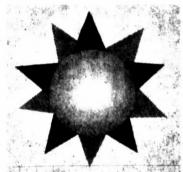


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# **Dog registration election Aug. 12**

**By NANCY YOUNG Managing Editor** 

Gray County voters will go to the polls next month to decide whether or not they want to register dogs outside the City of Pampa.

The election stems from an incident on April 16 when a miniature pony was attacked by two pit bull dogs. The dogs were owned by Pampa residents.

Petitions requesting the election contained over 400 qualified voter signatures • and were presented to the county commissioners by Sheryl Lester.

Lester, owner of the miniature pony, spearheaded the petition drive to take the issue to the voters.

Gray County Attorney Todd Alvey said if the Aug. 12 election passes all dogs which belong to owners outside the Pampa city limits would have to be registered with the county, and the owners would also be required to provide a collar and tags for the dogs.

All registered voters in Gray County are eligible to vote in the August election. Gray County Attorney Todd Alvey said if the Aug. 12 election passes all dogs which belong to owners outside the Pampa city limits would have to be registered with the county, and the owners would also be required to provide a collar and tags for the dogs.

Alvey also said if the election passes and a dog is at large outside the city limits without a muzzle on it, the owner of the dog would be subject to criminal penalties. "Dogs which harass, molest or damage a domestic animal would be destroyed," said Alvey. He added that horses, chickens, sheep, cows, dogs and cattle are domestic animals.

He further stated that dogs registered in

the City of Pampa found to be in violation of the possible law would only be subject to one fine. It would be the city fine, Alvey said.

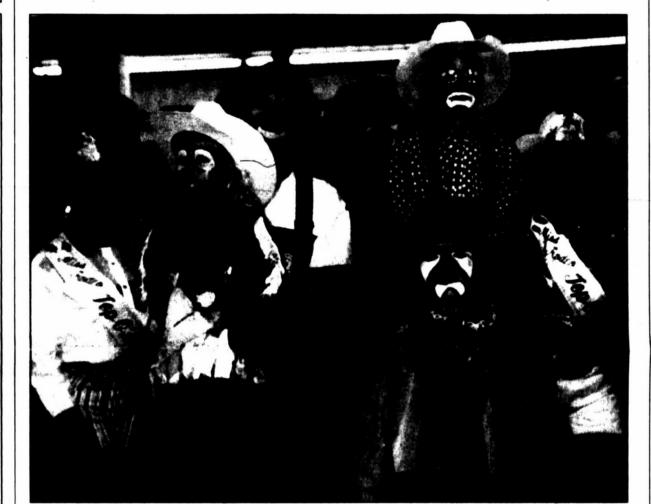
County Attorney Alvey said it was not the intention of the Texas Legislature that dog owners should be responsible for twofines. He also said the City of Pampa has passed the Rabies Control Act. The act eliminates the dog owners in Pampa from having to be registered in the county.

Alvey also said the same health and safety code provides if a dog attacks chickens, sheep or cattle, the owner is subject to criminal fines.

City secretaries at Lefors and McLean (See DOG, Page 2)

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# **City ponders Energas rate** increase plan

#### **By KATE B. DICKSON Associate Publisher**

Whether to accept an Energas rate hike proposal or gamble on rates that will ultimately be set by the Railroad Commission is the dilemma facing the Pampa City Commission.

After listening to City Manager Bob Eskridge's explanation, commissioners last week decided to postpone any action until its next meeting at 6 p.m. Tuesday, July 25, at City Hall.

Originally, Energas sought an \$11 million area-wide increase, said Eskridge.

Meanwhile, a coalition of 67 entities, including Pampa, formed and hired consultants who determined Energas should set a \$7 million decrease in rates, not an increase.

But the last recommendation from the consultants is that cities should take the settlement proposal for a \$3 million hike, Eskridge said. Just why the consultants went from a position the rates should be \$7 million lower to \$3 million higher wasn't made clear. The City of Lubbock has refused to go along with the recommendation and voted not to accept the settlement proposal, Eskridge said. Thus a Railroad Commission rate case was born. The city manager said Lubbock officials decided not to take the settlement because city officials there say there is no proof to substantiate an increase. Also, Eskridge said, a previous case in which Lone Star gas sought an increase was denied by the Railroad Commission in favor of a rate decrease. In the proposed settlement agreement, Energas says it will go up \$3 million area-wide creating residential rates that are 6.5 percent higher and commercial rates that will go up 9.4 percent. Also includ-(See ENERGAS, Page 2)

sales booth reservations for Chautauqua, Labor Day, Sept. 4, Central Park are \$20 if mailed by July 19 to Pampa Fine Arts. Assoc., P.O.Box 818, Pampa, 79066-0818. After that date, deposit is \$25. Call the PFA office at 665-0343 for further Monday information, Friday, 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. **CPR**, First Aid

### classes scheduled

PAMPA — The Gray County Chapter of the American Red Cross will offer an Adult CPR class from 6-10 p.m. Monday, July 24 and a Standard First Aid class from 6-10 p.m. Tuesday, July 25. To register or for more information, call the local Red Cross at 669-7121.

#### Swimming lesson registration set

PAMPA — Registration is currently under way for swim lessons to be conducted by Gray County Chapter of the American Red Cross July 24-Aug. 2 at M.K. Brown Outdoor Swimming Pool. Classes will include Levels 1-3 (preschool through beginners age 3 and up) and Levels 4 and 5 (advanced beginners/intermediate). Cost is \$35. To enroll or for more information, contact the ARC Gray County Chapter at 669-7121.

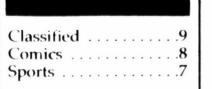
 Verson Duane Alexander, 60, former power company employer.

 Jerry Len Evans I, 47, auto mechanic

· David 'Ben' Money, 88, farmer.

• Lorena I. 'Rena' Palmer, 74, homemaker.

• Vernon Pratt, 51, deputy general manager of finance for Celanese in Kunming, China.



Professional rodeo clowns (rear) Clint Ferguson of Pampa and Dustin Brewer were on hand for the clown contest at Wayne's Western Wear as were Jamie Reed, outgoing TOT Rodeo Queen Jaimie Reed (left) and Teen Queen Candice Caldwell. Winners were Jaeden Swires, first place; Kyler Ramming, second place and Emily Ruhl won third place.

# Old Mobeetie **Music Festival**

MOBEETIE — Old Mobeetie Texas Museum Association will host the First Annual Old Mobeetie Texas Music Festival July 28-30 on the Old Courthouse Square, site of the Jail Museum.

Festivities will kick-off at 6 p.m. Friday, July 28 and continue until 12 midnight; will begin at 10 a.m. and last until midnight Saturday and will begin at 9 a.m. and conclude at 12 noon Sunday.

The festival will feature bluegrass, western swing, country and western and gospel music along with various other styles. Nightly picking and jamming will also be held on the campgrounds. Participants are advised to bring lawn chairs as seating is limited; however, plenty of shade trees are in the vicinity.

Featured bands and entertainers include: Star Canyon, San Angelo; Cimmaron, Wheeler; Texas Country, Wickett; North Fork, Lefors; Harmonica Wrygrass, Amarillo; Lighthouse Beacon, Amarillo; Magic City Cowboys, Magic City; Mary McDonald (1998 Traditional Music Association Female Vocalist) and a Touch of Grass, Stonewall, Okla.

R.V. hookups are available for a fee on a first come basis. Dry campers will also be charged. Mobeetie Volunteer Fire Department will provide a food concession stand. No alcohol or drugs will be permitted and all pets must be on a leash.

Cost of admission will be \$16 for a weekend pass or \$8 Friday and \$10 Saturday. Sunday admission is free. Children under 12 will be admitted free. Old Mobeetie Texas Museum Association sponsors the festival as its primary fund-raising event. Proceeds will be used for museum activities and to provide for the continuation of the festival. For information, call Joe VanZandt at (806) 845-2101 or Melba Corcoran at (806) 845-8401.

## Heritage leaves for sale

The White Deer Land Museum staff reminds the public that the leaves for the museum Heritage Tree are still on sale at the museum. It is very exciting to see the engraved leaves go up on the tree with

he names in remembrance of our families and the settlers of this area. The museum invites you to come by at 112 S. Cuyler and see the Heritage Tree and select a leaf or a rock for your family.

The large leaves sell for \$150; the small leaf is \$75. The large rock is \$1000 and the small rock is \$500. The leaves will hold 3-4 lines of engraving depending on the size. The rocks will hold much more. The museum is open from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. for you to see the tree and select a place for your family leaf. The museum also invites you

to see the summer exhibit, "As Time Goes By - 1900-2000"

## Sanitarian closes restaurant

Singletree restaurant at 518 N. Hobart was deficiencies are corrected, the sanitation code closed Thursday due to sanitation code violations, said Sanitarian Jackie Harper. The restauly housed Sirloin Stockade.

The top score a restaurant can make is 100 and 70 is passing, Harper said. Singletree scored 44. She said the restaurant may reopen after the

met and it is inspected again.

The inspection revealed "overall pretty unsanrant opened recently in the building that former- itary conditions" which included sewer backing up into kitchen sinks and dirty walk-in refrigerators, Harper said today.

Harper said the check of Singletree was a "routine" inspection.



(Pampa News photo by Nancy Young)

Smoke billowed from The Hickory Hut, 716 W. Brown, shortly after 10 a.m. this morning as the smoker apparently caught fire at the local barbecue establishment. Leroy Thacker, owner of the business, said flames were shooting through the back part of the business when he discovered the fire as he preparing barbecue for the day. Maintaining a sense of humor, Thacker said today's brisket is "overdone." Pampa Fire Department responded to the call and quickly had the fire under control. No cause or estimate of damage was available.

