts from Texans are needed to make it happen.

—Dr. Prashi Gehlot completed a doctorate in Radiation and Cancer Biology last January. She moved to the United States in February and is residing in Pampa her husband who is employed with National Oil Well Varco as a Process Improvement Engineer. She has written articles on energy conservation in some of the leading newspapers in

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Prashnika Gehlot
Guest Columnist



Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, July 23, the 205th day of 2008. There are 161 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 23, 1967, a week of deadly race-related rioting that claimed 43 lives erupted in Detroit.

On this date:

In 1885, Ulysses S. Grant, the 18th president of the United States, died in Mount McGregor, N.Y., at age 63.

In 1892, Emperor Haile Selassie of Ethiopia was born.

In 1914, Austria-Hungary issued an ultimatum to Serbia following the killing of Archduke Franz Ferdinand by a Serb assassin; the dispute led to World War I.

In 1945, French Marshal Henri Petain, who had headed the Vichy government during World War II, went on trial, charged with treason. (He was condemned to death, but his sentence was commuted; Petain died in prison on this date in 1951.)

In 1948, American pioneer filmmaker D.W. Griffith died in Los Angeles at age 73.

In 1952, Egyptian military officers led by Gamal Abdel Nasser launched a successful coup against King Farouk I.

In 1958, Britain's Queen Elizabeth II named the first

four women to peerage in the House of Lords.

In 1977, a jury in Washington convicted 12 Hanafi Muslims of charges stemming from the hostage siege at three buildings the previous March.

In 1982, actor Vic Morrow and two child actors, 7-year-old Myca Dinh Le and 6-year-old Renee Chen, were killed when a helicopter crashed on top of them during filming of a Vietnam War scene for "Twilight Zone: The Movie." (Director John Landis and four associates were later acquitted of manslaughter charges.)

In 1986, Britain's Prince Andrew married Sarah Ferguson at Westminster Abbey in London. (The couple divorced in 1996.)

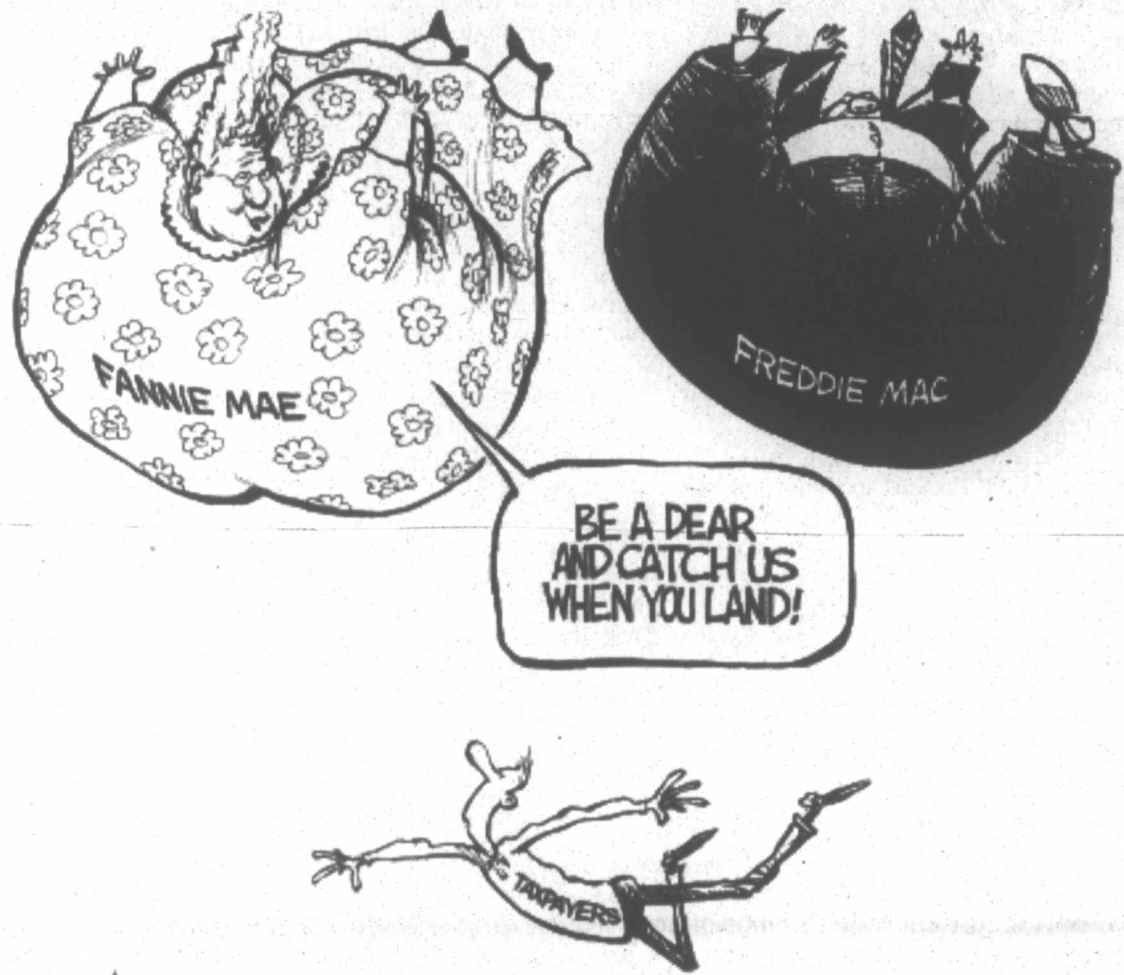
Ten years ago: Scientists at the University of Hawaii announced they had turned out more than 50 carbon-copy mice with a cloning technique said to be more reliable than the one used to create Dolly the sheep.

Five years ago: A new audiotape purported to be from toppled dictator Saddam Hussein called on Iraqis to resist the U.S. occupation. Massachusetts' attorney general issued a report saying clergy members and others in the Boston Archdiocese probably sexually abused more than 1,000 people over a period of six decades. New York City Councilman James Davis was shot to death by political rival Othniel Askew at City Hall; a police officer shot and killed Askew.

One year ago: In the first political debate of its kind, all eight Democratic Party contenders, appearing on CNN, fielded questions submitted by the public on the Internet video-sharing site YouTube.

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— Arthur M. Schlesinger Jr.
American historian



BLUR The National Inquirer's cartoonist

Pols expert at not defining their terms

The only presidential poll that matters is the one on Election Day, when voters will put an end to what seems like an endless campaign. I don't see much point in speculating about who's ahead on this or that day or parsing every word the candidates utter.

All we know for certain is that on Nov. 4, either Barack Obama or John McCain will become the president-elect, God willing and the Creeks don't rise. None of the minor candidates on the ballot has a chance. If you wish to waste a vote on one of them and it makes you feel better, go ahead, but the man who will affect your life during the next four years will be either Obama or McCain.

Neither man has much executive experience. They are the CEOs of their campaigns, and McCain had some experience as a squadron commander in the Navy. Both men have spent all of their political careers in the legislative branch. That fact has this bearing

on the subject: The essence of the legislative branch is compromise. Good legislators know how to compromise because they know that without compromise nothing will get done. You might want to keep that in mind as both men modify their positions. Accusing politicians of flip-flopping has become a rather worn political weapon, but the fact is, both men are used to compromising, and that always involves at least a slight change of position:

I would think that at least those of you who share my displeasure with the Bush administration would have had enough of a president who refuses to compromise or change his position. The world is in a constant state of change, and quite often our knowledge is constantly changing. It is only sensible to assess the situation as it is

in real time before making a final decision. That means it is difficult to say with certainty in July what you will do next February.

Who knows what the situation will be next February in the economy, in the wars and in domestic affairs? Other than my assumption that the weather will be cooler, I certainly don't know what the world will be like

or if I will even be around to see it. We humans have a tendency to delude ourselves that we are much more in control than we actually are.

The custom of some Muslims of adding "In shaa' Allah" (if God wills) to the end of most of their statements of intention is a good one. It is a reminder that all plans are, in fact, contingency plans, subject to interruption or changes because of things we don't control

and can't foresee. The old Southern expression "God willin' and the Creeks don't rise" says the same thing. I grew up thinking that phrase referred to flooding creeks, but someone corrected me. It refers to an uprising of the Creek Indians, which in the 1700s and early 1800s could put a crinkle in anybody's plans.