# **Daily Record**

### Services tomorrow

BURRELL. Estell - Graveside services. 10 a.m., West Park Cemetery, Hereford. EVANS, Jerry Len I - Memorial services, 2 p.m., First Baptist Church, Skellytown. PALMER, Lorena I. "Rena" - 2 p.m., First

Christian Church, Panhandle.

### **Obituaries**

#### **VERSON DUANE ALEXANDER**

VANCOUVER, Wash. - Verson Duane Alexander, 60, a former Pampa resident died Saturday, July 15, 2000. Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday in Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel in Pampa with the Rev. John Glover, associate pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Miami Cemetery at Miami under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Alexander was born Nov. 23, 1939, at Amarillo and graduated from Pampa High School in 1958. He worked for Joy Manufacturing in Buffalo, N.Y., and Seattle, Wash., and was employed with Washington Atomic Power Company of Vancouver for 14 years.

He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving in the 101st Airborne Division of the Rangers, and belonged to First Baptist Church of Pampa.

He was preceded in death by his father, Verson T. Alexander, in 1988; and by a sister, Linda Janell Alexander, in 1946.

Survivors include a daughter, Kristin D'Oca of Tucson, Ariz.; two sons, Chad Alexander of Kennewick, Wash., and Robert Brent Alexander of Vancouver; his mother, Johnnie Alexander of Pampa; a former wife, Darla Alexander of Kennewick; a sister, Lora Baggerman of Pampa; and a brother, Charles Alexander of Pampa.

The family requests memorials be to First Baptist Church, 203 N. West, Pampa, TX 79065; or to a favorite charity.

#### **JERRY LEN EVANS I**

SKELLYTOWN — Jerry Len Evans I, 47, died Monday, July 17, 2000. Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday in First Baptist Church with the Rev. Finis Marchman, pastor of the church, and the Rev. Rob Lackey, interim youth minister at First Baptist Church of Panhandle, officiating. The body was cremated and consequently will not be available for viewing. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Evans was born Jan. 13, 1953, at Childress. He had been a Skellytown resident most of his life. He married Karen Elam on Dec. 10, 1978, at Pampa. He was an auto mechanic and a member of First Baptist Church.

He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving during the Vietnam War.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Jack Evans; and a sister, Linda Evans.

Survivors include his wife. Karen, of the home: three daughters, Jennifer Evans and Jasmine Evans, both of Skellytown, and Jennifer Sargent of Panhandle; two sons, Jeremy Evans of Tulsa, Okla., and Jerry Len Evans II of Skellytown; a stepson, Jeremy Harmon of Odessa; two brothers, J.R. Evans of Dumas and James Evans of Copan, Okla.; and a grandchild. The family requests memorials be to First Baptist Church of Skellytown.

#### VERNON PRATT

KUNMING, China - Vernon Pratt, 51, a former Pampa resident, died Friday, July 14, 2000. Services are pending under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa. Mr. Pratt was born May 10, 1949, at Amarillo. He graduated from Panhandle High School in 1967 and from West Texas State University, receiving a bachelor of arts degree in business in 1974 and a master of science degree in finance in 1979. He lived in Pampa for 18 years and worked at both Cabot Corporation and IRI International. He was employed with Celanese Corporation at Bishop for four years prior to relocating to Kunming where he was deputy general manager of finance for the Celanese plant there.

While in Pampa, he was a member of Briarwood Full Gospel Church and Pampa Youth and Community Center Board of Directors.

He served in the National Guard from 1971-77. He was preceded in death by his father, Glenn L. Pratt.

Survivors include a daughter, Marcy Molone of Ponca City, Okla.; a son, Joel Pratt of Arlington; his mother, Ethel Pratt of Panhandle; two sisters. Norma Thomason of Jacksonville, Fla., and Glenda Boothe of Panhandle; former wife, Kathy Pratt of Corpus Christi; and four grandchildren, Madelynn Nicole Pratt and Michael Glenn Pratt, both of Arlington, and Ashlee Nicole Molone and Jordan Shawn Molone, both of Ponca City.

The family will be at 2312 Cherokee and

### **Sheriff's Office**

Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests and incidents during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Tuesday, July 18

Heather Heiskell, 19, 822 N. Somerville, was arrested on a bond surrender for theft by check. Shonda Davis, 29, 524 Lefors, was arrested on a bond surrender for failure to leave information. Barney Earl Sawyer, 43, Lefors was arrested on a probation violation out of Carson County.

Norman Leslie Howard, 31, 117 Warren, was arrested on a Gray County warrant for theft by check.

A female inmate was transported by Rural Metro Ambulance complaining of seizures. She remained under observation in Pampa Regional Medical Center today, Sheriff Don Copeland said.

### Fires

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

Tuesday, July 18

12:56 p.m. - One unit and four firefighters responded to 1800 block of North Banks on a fire alarm. The alarm had malfunctioned. 5:14 p.m. - One unit and three firefighters responded to a motor vehicle collision at the intersection of Cuyler and Brown streets.

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## DOG

said they do not believe their town councils have passed the Rabies Control Act. Alvey said if a town has not passed the act, the owners of dogs in that community will be subject to registering their animals with the county if the Aug. 12 election is passed. Residents who live outside any incorporated municipalities will also be required to register their dogs.

The Rabies Control Act was approved May 26, 1981, and went into effect in Pampa on Jan. 1, 1982. The purpose of the act is to establish a minimum state-wide program to control and eradicate rabies in the State of Texas.

act.

While the act refers to penalties involving animal bites of humans, there is nothing in the act referring to animals biting animals.

Lefors Council has passed a dog-at-large ordinance and a rabies ordinance, but she does not owning dogs that are dangerous. believe the Rabies Control Act is in effect in her city.

a holding facility to restrain dogs which bite a. ing to run loose in Pampa and in the county. human. At present, the dogs are put under quarantine at the pet owners' home or at a veterinari- surer's office will be responsible for registering an's office.

In regard to dogs running at large, Williams said, it is at the discretion of the Lefors town marshal for handling complaints regarding suspected viowhether or not citations are issued to dog owners. lations.

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**ENERGAS** 

ed in the agreement is an Energas promise not to raise rates for at least three years.

If Pampa accepts the settlement agreement the city will have those rates even if the Railroad Commission approves higher or lower rates, the city manager said.

If the city opts to take the Railroad Commission

## Pampa man's killer fails to get execution reprieve

victim and felt he had to kill again.

Braun, 39, whose 1989 murder spree crossed four states and left five people dead, was scheduled to die by drug injection at the Oklahoma State Penitentiary early Thursday.

New Mexico District Judge Carol Vigil in Santa Fe rejected Braun's request Wednesday that the governor be ordered to have him returned to New Mexico to serve out a life sentence. Assistant Attorney General Steven Suttle said he didn't think any New Mexico court can stop Oklahoma from executing City, Kan., lawyer at the time of the murders, aided Braun.

for Braun worked on other last minute appeals late Wednesday morning. An appeal seeking to return him to New Mexico was pending Tuesday afternoon before the 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Denver.

McLean City Secretary Toni Bohlar said the Rabies Control Act has not been passed by the City of McLean. She said the city does have an ordinance requiring current rabies shots for dogs. Bohlar added many dog owners do not confine their dogs in McLean, allowing the animals to run loose.

Lester is encouraging residents to vote in the election. She said the present law allows people to sue property owners if a dog bites them on the property owners' property. If the law passes in the Aug. 12 election, the dog will have a right to protect their imminent domain, said Lester

She said she has had many people contact her about the dog issue in the county, and she said Vaccination of dogs and cats is required by the she thinks the voters will definitely pass the issue in the August election.

Lester said she became involved in the issue in April when her pony was attacked by dogs. She said she has filed a lawsuit to have the dogs that Lefors City Secretary Judy Williams said the attacked her pony destroyed, but it hasn't gone to efors Council has passed a dog-at-large ordi- court. She said people need to be responsible for

"I haven't had any more problems (with the dogs) since the April incident," she said. "But we She said the City of Lefors is currently building need protection." She said the dogs are continu-

If the August election passes, the county treaall dogs not registered with the City of Pampa. Gray County Sheriff's office would be responsible

rates there is no promise of holding the line on increases for three years.

Commissioner Jeff Andrews asked that a decision be delayed until the next meeting in order to further review the situation but his leaning was toward accepting the proposal.

"We can go to the Railroad Commission which has no representation from the Panhandle and it may be good and it may be bad ... but we can't get back to here (settlement proposal)," Andrews said.

McALESTER, Okla. (AP) — Gregg Francis Braun The bodies of Barbara Kochendorfer and Mary faced a walk to Oklahoma's death chamber Rains were found on the same rural road. Their mur-Wednesday, 11 years to the day after he shot his first ders left a total of eight young children without their mothers

On July 20, 1989, Braun shot E.P. "Pete" Spurrier while robbing a Pampa, Texas, photo development store. He killed Geraldine Valdez on July 23, 1989, at a Springer, N.M., convenience store, later telling a deputy "it wasn't as good as shooting craps in Vegas, but it was all right.

Braun received life sentences for the murders in Kansas, New Mexico and Texas.

Braun's father, Lelyn Braun, a prominent Garden his son's defense in the waning hours of appeal,

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#### DAVID 'BEN' MONEY

BORGER — David "Ben" Money, 88, died Tuesday, July 18, 2000. Graveside services will be at 4 p.m. Friday in Memory Gardens in Pampa. Burial will be under the direction of Minton/Chatwell Funeral Directors of Borger.

Mr. Money was born at Haskell and had been an area resident for 60 years. He was a mechanic for Ray Boswell Paving Company and was also a farmer and a cowboy for many years in the panhandle.

He was a Baptist.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Bonnie Lee Money, on June 16, 1997.

Survivors include two daughters, Carolyn Hefner and Barbara Tieg, both of Fritch; four sons, Carl David Money of Fritch, Ben A. Money of North Port, Fla., Louis W. Money of Kalamazoo, Mich., and Jeff A. Money of Las Vegas, Nev.; a sister, Martha Lou Ramsey of Compton, Calif.; two brothers, Jessie Money of Denver, Colo., and Lee Money of Dalton, Neb.; 21 grandchildren; 32 greatgrandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

The family will be at 120 Sage Mesa in Fritch. The body will lie-in-state at the funeral home in Borger.

#### LORENA I. 'RENA' PALMER

PANHANDLE - Lorena I. "Rena" Palmer, 74, died Monday, July 17, 2000. Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday in First Christian Church with the Rev. Doug Harvey officiating. Burial will be in Memorial Park Cemetery at Amarillo under the direction of Minton/Chatwell Funeral Directors of Panhandle.

Mrs. Palmer was born at Dill City, Okla. She married John Palmer on May 30, 1942, at Cordell, Okla. She had been a Panhandle resident since 1974 and belonged to First Christian Church, volunteering with Ellie Care of the church. She was also a member of Erudite Fine Arts Club.

She was preceded in death by a son, Gary Don; two brothers; and her parents.

Survivors include her husband, John, of Panhandle; two daughters, Mamie Lorena Stimpson of Garden City, Kan., and Sherrie Lynn Palmer of Panhandle; three sisters, Jeretta Henry of Richardson, Glenna Foster of Dallas and Sue Boling of Edmond, Okla.; two brothers, Donald Bishop of Amarillo and Jerry Bishop of Dallas; and Columbia/HCA 31 13/16 up 7/16 three grandchildren.

Wednesday, July 19 12:29 a.m.-One unit and four firefighters responded to a gas odor in the 400 block of E. Foster.

### Police report

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents and arrests during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

#### **Tuesday**, July 18

Criminal mischief was reported to three vehicles at A&S Auto Sales, 703 W. Brown. An estimated damage of \$820 to windows and mirrors was reported.

A runaway was reported in the 500 block of North Frost

An assault by contact/ domestic violence was reported in the 1100 block of South Christy.

An employee of Allsup's, 1900 N. Hobart, reported theft of \$37.41 in gasoline.

An assault was reported in the 400 block of Wynne.

#### Wednesday, July 19

Carl Allen Hinds, 17, 1138 S. Christy, was arrested on four capias pro fine warrants for traffic violations.

Criminal mischief was reported at Dorman Tire Co., 1800 N. Hobart. Sometime between 9 p.m., Tuesday, and 6:15 a.m. today, someone caused an estimated damage of \$550 to a coke machine and \$250 in canned soft drinks.

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Community Camera Check one out today--669-2525

'We're still trying to get the stay of execution," Braun's attorney, Benjamin McCullar said Tuesday. "Gregg Francis Braun should be sent back to New Mexico to finish out his life sentence."

Braun received the death penalty for shooting and killing Gwendolyn Sue Miller, 31, in her parents' Ardmore, Okla., floral shop. Miller's husband, Dusty, and their three children planned to watch him die on the eve of the anniversary of her July 21, 1989, death.

"After all the pain and being helpless to protect my kids and family, this is the only thing I can do,' Miller said.

Three days before he killed Mrs. Miller, the 28year-old college graduate with a degree in criminal rob it. He decided to kill the clerk out of fear she could identify him.

chose a second Garden City store clerk.

although he said he didn't defend Braun's He blamed cocaine mixed with other drugs for making Braun go "completely bonkers."

. "He's very beautiful, God-fearing, prepared to meet his Creator," Lelyn Braun said, describing his son now. "He's found peace with God."

Braun asked to be served a last meal of a chef salad with Italian dressing, barbecue beef or pork and a hot fudge brownie sundae.

He didn't want his family to witness the execution. They planned to be in McAlester, however, for a memorial service at a local Catholic church, Lelyn Braun said.

Suzanne Baze, the daughter of Geraldine Valdez, planned to join the dozens of expected family witnesses. The murder, she said, came when her younger brother was just 16.

"His actions have caused so much havoc for my family," she said.

Greg Valdez told Oklahoma's clemency board that justice went to a Garden City convenience store to while Braun's execution won't bring back his mother, it will give him a feeling of relief.

"Every time that I hear about him or see his name He later told police that after shooting the clerk in in a paper I get an awful feeling," he wrote, "and the back of the head, he felt he had to kill again. He with him no longer around it will be a great burden off of my mind."

## **City Briefs**

The Pampa News is not responsible for the content of paid advertisement

GOING OUT of Bus., Youree's Jewelry, 508 N. Main, Borger

**BECKY WIECK** from Etter will be in Pampa with Sweet corn Wed. & Sat. at 7:30 a.m. until sell out, weather permitting. MK Brown parking lot. 806-966-5221.

CHANEYS CAFE, 716 W. Foster, Sun.-Fri. 11-2, Tues.-Fri. 5-8. Wed. Meatloaf, fried chicken, salmon patties, chicken fried steak

DANCE, MCLEAN Country Club, Sat. July 22, band Tiny Lynn, 8-12:00. Members & guests.

AUTOMATIC 20% off any new vacuum with working trade-in, Top of Texas Vac & Sew, 407 W. Foster, 665-0930.

KILLARNEY BAR & Grill 665-0909 To go & deliveries 11a.m.-1p.m. Dining Room opens 4p.m. Wed. Karoke with Jaime. Thurs. Alaskan King Crab \$16.95

LAUNDERED SHIRTS \$1.85, dress slacks-drycleaned 3/\$8.50, jeans 3 pr./\$10.50-laundered w/ starch. Comet Cleaners.

NEARLY NEW 2143 N. Hobart- Preparing for back to school. Accepting Fall consignments. Need plus sizes & maternity.

SUMMER SALE 1/2 off all summer clothing. Tralee Resale Shop 308 S. Cuyler

### Weather focus

PAMPA — Mostly sunny today with an expected high of and rain. Tomorrow, sunshine expected, and southwest winds from the Texas Coast signaling from 10-20 miles an hour. slightly low highs, but the area Yesterday's high was 98 and the overnight low was 69.

hang over the state through the sky and fueling temperatures showers and thunderstorms.

Heat advisories have also been most regions r the ninth day in a The high pressure system

should still be muggy. Clear skies reigned over the STATEWIDE - A high-pres- state Wednesday morning and sure dome should continue to should continue through the afternoon, although portions of Thursday, keeping clouds out of West Texas have chances of

Temperatures were mostly in the 70s and 80s before sunrise. and more than a few areas were well on their way to pushing the century mark.

Dallas and Fort Worth were already warm with temperatures ranging from 81 to 85 across the cities Wednesday morning. Del Rio was also a warm 84 degrees, while Galveston was 83.

Winds were mainly out of the South statewide, except for northerly winds in Far West Texas.

Clouds and isolated showers and thunderstorms could move in over West and North Texas cooling temperatures into the mid-90s.

issued through Thursday for most parts of the state as temperatures were expected to climb

in the upper 90s to low 100s.

103. Southwest winds are per hour. A low of 70 is expected.

expected between 10-20 miles into middle 90s and low 100s in Variable cloudiness tonight with row. Big Bend could reach tem-

a 20 percent chance of showers peratures as high as 110 degrees.

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# **Calendar of events**

#### WHITE DEER LAND MUSEUM

(112-116 S. Cuyler) visiting hours are Tuesday-Sunday, 1 p.m.- 4 p.m. There will be history of the White Deer Land Co., and the gallery. Elevator.

**CLARENDON COLLEGE** Clarendon College-Pampa Center will offer GED testing on the fourth Monday and Tuesday of each month. Registration will be at 9 a.m. each day. Cost will be Faulkner. Children 4-years-old more information, call 665-8801.

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#### HIGH PLAINS EPILEPSY ASSOCIATION

High Plains Epilepsy Association of Amarillo, funded in part by Pampa United Way, will have a licensed social worker in Pampa from 9:30-12 noon the second Tuesday of each month at Pampa Community program assists people with from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Coffee epilepsy and their families. To make an appointment, contact Coulter Dr. All donors will the Amarillo office at 1-800-806-7236.

#### **ALTRUSA STYLE SHOW**

Pampa chapter of Altrusa Club International is hosting it's eighth annual Style Show at 10 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 5, in the al "Parade of Ponds" Water Heritage Room of M.K. Brown Auditorium. Tickets are \$10 per person. Tickets can be bought from any Altrusa member or at the door. Proceeds go to help fund local charitable organizations supported by the Altrusa Club.

**FBC WOMEN'S LUNCHEON** and Kristie International Mission Board Patter Pets, a.m. (noon for working women) Aquatic Gardens. For more infor- per week at minimum wage or full test must attend both days. to: Arts and Kids, Suite 101-2111,

Thursday, July 20 in Fellowship mation, visit the club's website at Hall, 203 N. West, of the church. www.amaonline.com/owg The White Deer Land Museum The luncheon is open to all women. Cost of the meal (chef salad) will be \$4. Participants Guild will meet at 6:30 p.m., July must RSVP by Tuesday, July 18 27, at Pampa Senior Citizens by calling 669-1155. A love offer-Center, 500 W. Francis. Freddie early area settlers and outstand- ing will be taken and a basket for Seaman of Perryton will present ing arrowhead collection and art personal messages will be provided.