One other caution about politicians: The devil is not only in the details, but in the definitions, and politicians are experts at saying things without defining their terms. "Reasonable gun control," for example, depends entirely on what you define as reasonable. A total ban on handgun ownership was thought reasonable by the pooh-bahs in Washington, D.C. I think banning firearm ownership by convicted felons is reasonable, provided they are not branded as convicted felons for their whole lives. A "phased withdrawal of troops" depends on what you mean by phased — so many a

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Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

■ July 13
Austin American-Statesman on the failure of sex education:

An article on today's Austin American-Statesman front page poses two important questions for readers: Do abstinence-only classes help teens abstain from sex until marriage? Are they worth the millions of dollars spent on them each year?

Though supporters of teaching abstinence argue that focusing middle and high school sex education on abstaining from sex deters early pregnancy, the statistics say otherwise. As Melissa Mixon's article today notes, Texas has

widespread abstinence-only instruction in schools and restricts teaching much about contraception, yet it still has one of the nation's highest rates of teens giving birth.

Something clearly is not working. Yet Texas continues to spend more tax dollars than any other state teaching abstinence and avoiding classroom discussions of how to prevent pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases.

Texas spent \$17 million in federal and state funds last year teaching abstinence to students and \$117 million over more than two decades. Most of that money went to contractors who, unlike other high school teachers, do not have to meet any state requirements or standards to present the information to students.

Texas A&M Professor B.E. Pruitt was awarded a state contract to determine if all that money was doing any good if abstinence education was working. Pruitt's 2005 report determined that abstinence instruction wasn't changing the behavior of teenagers and wasn't preventing them from delaying sex until marriage. A federal study last year came to the same conclusion.

The federal government has spent more than \$1 billion to teach abstinence since the early 1980s and Texas has added \$32.4 million in state funds.

There is nothing wrong with teaching teenagers and young adults the good points of abstaining from sex until they are married. It's a valid

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My significant other helped me find a wonderful job with intelligent people. I'm an inveterate punster -- "If I put a leafy green vegetable on the barbecue, will it be chard?" My friend says I shouldn't share my puns with my new co-workers as it may make them feel stupid and lead them to be mad at me. Is this a problem? Will my co-workers dislike me if they don't get my puns? Where do Bambi and the other deer go in the forest for sanctuary from hunters? To Dear Abby! -- **COMPULSIVE PUNSTER IN CHICO, CALIF.**

DEAR COMPULSIVE: Cute. But technically it would be "Dear Abby." I'm voting with your friend. Humor is risky, so curb the punning until they get to know you better. MUCH better.

DEAR ABBY: Where is it published that "you're welcome" should be replaced with, "No problem"? I never received that memo and, what's more, I don't think it makes sense. I didn't intend to be "a problem" to anyone in the first place. So why am I not "welcome" now? It seems that parents and children have abandoned all forms of courtesy. To those who still teach their children good manners, I say, "Thank you," and I hope you'll reply, "You're welcome." -- **MANNERLY MOM IN CUMBERLAND, MD.**

DEAR MANNERLY MOM: You have posed an interesting question. If I had to make a guess, it might be "you're welcome" carries a connotation that what you are thanking the person for might have been a burden or an imposition. "No problem" is meant to convey that it wasn't a burden.

While I agree that it can be jarring when you're expecting "you're welcome," English is an evolving language and, rather than becoming offended, perhaps you should be grateful that the person is trying to be gracious.

DEAR ABBY: When I proposed to my wife 15 years ago, I surprised her with a trip to San Francisco. We got engaged on one of the benches in Ghirardelli Square. I spent thousands on the ring and more on the flight, hotel, dinners, etc. Ever since, my wife has returned every gift I have given her for Christmas, her birthday, our anniversary and, most recently, on Mother's Day. It's never right. It's too small, too large, too expensive, too shiny, too furry -- too anything. Not surprisingly, my desire to buy her gifts has dwindled over the years to the point where I never feel like getting her anything. Our 14th anniversary is coming up. I know, as usual, she expects me to do something to celebrate the occasion -- but I don't want to waste time and effort on something she won't like and will return. I think she is ungrateful, and she will probably get nothing this time around as I am too tired to deal with it. However, if I don't buy something, I will probably feel guilty because she always buys me "something," even if it's another watch -- I already have seven, which I don't wear. What should I do? -- **GIFT GRINCH IN CARLSBAD**

DEAR GIFT GRINCH: Rather than "surprise" your wife with nothing, have a talk with her. Explain that buying her gifts that only get returned is depressing and suggest that from now on you shop for gifts together. That way each of you can select something you will enjoy, and you can share the "thrill of the hunt" together.