#### HEAD START

Head Start will be accepting applications from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. July 17-21 at Community Day Care Center Head Start, 400 N. \$45 including a \$20 deposit. For on or before September first of the current school year are eligible to apply for the child devel-GARDEN AND KOI SOCIETY opment program. To apply, bring All visitors are welcome. Las Pampa Water Garden and the following: Child's birth cer-Monday of each month at 7 p.m. card; child's immunization of music and poetry celebrating Sharron Andrew at 665-6138 or months income verification July 29 and from 12 noon-10 p.m. of June with Ben Watson of (check stubs, tax forms, etc.); and July 30 at the Peace Farm in Edward Jones. The first two preproof of any public assistance Amarillo. The event will feature sentations will be "Investment (WIC, Medicaid, etc.) For more information, call 669-3264.

**CMBC BLOOD DRIVE** 

Gene Messer Ford and KMML in Amarillo will sponsor a blood drive from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, July 15, at the dealership at 3400 Soncy. The blood Building, 200 N. Ballard. The drive will also be conducted Memorial Blood Center, 1915 receive a T-shirt and a hot dog. For more information, call Linda Guthrie at (806) 358-4563.

#### PARADE OF PONDS

Cgallala Water Gardeners in Amarillo will hold its third annu-Garden Tour from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, July 15 in Amarillo. An America's senior workers. GT from 9-11:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5 available on the day of the tour Washington, D.C. The deadline from any of the homes. for nominations is July 30.

PPQG Panhandle Piecemakers Quilt a trunk show on "Wearable Art." Visitors are welcome. For more information, call (806) 779-2115.

**GREEN PARTY** Green Party organizers from Fort Worth and Lubbock will be in Amarillo to discuss a ballot event. Applications may be petition drive and explore interest in an Amarillo chapter at 7 line): Diane Long, Green Thumb, p.m. July 26 at the Amarillo Inc., 2000 N. 14th St., Suite 800, Public Library, Central Branch. Arlington, VA 22201.

UNITY IN DIVERSITY

"Unity in Diversity," a festival the life of Brian Deneke, will be held from 3 p.m.-12 midnight Thursday throughout the month bands from Amarillo, Austin, Arizona, Massachusetts, New York and the UK.

#### EVENING **UNDER THE STARS**

The White Deer Land Museum Foundation will hold "Evening Education Under the Stars V" from 7-11 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 26 on Cuyler Street north of the railroad tracks. The dinner and dance will include music by Magic City Cowboy Band and The Rocking Chair The conference will be worth 7.7 Cowboys and will feature a tour Type I contact hours for nurses of the museum's newest exhibit, As Time Goes By 1900-2000."

#### **GREEN THUMB**

Green Thumb is launching a search to identify and recognize outstanding employers of additional night tour will be will honor three outstanding employers representing small, with children under 12 (accom- medium and large businesses panied by an adult) free. Tickets during its National Prime Time and a map/brochure will be Awards activities Oct. 3-6 in Ministries will host a program chased at the following locations: are available at www.primeand send-off luncheon for Mark Amarillo Botanical Gardens, time2000.org. Eligibility criteria:

higher (this does not include Preregistration is required. For older workers whose employ- more information, call Jana ment is subsidized through local, state or federally-funded programs); 2) nominations for affiliates, franchises, partnerships and divisions should be consolidated and submitted through corporate headquarters if possible; 3) business size - up to 50 employees (small), up to 1,000 (medium), more information, call (979) 845and cver 1,000 (large); 4) winners 2226 or write: 315 Blocker Bldg., must be willing and able to trav-

el to Washington for the 2000 mailed to (if not submitted on-

**BROWN BAG LUNCH** 

PROGRAM Clarendon College-Pampa Center will host free brown bag lunch seminars at 12 noon each Basics" on June 1 and "10 Investment and Financial Risks" on June 15. The presentations are free and open to the public.

**NOEP PROGRAM** The Nurse

Oncology Program and Amarillo College will present "Growing Up With Cancer: A Family Focus" from 7:30 a.m.-3:45 p.m., July 14 in AC's West Campus Lecture Hall, Amarillo. and 0.6 CEUs for social workers. Early registration is \$45. istration fee. On-site and late regor write: The Nurse Oncology on Education Program, Growing Up http://www.ncobs.org/sum-With Cancer, 7600 Burnet Rd., mer.html. Suite 440, Austin, TX 78757.

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Wesson-Martin at 665-8801. **ANCH ESTATE PLANNING** 

#### SEMINAR

The Agricultural Economics Department at Texas A&M University will sponsor a "Ranch Estate Planning Seminar" Aug. 6-7 at College Station Hilton. For Department of Agricultural Economics, 2124 TAMU, College Station, TX 778443-22124.

IMMUNIZATION CLINIC The Texas Department of Health will be offering immunization clinics for vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases including polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, rubella, mumps, HIB (haemophilus influenzae Type B) and chickenpox (varicella). The TDH will charge money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability to pay. The following clinics will be offered: 10 a.m.-12 p.m., 1-4:30 p.m., July 19, Family Health Care, 600 W. Kentucky, Pampa; 12-4 p.m., July 24, City Hall, Canadian; and 12-2 p.m., July 20, Miami School, Miami.

**OUTWARD BOUND COURSE** North Carolina Outward Bound is offering both a 21- and a 28-day "Classic Outward Bound Course" for teens interested in backpacking, rock climb-Students must provide a copy of ing, rappelling and whitewater student ID and pay a \$10 (post- canoeing through the wilds of marked on or before July 7) reg- the Southern Appalachian Mountains. For more informaistration will cost \$60. For more tion, call 1-877-77-NCOBS, einformation, call 1-800-515-6770 mail challenge@ncobs.org or log-

#### ART CONTEST

Arts and Kids will award College-Pampa \$38,000 in prizes and scholar-First Baptist Church Women's Advanced tickets may be pur- Details and on-line applications Center conducts GED testing the ships in this year's Annual Art fourth Monday and Tuesday of Competition. The deadline for every month except for May and entry is July 31. The contest is Aderholt, Coulter Gardens Nursery, Pitter 1) employers who hire older June. Test dates for these two open to youth 17 and younger. To Panhandle workers 65 and over for 20 or months are May 22 and 23 and participate, send one original appointees, beginning at 11:45 Greenhouses and Rolling Hills more hours of paid employment June 19 and 20. Those taking the work in any style and medium

3600 Crondall Lane, Owings Mills, MD 21117. Entries must be postmarked by July 31 and must include the child's name, address and age on the back. For information, more visit www.ArtsandKids.com on the Internet.

**CELESTIAL ARTS CONTEST** Celestial Arts is hosting a free poetry contest with a \$1,000 grand prize. To enter, send one poem, 21 lines or less to: Celestial Arts, 1762 Ashland St., Dept. Contest, Ashland, OR 97520; or enter at www.freecontest.com on the Internet. The deadline for entries is July 28.

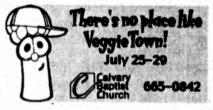
FPS CONTEST Hollywood's Famous Poets Society is sponsoring a poetry contest with a \$1,000 grand prize. To enter, send one poem, 21 lines or less, to: Free Poetry Contest, PMB126, 1626 N. Wilcox Ave., Hollywood, CA 90028. Participants may enter on-line at poets.com. www.famous Deadline for entry is July 27.

**POWER WHEELCHAIRS** 

Miracle on Wheels is offering Power Wheelchairs to nonambulatory senior citizens (65 years and up) usually at no outof-pocket expense if they qualify. No deposit is required. The chairs are provided to those who cannot walk and self-propel a manual wheelchair at their home or independent living quarters and who meet additional qualifications of the program. This service may also be available to the permanently disabled of any age. For more information, call 1-800-749-8778 or visit www.durablemedical.com on the World Wide Web.

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AnimalPrints.com has dedicated \$1 from each sale of a newly released series of artist's prints to benefit animals in need. For more information or to view the prints, go to AnimalPrints.com on the Internet.





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## Army probers clear commanders of culpability in soldier's murder

(AP) WASHINGTON where a homosexual soldier was forms of training on how to imple-Army investigators concluded.

public Friday, the Army's inspector sexual orientation. Cohen appointgeneral also found there is no gener- ed the panel after the Defense al "climate" of homophobia at Fort Department inspector general Campbell, Ky., where Pfc. Barry reported in March that harassment Winchell was murdered in his bar- based on perceived homosexuality racks last July, senior defense offi- is widespread in the military. cials familiar with the report said.

tudes among some members of on either the Army report or the Winchell's unit: D Company, 2nd advisory panel's findings Battalion, 502nd Infantry Regiment of the 101st Airborne Division, the officials said. It concluded, however, Tuesday interview that she had not harbors no unusual degree of hatred at what we're hearing. We're very of homosexuals. The officials agreed disappointed." to discuss the report's conclusions Tuesday on condition they not be Butler, said the Army has evidence identified.

the report along with findings of an ment before the killing but did not advisory group that Defense act. Secretary William Cohen formed last spring to draft an "action plan" for each of the military services to requested by Maj. Gen. Robert T. address the problem of harassment Clark, commander of the 101st that commanders be held of gays.

Commanders at an Army base of all ranks receive more tailored bludgeoned to death with a baseball ment properly the Clinton adminis-bat by a fellow soldier should not be tration's "don't ask, don't tell" poliheld responsible for the incident, cy on homosexuality. It holds that gays can serve in the armed forces In a report expected to be made so long as they don't reveal their

Cohen's spokesman, Kenneth The report found anti-gay atti- Bacon, refused comment Tuesday

Patricia Kutteles of Kansas City, Mo., Winchell's mother, said in a that the 101st Airborne as a whole read the report, "but we're appalled

Her Washington lawyer, Charles that Winchell's company comman-The Pentagon planned to release der was alerted to anti-gay harass-

The Army inspector general's investigation at Fort Campbell was Officials said Cohen's panel will slaying. Clark has since been on their posts.

recommend that service members assigned to an important post in the Pentagon, and the report concludes that he should be not be held responsible for the killing.

The report's conclusions are to be reviewed by Clark's successor, Maj. Gen. Richard A. Cody.

A military court convicted a member of Winchell's unit, Pvt. Calvin Glover, of murder, and he was sentenced to life in prison. Winchell's roommate, Spc. Justin Fisher, was sentenced to 12 1/2 years in prison for his role. At Glover's trial, soldiers testified that Winchell was taunted with anti-gay slurs in the months leading up to his slaying.

The incident renewed a national debate over the Clinton administration's policy on homosexuals, which critics assert does not work because it has failed to protect perceived homosexuals from harassment

Michelle Benecke, co-director of Servicemembers Legal the Defense Network, a leading critic of the Pentagon's gays policy, said Tuesday she had not seen the inspector general's report but has questioned previously the Army's commitment to ensuring Airborne at the time of Winchell's accountable for anti-gay behavior

## **CPSC** launches anti-SIDS campaign aimed at blacks

WASHINGTON (AP) — Over half of black parents deaths was 782, a rate of 128 per 100,000 live births. place their babies to sleep on their stomachs or sides, putting them at greater risk of sudden infant death syndrome, the Consumer Product Safety Commission said Wednesday.

Only 31 percent of black parents place babies on their backs, a position that reduces the risk of SIDS, versus 47 percent of white parents, according to a CPSC survey.

Blacks are also more likely to put quilts, comforters and pillows in bed with their newborns. Such soft bedding can increase the risk of SIDS death from suffocation and may have contributed to as many as 900 SIDS deaths a year.

With black babies twice as likely to die from SIDS as other babies, CPSC officials said the survey shows more needs to be done to alert blacks about the how to reduce SIDS risks.

The key is getting information to the right people within the black community, said CPSC officials. Blacks tend to learn safe-baby practices from a grandmother, mother or other family member who may still believe that it's safe to put babies to sleep on their stomachs because that's what they were taught.

"When you have family tradition, the way it's always been done, that's hard to counteract," said Ann Brown, CPSC commissioner.

The commission on Wednesday launched a national "safe sleep" campaign aimed at blacks, joining with Black Entertainment Television, which will air nationwide public service announcements during prime viewing times and develop news stories about SIDS.

Three thousand government-funded health centers that serve minorities will also distribute literature to patients and work with state and local health departments.

The aim is to get the word out to people in black communities who are influential to young black mothers and fathers.

"If we start to reach grandmothers and other family members it will fan out across the community," said Brown

In 1998, 2,529 babies died of SIDS, a rate of 64 deaths per 100,000 live births. For blacks, the number of SIDS

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to Gov. George Ryan with a new state's office to save the been his top investigator.

Bauer. According to prosecutors, already facing Bauer. the meeting became part of an effort to cover up corruption in charged in the investigation, that the matters she complained the secretary of state's office.

contained in a fresh indictment Federal prosecutors say \$170,000 against Bauer by a federal grand of the bribe money paid to dri- nor was not accused of wrongdojury in the 2-year-old investiga- vers license officials went into ing. He wouldn't say whether tion of fixing truck-driving tests the Citizens for Ryan campaign Ryan called the whistleblower, by selling licenses. Ryan ran the fund. secretary of state's office for eight years before being elected the whistleblower - an uniden- forward with allegations of corgovernor in 1998, and Bauer was tified employee of the DeKalb ruption or wrongdoing." his inspector general.

CHICAGO (AP) — A bribery trial in November on federal face obscured and complained vers licenses came a step closer scandals in the secretary of of state's office. indictment of a man who had Republican governor from politi- quent meeting, in February 1998, cal embarrassment.

Federal prosecutors said The new indictment added Tuesday that Ryan, when he was another racketeering count secretary of state, personally refusing to investigate the corsummoned a'whistleblower to a ruption charges brought by the event they have looked at in meeting with investigator Dean whistleblower — to charges

including five newly indicted on of would be investigated. The account of Ryan's call was Tuesday; 28 have been convicted.

scandal involving the sale of dri- charges of scheming to cover up about corruption in the secretary Ryan did not attend her subse-

with Bauer and was not accused of wrongdoing. But it is the first time prosecutors have said Ryan was personally involved in any their investigation.

Prosecutors said Bauer lied to Thus far, 37 people have been the whistleblower and told her

> Ryan spokesman Dennis Culloton stressed that the goverbut said Ryan "always has

Government campaigns to persuade parents to place children on their backs has helped cut the SIDS

rate by nearly 40 percent since the early 1990s. The campaign has been slow to reach blacks for a

variety of reasons, say SIDS experts. Many poor blacks lack access to health care, so they're not seeing family doctors or nurses or visiting pediatricians offices where literature is available.

Culture and family tradition also play a role, said Kimberly Mitchell, assistant coordinator at the National SIDS and Infant Death Support Center in Maryland.

The survey of 460 parents showed that 38 percent of blacks placed their babies on their sides and 20 percent put them on their stomachs. That compares to 36 percent of all other parents who put babies on their sides and 15 percent who placed babies on their stomachs.

Forty percent of blacks in the survey said they didn't place babies on their backs because of family tradition, compared to 22 percent of all parents.

Over 70 percent of blacks said they feared babies would choke in vomit if placed on their backs, compared to 52 percent of all parents who believed there's choking risk.

Years ago doctors used to counsel against putting kids on their backs out of concern that babies who regurgitate in their sleep would choke.

The CPSC campaign, funded by Gerber Products Co., recommended several steps for babies under 12 months:

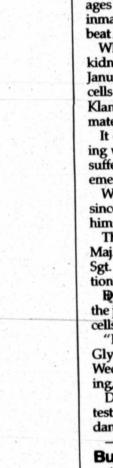
—Place babies on their backs on firm, tight-fitting mattresses.

-Remove all pillows, quilts, comforters and sheepskins from cribs.

Consider using a sleeper as an alternative to blankets.

—If using a blanket, use a thin one and tuck it around the mattress so it reaches only as far as the baby's chest.

Make sure the baby's head remains uncovered. -Never put babies to sleep on a waterbed, sofa, soft mattress, pillow or other soft surface.



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drivers licensing center — after Bauer is scheduled to stand she went on television with her Genson declined to comment.

Prosecutors said Ryan called encouraged employees to come

Edward Bauer attorney

## RRC: Texas coal production down in 1999

AUSTIN — Texas produced 53,201,939 tons of lignite coal in 1999, according to figures released today by the Railroad Commission of Texas. The figure represent a drop in production of 206,126 tons from the previous year.



Texas mines produced lion tons of lignite from five 53,408,065 tons of lignite coal in 1998 and 53,163,521 tons in 1997. For the years 1990-1999, Texas produced more than 1 billion tons of lignite coal.

Lignite, a soft form of coal, is one of the state's more abundant energy resources. Texas ranks fifth in the nation in overall coal production with the state's lignite production zone extending some 565 miles from Laredo to Texarkana and representing 3,288 mined acres.

Texas Utilities Mining Co. was the state's largest coal producer in 1999, mining 28.6 mil-

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mines in Freestone, Panola, Rusk, Titus, and Robertson counties.

Other major producers in the state included Northwestern Resources Co. (8.8 million tons); Alcoa (6.3 million tons); The Sabine Mining Company (3.8 million tons); San Miguel Electric Coop., Inc. (3.5 million tons); Walnut Creek Mining Company (1.6 million tons); Farco Mining of Texas, Inc. (290,507 tons); and Norit Americas, Inc. (246,723 tons).

The Railroad Commission of Texas is charged with regulating the surface mining of coal and uranium in the state. The RRC's Surface Mining and Reclamation Division also conducts a program for reclaiming lands that were mined and abandoned before 1975.

## Chuong H. Pham, M.D. P.A. **Obstetrics & Gynecology**

Wishes to announce the closing of the medical practice effective August 1, 2000. Please contact the office at 806-665-5448 if you wish to have your records transferred.

> Thank you for your support over the past three years.



Pampa High School student Max Simon delivers numerous boxes of new textbooks for use by students in classes when students return to class Aug. 16. Simon will be a sophomore at PHS this fall.

### First Presbyterian collecting cans for HPI fund drive

First Presbyterian Church, 525 N: Gray, is collect- contribution of \$25 would actually provide \$100 ing aluminum cans to raise funds for Heifer Project International, an Arkansas-based, service organization that provides livestock (chickens, pigs, sheep, cattle) as well as training and support services to families and communities worldwide.

The non-denominational not-for-profit agency also has recreational facilities for church groups, families and individuals at various locations in Arkansas. At these facilities, participants learn about agriculture around the world.

For a limited time, all contributions to HPI will be matched 3-1 by a private foundation. This means a

worth of funds.

For more information about HPI, write or phone Heifer Project International, P.O. Box 808, Little Rock, AR 72203; 1-800-422-0474. HPI may also be reached via the Internet at http://www.heifer.org

or e-mailed at info@heifer.org. To make a contribution, bring your aluminum cans in plastic garbage bags to First Presbyterian Church. Contact the church for information on when to deliver. Church office hours are 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m.-12 noon Friday and before worship service at 10:45 a.m. Sunday.

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\$50 a day, plus additional charges for mileage and

The idea of car sharing was spawned in Switzerland in 1987, when Mobility Car Sharing

put its first car on the road in the traffic-congested

city of Lucerne. The company now has 1,300 cars at

800 locations around Switzerland, and serves more

than 33,000 customers, according to the company's

The Swiss company's success was duplicated in

The first American car-sharing company opened

"People come to us who don't need to drive to

in Portland, Ore., in 1998. Others are in Seattle, San

work every day," said Maren Souders, spokes-

woman for Carsharing Portland Inc. "They all work

big cities in Austria, France, Sweden and Germany,

and the idea spread overseas to Canada in 1995.