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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- 24 Riot queller
- 26 Gooney stuff
- 27 Hold
- 28 Gloss target
- 29 Goes by
- 31 Time for planning
- 32 Spook specialty
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- 37 FDR pooch
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- 45 "Primal Fear" star
- 46 Was a fink

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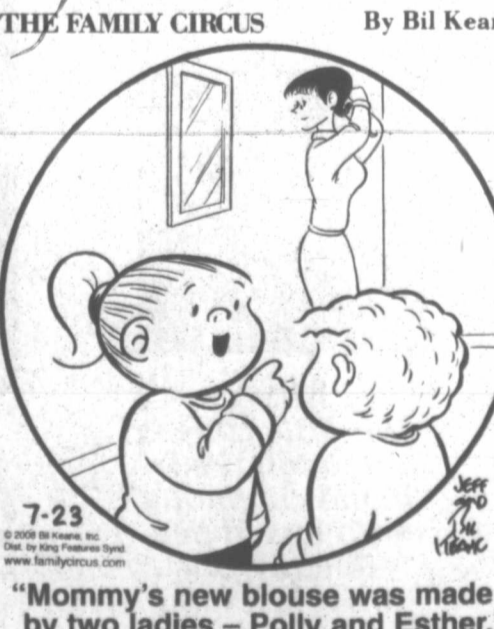
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Courtesy Photos
 The above dancers spent over a week at the Walt Disney World Resort Coronado Springs for the 124th convention of the Dance Masters of America. Pictured l-r: Olivia Tyler, High Silver medal; Jenna Gee, Silver medal; Jenna Munsell, Silver Medal; Danielle Zuniga, competed for the title of Teen Miss Dance of America; Elysa Clements, High Bronze; Edy Brainard, attended classes. The girls competed against dancers from all over America and Canada. Not pictured Cassie Denton, Silver Medal. The girls attended classes everyday but still had time to hit all the parks and attractions that Disney has to offer.

The dancers at left attended 'An Enchanted Evening' banquet in the Disney theme of Cinderella with attendance by Mickey Mouse on the last night of the Dance Masters of America's National Dance Competition and Convention. Pictured L-R: Jenna Gee, Edy Brainard, Jenna Munsell, Elysa Clements, Danielle Zuniga and Madeline Graves.

All these dancers are from Madeline Graves Dance and Gymnastics Center.

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Texas grand jury indicts polygamist sect members

ELDORADO (AP) — Polygamist sect leader Warren Jeffs, already convicted in Utah of rape as an accomplice and awaiting trial in Arizona on other charges related to underage marriages, is now accused of assaulting a girl in Texas in January 2005.

A grand jury in this tiny western Texas ranching community indicted Jeffs and four of his followers Tuesday on charges of felony sexual assault of a child. Another was indicted for failing to report child abuse.

The charges came nearly two months after the Texas Supreme Court ruled that child welfare officials overstepped when they took all the children from the polygamist sect's ranch in a separate child custody case. The state had accused the sect of forcing underage girls into marriage and motherhood.

While authorities sorted out the custody dispute in civil court, law enforcement continued a criminal investigation by sifting through hundreds of boxes of documents, photos and family Bibles seized from the Yearning For Zion Ranch during an April raid.

State Attorney General Greg Abbott said five members of the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints are charged with one count of sexually assaulting girls under age 17, a felony. One of them, not the 52-year-old Jeffs, faces an additional charge of bigamy.

Abbott said a sixth member of the FLDS is charged with three counts of failure to report child abuse.

"Our investigation in this matter is not concluded," said the attorney general, whose office is acting as the special prosecutor in the case.

The grand jury will continue consideration of other possible criminal charges on Aug. 21, according to a person who spoke on the condition of anonymity because proceedings of the panel are secret by law.

The identities of the Jeffs' followers who were indicted were not released Tuesday because the indictments remain sealed until authorities can arrest the men. Jeffs is in custody in Arizona.

"There will be an aggressive effort to apprehend them," Abbott said when asked whether he was concerned the men might have fled Texas.

FLDS members have historically lived around the Arizona-Utah line and bought the YFZ ranch in Eldorado about five years ago.