Francisco and Washington, D.C.

# **Texas round up**

#### Attorney general faces charges for keeping seized computers

HOUSTON (AP) - Texas Attorney General John Cornyn faces possible contempt of court for defying a judge's order to return computers and documents to a Houston Internet company raided in June for allegedly promoting gambling.

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Judge Patricia Hancock, according to published reports, ordered the state's top prosecutor to appear before her next week after finding two of his employees in contempt Tuesday for not return-ing property to MonetizeMedia.com.

Hancock sentenced Assistant Attorney General Reed Lockhoof and investigator Sgt. Stephen Acker to a month in jail. They were released on personal recognizance pending an appeal.

Assistant attorney David Puryear was also ordered to appear next week.

A spokesman for the attorney general's office said all four contempt charges will be appealed.

Hancock gave the attorney general's office a July 14 deadline to return computers, documents, tax McCain, the Arizona senator who lost to Bush in returns, a server and all other materials seized during the raids.

Officials with Cornyn's office have refused saying the equipment and paperwork are vital to the investigation.

#### Klansman awarded \$55,000 after being beat by black jailmates

HOUSTON (AP) - A federal jury in Galveston has awarded a Ku Klux Klansman \$55,000 in damages for jailers placing the man in cells with black inmates who knew about his hate group ties and beat him.

While awaiting trial in Galveston County Jail for kidnapping and robbing a Dickinson man in January 1993, jailers placed Larry Kevin Webster in cells with black prisoners despite his documented Klan membership and recognition by his cellmates.

It culminated in a November 1993 beating during which Webster, 42, was kicked in the face and suffered an elbow injury. He was treated in the emergency room at a local hospital.

since November on a parole violation, represented. himself in the four-day civil trial.

The verdict holds Galveston County sheriff's Maj. Eric Nevelow, who commands the jail, and Sgt. Leslie Hobbs, who ran the prisoner classification program, personally liable for the damages.

Pon Glywasky, who defended the deputies, said the jail was too crowded at the time put Webster in cells away from black prisoners.

"He wanted administrative segregation," Glywasky told the Houston Chronicle in Wednesday's editions. "Because of the overcrowding, they couldn't segregate him."

During the trial, Webster presented videotaped testimony from other inmates about crowded and dangerous conditions in the jail.

#### Bush meets with high-tech council

AUSTIN (AP) - Gov. George W. Bush wel- to turn 70,000 acres in rural West Texas into a tribcomed technology leaders to a high-tech meeting al recreational retreat and dude ranch for of minds Wednesday to discuss coming innova- European tourists is raising eyebrows among some tions and issues affecting the industry's future. About 130 members of the Bush campaign's 350member high-tech council, including Dell Computer Corp. chairman Michael Dell, were scheduled to meet behind closed doors at Austin's Jewish Community Center.

poor minority households are being left behind in the computer age.

A 1999 federal report showed a widening technological gap between whites and minorities, urban and rural citizens. The report found that black and Hispanic households are only two-fifths as likely to have access to the Internet as white families. And households with incomes of \$75,000 and above in urban areas, the report said, are more than 20 times as likely to have it as households at the lowest income levels.

#### Nebraska senator shows up on short list for vice president

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) - Some 30 years after earning two Purple Hearts in Vietnam, Chuck Hagel emerged from political obscurity to become a U.S. senator. And now he's mentioned frequently as a potential running mate for likely GOP nominee George W. Bush.

Hagel is best known this year for backing John the Republican primaries.

Even though Hagel, 53, is just past the midpoint of his first Senate term and relatively unknown outside of his home state, some believe he would add a lot to the ticket of the Texas governor and likely GOP nominee.

"I think he's got a tremendous amount of appeal," said Dick Shugrue, a political analyst at Creighton University in Omaha. "It's not just a bunch of hoo-ha. Anybody who meets this guy comes away ... saying 'Wow!"

#### Half of GOP delegates say abortion-rights veep OK

WASHINGTON (AP) - If George W. Bush picked an abortion rights supporter as his running mate, about half of the delegates to the Republican National Convention say they could still support the choice, according to a delegate survey by The Associated Press.

A fourth of those questioned said they could not support such a candidate.

The AP questionnaire found that 50 percent of Webster, who has been in Harris County Jail the GOP delegates said they could support a vice presidential nominee who backs legalized abortion. One of every five delegates, or 22 percent, said they could not back such a candidate for Bush, who opposes the procedure. About 15 percent said they did not know, and nearly as many delegates did not respond to the question.

Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Ridge, who supports abortion rights, was the top vice presidential pick among Republican delegates, while former presidential candidate Elizabeth Dole, who opposes abortion, trailed him by a handful of votes. Ohio Rep. John Kasich, retired Gen. Colin Powell and former Bush opponent Sen. John McCain of Arizona rounded out the top five.

#### Tigua plans for recreational area draws concern from some officials

ODESSA, Texas (AP) — The Tigua Indians' plan of the area's elected officials. The tribe bought the Chilicote Ranch and part of the Bennett Ranch for about \$9 million several years ago and has been making improvements to the property for the last year. The Tiguas recently asked the federal Bureau of Issues included Internet privacy, cyber crime Indian Affairs to place the land in trust. A decision is pending on the action.

## Car sharing fills special need niche for city dweller

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Web site.

BOSTON (AP) - It took only a month for the \$45 a day. Other companies charge between \$40 and traffic jams, insurance costs and parking woes of Cambridge to persuade Katherine Watkins to sell her car when she moved to the Boston suburb from Kentucky.

After two years of riding the bus and taking cabs, Watkins finally broke down and got another car sort of.

She became a customer of Zipcar, a Cambridgebased company that allows her to share a lime green Volkswagen Beetle with more than a dozen other people.

"My cat was sick and I had to bring her to the vet, and it was just too much to do in a cab," she said. "I finally decided I really do need a car, just not all the time.

Now Watkins pays just \$4.50 an hour and 40 cents a mile whenever she needs the added convenience.

Some people don't need a car about 85 percent of the time," said Zipcar co-founder Robin Chase. "But they have to buy a whole car just to fill that tiny need. Those are the people we want to come to us.

Here's how Zipcar, which opened this spring, works:

The company owns and insures all the cars. Members get cards or keys to get into the cars, which are parked at a designated spot. Reservations can be made online or over the phone, and the only rule is to get the car back on time. If the car is already booked, members either have to one car this spring, it has grown to nine cars and 70 take an alternate car, or wait until the car they usually drive is available. Members can fill the gas tank with a company credit card.

Zipcar charges a \$20 late fee, and drivers who are consistently late lose their membership.

The annual membership is \$75 a year, plus a \$300 deposit.

Car-sharing services, whose prices range nationwide from less than \$2 an hour to \$9 an hour, can get pricey for people who drive long distances or take the car on an overnight trip. But for people who just need to go to the grocery store, a doctor's appointment or visit a friend out of town, car sharing can be cheaper than renting a car.

At Budget Rent-A-Car, which pledges "low daily and weekly rates," a rental car in Boston costs about

### Mormon high priest gets 68 years for molesting

cy with a child, who was 10 years them at church, most recently the old at the time of the offense.

Guinn, 68, molested the girl in day Saints. August 1994 at her family's Defense attorney Tom Pappas

### Man charged after losing temper on bus

caused a minor crash after the man rette, police said. A 72-year-old woman was injured, authorities said. 3:30 p.m. Monday when, according caused the bus to veer off the to Arkansas State Police, Richard road."

Dallas Seventh Ward of the The jury found that Gene A. Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-

PALESTINE, Ark. (AP) - A man Clarkson, 44, of Oakland, Ore., on a Greyhound bus tried to wrest caused the bus to go off Interstate the wheel from the driver and 40, coming to a stop along a fence. There had been some kind of became upset when a fellow pas- verbal confrontation on the bus, senger asked him to put out a ciga- concerning smoking a cigarette," said state police Cpl. Kelvin Stewart. "Clarkson allegedly Stewart. became upset, reached and The incident occurred at about grabbed the steering wheel and

DALLAS (AP) - A Dallas jury home in Cedar Hill, a suburb of said the prison term was too Tuesday sentenced a Mormon Dallas. Five women testified in harsh. Guinn must serve at least high priest to 68 years in prison the punishment phase that half of the term before becoming after convicting him of indecen- Guinn also fondled or assaulted eligible for parole. He faced a punishment range of up to life in prison because of a 1975 conviction for involuntary manslaugh-

Prosecutors charged Guinn with aggravated sexual assault of a child, but jurors convicted him of the lesser charge after hearing defense arguments that the victim - now 16 - gave varying accounts of the molesta-

one, it's there.' On the Net: Zipcar: http://www.zipcar.com Mobility Car Sharing: http://www.mobility.ch Carsharing Portland Inc: http://www.carsharing-pdx.com

from home or ride their bikes, but every now and then need a car to get somewhere fast." Zipcar president Keefer Welch admits sharing a car is not exactly like owning one. 'You might get in each time and find the preset

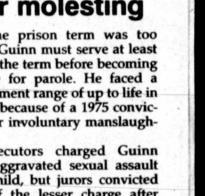
radio stations have been changed," Welch said. "But otherwise, people will find it's just like having your own car."

Zipcar hopes to have the same kind of success in the Boston area that other car-sharing companies have had around the country. Since it began with members.

In Seattle, Flexcar opened in January with just four cars. It now has 12 cars and 350 members.

As Watkins explains, services such as Zipcar are a welcome luxury for people who appreciate the convenience of having a car, but not what it costs to maintain one in the city.

"It's a relief not to have a car anymore," said Watkins. "But it's also a relief to know if we need



and closing the so-called "digital divide" in which

tion and that Guinn did not go as far as she claimed.



## Salvagers find more treasure

KEY WEST, Fla. (AP) - A son of the treasure hunter who found the gold-laden sunken Spanish galleon Nuestra Senora de Atocha says he has found another part of the wreck that holds even more riches. Kim Fisher, son of the late treasure salvager Mel Fisher, said his dive teams located what may be the ship's sterncastle - a rear structure where aristocracy or clergy would travel with their belongings - about 12 miles from where the rest of the wreck was found 15 years

ago The Atocha, carrying millions in gold and silver bullion, was bound for Spain from the New World when it went down in a hurricane about 30 miles west of Key West in 1622. Fisher's company, Treasure Salvors Inc., has recovered artifacts estimated to be worth \$200 million to \$500 million.

Kim Fisher said gold bars, money chains, silver coins and assorted pieces of jewelry that could be worth more than \$500,000 have been salvaged from the new find, discovered Sunday.

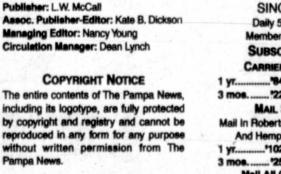
"We're pretty confident this is the sterncastle," Fisher said. "In addition to the gold and silver, we're finding swords, cannon balls, rifles and other armaments. That is all stuff that would be associated with the most secure part of the ship."

Fisher said millions in gold and jewels may still lie on the ocean bottom

Most of the wealth from the original find has gone to investors who funded Mel Fisher's many years of salvage efforts.



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## **Offers to Help Can Ring Hollow** To Those Who Are Depressed

DEAR ABBY: This is in response to the letter from the Minnesota woman whose godson committed suicide at 18. At the funeral the minister asked for a show of hands from people who would not mind a phone call in the middle of the night from a depressed friend who needed to talk. Every hand went up.

I would like to say this: Many people say they are open to such a phone call. As someone who deals with chronic depression and has a history of attempted suicide, please let me share some of my experiences with "reaching out": My usually kind mother criticized me to the point of tears. Good friends have gone into their own problems before could speak, or have been too busy to talk or call me back.

If you do "raise your hand" as someone willing to take a call, be ready with love, support and understanding. If you feel you cannot do this, please be honest and kind enough to say so

HEALING IN RENO

**DEAR HEALING: As loving** and caring as friends and family might be, everyone must realize that chronic depression is an illness. While they may be willing to lend an ear - and many are not - the wisest course of action is to get the person to a doctor ASAP for professional evaluation and treatment. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: After a suicide, people react. The depressed person

### Horoscope

#### THURSDAY, JULY 20, 2000

#### BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

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

#### ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★ ★ ★ Your natural ingenuity gives you answers to a domestic issue. Check out out. investments. Give the green light to a VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) new financial opportunity. Work takes unusual effort. You're in the mood to their minds. You simply need to be presstay close to home. Think about what ent. Information might be difficult to you ultimately want. Dream about retire- digest, but it is imperative to the success TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★ Reach out for friends. Your ideas work, and they take you to the finish line. Make meetings. You'll network and open up possibilities that were previously closed. Your serious attitude convinces another to go along with your thinking. Count on your abilities. Tonight: Where the crowds are. GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★ Your intuition directs you financially. You seem to know in which direction to go, and exactly when. Assume responsibilities and take charge at work. Expenses encourage you to ates. You certainly cannot bail out or work overtime, and you will gain professionally as well. Take risks carefully. Tonight: Burn the, midnight oil. CANCER (June 21-July 22) \* \* \* \* Your efforts come back in multiples. Talk through decisions. Don't independently initiate actions.

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"should have" sought help. He or she "should have" called. Well, it's not that simple. More often, other people are distant. They don't really want to hear about the hopelessness and distress. Only in retrospect are they available, when it's too late - and maybe that's the lesson: We are so busy living our own lives that we don't see it coming.

Depression is an isolating condition. Even when one finds help it can be a long, discouraging process. Prozac doesn't work for everyone. Perhaps if people were more aware of how a clinically depressed person sees the world, perhaps if people knew the right questions to ask, perhaps if people understood the depth of the despair and hopelessness, things would be different.

Please don't use my name. I'm constantly alert so that I keep my depressive tendencies under control and oh, what a difference in the quality of life! It's like putting on one's glasses and seeing individual leaves on the trees. I wish I'd been diagnosed earlier. DOYLESTOWN, PA.

DEAR DOYLESTOWN: Thank you for educating others about depression. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I wish easing the pain of depression was as easy as asking others for help. When your brain is in a blender at full speed, it's difficult for the proper connec-tions to be made. Picking up a phone can be as overwhelming as picking up a 1,000-pound barbell.

What will help people with depression is more funding, research, scientific breakthroughs in medication and education. Our society has a lack of information about depression. Depression is an illness, not a "lack of character."

My heartfelt sympathy goes out to the godmother who lost her godson at such an early age. It's a tragedy.

A MOTHER IN OREGON

**DEAR MOTHER:** I agree. The answer lies in research and education. Sick people should not be stigmatized. Anyone suffering from depression that lasts longer than two weeks should discuss it with a doctor and ask for a referral to a mental health specialist. If that's not possible, a suicide or crisis hotline should be contacted.

Brainstorm with those in the know in order to give yourself a new perspective. Incorporate new ideas into your thinking. Sometimes you make something more difficult than it needs to be. Tonight: Browse through a favorite store.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) \*\*\* Keep a high profile. Make management decisions. An associate wants your feedback, even though he might have an odd style of asking. This person also sometimes holds back without thinking. Tonight: Invite a loved one

 $\star \star \star \star \star$  Let others reveal what is on

\*\*\* Discussions illuminate your path at work. Working as a team broadens possibilities and allows greater speed. A property investment proves to be worthy when you do your research. Take a walk at lunchtime if you get sluggish. Trust a family member. Tonight: Get a project done at home.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

#### For Better or For Worse







#### **Beetle Bailey**





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larity soars. Ask for what you want. Tonight: Just don't be alone. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

\* \* Assume responsibilities at \* \* work. You could easily go on overload. Understand your limits. You often absorb the workload of another. Stop! Ask for help when you need it. Debate an idea with co-workers and associates. You only come up with better ideas. Tonight: Burn the midnight oil. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

\*\*\*\* Work with difficult associdump them. You root out problems with your ability to understand others. Your fun nature and sense of humor allow others to let down their guard. An admirer knocks on your door. Tonight: Play the night away. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

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## House, Senate must adopt compromise on ending marriage tax cut

#### **By CURT ANDERSON AP Tax Writer**

WASHINGTON (AP) hope to resolve differences or not? quickly between competing bills of President Clinton to veto or sign that the legislation is skewed to al GOP convention.

put the president and Vice veto-proof. President Al Gore in a tough political spot, since both have a bill to cut married couples' recommended its elimination as taxes by \$182 billion over 10 the GOP and Democrats on the long as the tax cuts are less cost- years, which differs somewhat tax issue, Republicans want to ly and targeted toward middle- from the Senate bill. A House- get the stand-alone bill to and lower-income couples.

explain," Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., said. ish by week's end. "Mr. President, are you for elim-House and Senate negotiators inating the marriage penalty tax Clinton repeated his offer to

to cut income taxes for millions of the bill Tuesday on a 61-38 him a measure creating an married couples as vote, brushing aside the veto acceptable Medicare prescrip-Republicans rush to force threat and Democratic criticism tion drug benefit. the measure prior to the nation- the wealthy. Eight Democrats the partisan logiam and help the joined most Republicans in tens of millions of older GOP leaders say a veto of the favor of the 10-year, \$248 billion Americans across this country "marriage penalty" bill could tax cut, but the margin was not who face rising prescription

The House already has passed Senate conference committee Clinton

"It's going to be very hard to will work out the differences, Philadelphia convention begins increase imposed on the Social child tax credit, don't ensnare Senate Majority and GOP leaders intend to fin-

In a statement Tuesday, ign the GOP marriage penalty The Senate passed its version bill only if Congress also sends

> "This is the best way to break who face rising prescription drug costs," the president said. "By itself, I would veto this bill."

> To draw a distinction between before their

## Texas attorney general faces contempt charges for keeping seized computers

HOUSTON (AP) — Texas Attorney General John Cornyn faces possible contempt of court for Danny Beavers, 48, of Houston; Donald Beavers, defying a judge's order to return computers and 36, of Bryan; Robert W. Thomas Jr. of Houston; documents to a Houston Internet company raid- and former Waller County Auditor Roy Wiesner ed in June for allegedly promoting gambling.

Judge Patricia Hancock, according to published reports, ordered the state's top prosecutor search engine similar to Yahoo.com, has sued to appear before her next week after finding two of his employees in contempt Tuesday for not returning property to MonetizeMedia.com.

Hancock sentenced Assistant Attorney General Reed Lockhoof and investigator Sgt. Stephen Acker to a month in jail. They were and a result of what we believe was poor invesreleased on personal recognizance pending an appeal.

Assistant attorney David Puryear was also ordered to appear next week.

A spokesman for the attorney general's office said all four contempt charges will be appealed.

Hancock gave the attorney general's office a July 14 deadline to return computers, documents, tax returns, a server and all other materials seized during the raids.

Officials with Cornyn's office have refused saying the equipment and paperwork are vital to the investigation.

"Until an appellate court tells me to do so, I can't in good conscience tell my clients to give up evidence that will taint the criminal investigation," Lockhoof, who is representing Cornyn evidence of illegal gambling through a valid and his employees, told the Houston Chronicle in Wednesday's editions.

The contempt charges are the latest in series of legal wrangling between Cornyn's office and Monetize that stem from a June 26 raid of the Internet start-up's offices and corporate officers' homes on allegations of illegal gambling.