"We're actually quite shocked. As soon as we know who they're looking for, we'll try to face it," Willie Jessop, a church member and spokesman, told The Associated Press in an interview Tuesday. "We believe in our innocence."

He said he didn't know who was indicted and that no one from law enforcement had tried to enter the ranch Tuesday evening.

Patrick Crimmins, a spokesman for Child Protective Services, said the agency is still investigating allegations of possible abuse and would look at the living circumstances of the children associated with the men who were indicted.

"We know where each child is and we know the household situation, who lives there, et cetera," he said Wednesday, the same day some parents began court-ordered parenting classes. "We'll take a closer look at each one of those family situations to verify that the appropriate protections are in place."

Events calendar

Amarillo Botanical Gardens will conduct its "Music in the Gardens" featuring various musicians and vocal artists from 7:30-8:30 p.m. every Monday now through August. Gates will open at 7 p.m. Performances will last from 7:30-8:30 p.m. Visitors must provide their own lawn chairs, blankets and sunscreen. Admission will be \$4 for adults, \$3 for seniors and \$2 for children 2-12. Children under 2 are free. Membership Card holders also get in free. For more information, call the gardens at (806) 352-6513. Summer hours for the gardens are 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, and 9 a.m.-5 p.m. week days.

The deadline to enter a Golden Poets Guild free poetry contest is July 26. A grand-prize will be awarded. To enter, send one poem of 21 lines or less to Free Poetry Contest, 601 16th St # C-115 Golden, CO 80401, or enter via the Internet at www.freecontest.com.

The deadline for local businesses to purchase a rodeo banner in lieu of the upcoming Top O' Texas Rodeo is July 30. The 62nd annual rodeo is scheduled Aug.

14-16 at Top O' Texas Rodeo Arena in Pampa. For more information, contact the rodeo office at 669-0434.

The deadline to enter the Name the Mascot Contest being sponsored by Amarillo Botanical Gardens is Aug. 20. The name will be applied to a new statue erected at the gardens of a six-foot "frog musician." The winner will be announced at the season finale of "Music in the Gardens" on Aug. 25. If more than one entry supplies the winning name, the first to submit the name will be considered the winner. To enter, choose a name for the mascot and submit the name to Amarillo Botanical Gardens, Name the Mascot Contest, 1400 Streit Dr., Amarillo, TX 79106.

The Greater Amarillo Affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure will stage its 2008 "pink luncheon" at 12 p.m. Sept. 9 in the Heritage Room of Amarillo Civic Center in Amarillo. Reservations are required. Tickets are \$35 a piece. For more information, call (806) 354-9706 or visit www.komenamarillo.org on the Internet.

NATIONAL NEWS

Alaska House OKs gas pipeline license

JUNEAU, Alaska (AP) — The Alaska State House of Representatives has approved a state license for a Canadian company to pursue a natural gas pipeline project that could unlock 4.5 billion cubic feet of North Slope gas reserves daily.

The House backed the plan on a 24-16 vote Tuesday. A reconsideration vote is planned Wednesday, but that's usually a formality. If approved then, the bill will go to the state Senate, which must approve or reject it before Aug. 2.

Lawmakers in Alaska's House voted to support Gov. Sarah Palin's proposal to award TransCanada Corp. an exclusive license to pursue federal certification for the 1,715-mile pipeline estimated to cost between \$26 billion and \$30 billion.

TransCanada Vice President Tony Palmer wasn't ready to celebrate just yet, nor would he make any predictions on how the Senate's vote will play out. "I'm always uncertain

until I see the votes," Palmer said. "I had no expectations as to how the votes would go until I saw the buttons pressed."

The license doesn't guarantee pipeline construction. It simply calls for TransCanada to embark on a costly process of pursuing a federal certificate, but also with up to \$500 million in state seed money.

There's the rub, said Rep. Mike Hawker, an Anchorage Republican who spoke out against the Alaska Gasline Inducement Act, or AGIA, license before casting a dissenting vote.

"We have to make it very clear is that this AGIA license is not a commitment to do anything other than process a whole lot of paper," Hawker said. "There is no commitment to move a shovel full of dirt toward a pipeline project."

Rep. Les Gara, an Anchorage Democrat, backed Palin's endorsement of TransCanada with the same understanding as Hawker, but with a different outlook.

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— Rep. Mike Hawker

"I think this is going to put the state on a stable footing," Gara said. "There is no clear path to a gas line. This is the clearest path to a gas line that protects the state's interest. That's all it is."

Even if the Senate concurs, it will still be at least another 10 years before any market sees Arctic gas. And there is still a competing pipeline moving forward without the state's startup money.

That project is a joint venture between North Slope oil producers and gas leaseholders ConocoPhillips and BP PLC, who believed Palin's AGIA format was too restrictive.

In the end, Majority Leader Ralph Samuels said the it's not the government's role to pick a winner. The Anchorage Republican was the lone dissenting vote when the law as passed last year, but had more support this year.

"The government is ill equipped to pick a winner in the marketplace," Samuels said. "We've simply blessed a winner in AGIA here."

House Rules Chairman John Coghill, a North Pole Republican, disagreed before voting yes.

"We are not picking a winner here, because there is not gas going to market," Samuels said. "What we are picking here is somebody who will work with us under certain conditions."

"It gets us lined up with a pipeline builder who not only who knows how to do it, but we get to know how they do it both in cost and timeline."

The vote takes the state another step away from a contract unsuccessfully pushed by former Gov. Frank Murkowski.

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India and has discussed the topic several times on a national level radio program in India.

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 - Texas Renewable Energy Industries Association (TREIA) (www.treia.org)

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month or so many a year? No permanent bases in Iraq can mean bases for 50 years. That's not permanent.

It's sad that so many of our political leaders and our own government have adopted the habit of trying to mislead us or at least to hide the truth from us. Maybe we can break them of that habit — God willing.

—Write to Charley Reese at P.O. Box 2446, Orlando, FL 32802.

Services

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the 1100 block of Garland. At least one arrest was made in connection with the incident.

Fraud was reported in the 100 block of South Russell.

Theft was reported in the 100 block of West 30th. A license plate was taken and later recovered.

Theft was reported in the 800 block of West 25th. Jewelry valued at \$10,000 was taken. Some of the jewelry was recovered. At least one arrest was made in connection with the incident.

Theft was reported in the 500 block of Powell.

Wednesday, July 23
 Traffic stops were made in the 300 block of North Starkweather, the 100 block of South Starkweather and the 500 block of South Cuyler.

Suspicious person calls were received from the 800 block of South Gray and the 500 block of South Gillespie.

A suspicious vehicle call was received from the 1000 block of South Faulkner.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1000 block of South Wells.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 400 block of North Faulkner. The

rear window of a vehicle was broken. Estimated cost of damage is \$600.

Sheriff

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

Monday, July 21
 Leo Dan Badillo, 19, of Pampa was arrested in the 200 block of North Russell by Pampa Police Department for four counts of theft of a firearm.

Gustavo Adolfo Perez, 17, of Pampa was arrested by Pampa PD for four counts of theft of a firearm.

Tuesday, July 22
 Curtis Dale Haynes, 49, of Pampa was arrested in the 1200 block of North Hobart by Pampa PD for driving while intoxicated.

Jimmy Lee Gilmer, 26, of Canadian was arrested by GCSO for four capias pro fines and a bond forfeiture for possession of a prohibited weapon.

Zenaida Margarita Trejo, 34, of Pampa was arrested in the 800 block of West 25th by Pampa PD on a bond surrender for theft by check.

Steven Vaughn Bracewell, 25, of Pampa was arrested in the 1100 block of Garland by Pampa PD on a probation violation for unauthorized

use of a motor vehicle.

Robert Lee Ramirez, 38, of Canyon was arrested by GCSO for theft of property over \$1,500 and under \$20,000, enhanced.

Jose Raul Ramirez, 21, of Pampa was arrested in the 700 block of East Browning by Pampa PD for four counts of theft of a firearm.

Christian Edward Bruce, 28, of Pampa was arrested in the 600 block of North Sumner by Pampa PD for violation of a protective order with bias/prejudice.

Trent Lee Magers, 20, of Pampa was arrested in the 1400 block of West Kentucky by Pampa PD on a capias pro fine for no valid driver's license.

Fire

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

Tuesday, July 22

2:31 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to a motor vehicle accident in the 900 block of Alcock. No injuries were reported.

5:49 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 1500 block of West Kentucky on a call for medical assistance.