Targeted in the raid were Monetize officials of Austin County.

The 16-month-old company, which operated a Cornyn's office saying the investigation is groundless and the seizures forced it to lay off half its workers and stalled plans to go public in October.

'Everything they've done has been inaccurate tigating. We receive no revenues from gambling," David Beavers told the Bryan-College Station Eagle. David Beavers is not targeted by the investigation, but works with his brothers at the company.

"We don't operate any gambling Web pages, nor do we own them. We provide the link to get you there and to millions of other sites on the Internet," David Beaver said, adding that the company doesn't have a credit card offering allowing transactions and had a warning page for the gambling links.

A spokesman from Cornyn's office defended the investigation and said Hancock, a civil judge, may not have jurisdiction in the case.

Our prosecutors have uncovered significant search warrant," said Mark Heckmann. "A criminal judge ordered this office to maintain custody of that evidence, but a civil judge ordered the AG's office to return the evidence to the suspects.'

No criminal charges have been brought against Monetize's corporate officers.

## Grav County charitable Bingo players

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Security benefits of people with taxpayers in the complex alternative minimum tax. House The Senate-passed "marriage treatment is somewhat better.

Democrats heaped scorn on the Republican drive for tax cuts, saying they risk squandering the surplus to benefit primarily upper-income people while ignoring such spending priorities as providing prescription drugs under Medicare and smaller classroom sizes.

"It's very clear that the Republicans in Congress have decided to put aside their responsibilities and to play politax brackets for married couples tics," said White House spokesman Joe Lockhart.

Citing research from the laborfunded Citizens for Tax Justice, Democrats said almost 58 per--In 2001, boost a couple's cent of major GOP tax cuts passed or pending this year would go to families with incomes in the top 5 percent, over \$130,000 a year.

"They are more interested in taking care of their wealthy -Raise by \$2,500 the income friends than working families, In addition, Republicans plan cap for couples who want to said House Minority Leader to push for more tax cuts in this claim the earned income tax Dick Gephardt, D-Mo. "I don't think the American people are dumb. They don't want the (surplus) money to go to tax cuts for the wealthy."

#### provisions until 2002 at the earliest. election year, including a pro- credit. The House bill raises the posed expansion in tax-deferred threshold by \$2,000. contributions to retirement

July 31. Republicans also will

hold back until September a bill

passed last week to repeal estate

taxes so the issues don't get

Gleeful GOP supporters

pointed to new Congressional

Budget Office projections of an

enormous \$2.17 trillion surplus

over the next decade as evidence

of the need to cut taxes as well

Chairman John Kasich, R-Ohio,

"is officially out of excuses for

not accepting tax fairness. These

growing surpluses must be

applied to debt reduction and

GOP leaders want to use a

portion of the estimated \$102

starting Oct. 1 to permit people

to benefit in that year from some

of the "marriage penalty" cut.

The Senate bill delays some key

The administration, said

**Budget** Committee

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-Ensure that certain personal accounts and repeal of a 1993 tax credits, including the \$500-per-

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## **Golf scramble**

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two-earner households in which

couples pay more than they

would if single. It also would

cut taxes for millions of other

couples who receive a marriage

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The bill would:

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gle people. In 2000 dollars,

that's an increase from \$7,350 to

\$8,800. The House bill is the

approximately 45 million cou-

## win \$52,772 in first quarter of 2000

AUSTIN - Charitable Bingo McLean Lions Club, 76. players who frequented the four licensed Bingo charities in Gray County won \$52,772 in January, February and March of this year, Billy Atkins, director of Charitable Bingo in Texas, reported.

"Bingo means big fun in Texas. Our players will tell you how much fun it is to play and win prizes. On top of that, bingo gives Gray County non-profit organizations a welcome financial boost so they can continue their charitable activities in their community."

Gray County with an annual ond with \$12.6 million, followed license to conduct Charitable by Harris County, with \$9.5 mil-Bingo reported the following lion. attendance for the quarter: VFW In Post 1657, 1,506; Loyal Order of Moose Lodge 1385, 583; Women of the Moose 1163, 357; and Bingo prize fees covering the first

Additional information concerning all charitable organizations licensed to conduct Bingo games in Gray County is available upon request.

The \$52,772 won locally is part of the \$106.1 million in prizes that Bingo charities across the state paid to winners. That includes \$82.7 million for regular Bingo prizes and \$15.9 million in prizes for pull tab Bingo games. Players in Dallas County Bingo

halls won \$13.6 million during the first quarter, the most in the The charitable organizations in state. Tarrant County placed sec-

> In the first week of June, local government in Gray County received \$1,313.30 in Charitable

### At least 12 Texans die in heat wave; number could rise, NWS says

#### **By The Associated Press**

At least 12 Texans have died so far this year from sweltering heat that continued to hover in the triple digits this week.

Three deaths in the Dallas-Fort Worth area have been attributed to the heat, with an eighth day of readings above 100 degrees expected. Two more lives have been claimed in Central Texas. Seven deaths were reported in Houston and as many as 10 more deaths may eventually be attributed to the heat wave, according to the Harris County

medical examiner. Many of those who have died are elderly, have chronic disease and no air conditioning.

The last confirmed death was a 71-year-old woman who was afraid turning on one of four fans or her air conditioner would run up her electricity bill too much, authorities said. Barbara Thomas was found dead on Monday.

the rule in Arizona, New Mexico, Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma and Kansas.

Temperatures Tuesday climbed past 100 for the seventh day in a row in North Texas, while readings elsewhere across the Lone Star State reached the

upper 90s, the National Weather Service reported.

In Austin, where new water restrictions are in effect, 12 city wading pools and eight swimming pools have been closed to save municipal supplies.

A steady drop in the Edwards Aquifer also threatens supplies of San Antonio and surrounding cities. The city of Boerne has restricted residential water use for the first time in two decades, officials said Tuesday.

"We're going to institute watering restrictions on Wednesday," said City Manager Ron Bowman.

He said water levels in some of city's seven wells have dropped 30 feet in recent weeks, raising concern about the future reliability of the groundwater supply.

In Southeast Texas, most communities are keeping their conservation efforts voluntary. But the Clear Lake City Water Soaring temperatures are also Authority plans to impose mandatory restrictions Friday.



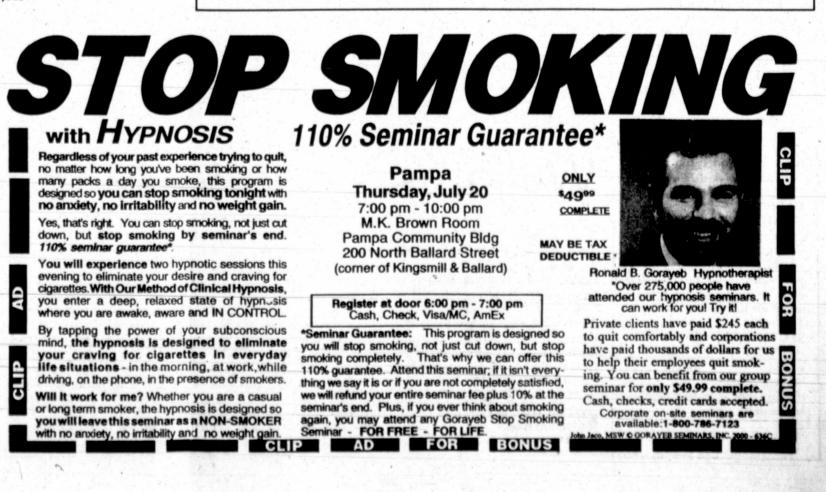
quarter of 2000, Atkins said. The payments cover prize fees collected by Charitable Bingo organizations from winning players in Gray County for January, February and March of this year. Cities and counties that imposed the gross receipt tax on a local-option basis prior to Jan. 1, 1993 receive quarterly payments of up to 2.5 percent of the prizes won by Bingo players in their jurisdictions.

The state also receives a 2.5percent share of the prize fees. The Lottery Commission

recently allocated the following prize fees among Gray County units of government: Gray County, \$1,313.30.

The payments were part of the \$2.4 million in prize fees allocated to Texas cities and counties for the month. In total, 66 county governments received \$1.3 million in prize fees, and 116 city governments received \$1.1 million.

The largest single allocation of prize fees for the first quarter was \$189,478 to Dallas County. The remainder of the top five are: Tarrant County, \$163,349; Harris County, \$127,796; Bexar County \$105,857; and City of Dallas, \$103,615.



Dot Stowers, wife of Dick Stowers, past president of the Tri-State Seniors Golf Association, gets ready to play the fifth hole during the 1999 Ladies Golf Scramble.

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# SPORTS

# **Ripken 9-10 All Star Team to face Randall Red**

## Notebook

#### **OLYMPICS**

UNDATED (AP) — The governing body of U.S. swimming, bowing to pressure from suit manufacturers, voted to lift the ban on fulllength bodysuits at the Olympic swimming trials next month.

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — Dan O'Brien, the defending Olympic champion in the decathlon, said he plans to withdraw from the U.S. trials because of a foot injury and will miss the Sydney Games.

#### CYCLING

MORZINE, France (AP) — Lance Armstrong struggled through the mountains in the 16th stage of the Tour de France and finished eighth. He was 2 minutes, 1 second behind stage winner Richard Virengue, and 1:37 behind Jan Ullrich, Armstrong's only serious challenger for the title.

Armstrong's overall lead over Ullrich, the 1997 champion, was cut from 7:26 to 5:37, with five stages left. FOOTBALL

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) Eddie George became one of the highest-paid running backs in the NFL when the Tennessee Titans announced they signed the three-time Pro Bowl selection to a \$41.25 million multiyear contract extension.

ASHBURN, Va. (AP) — Offensive tackle Chris Samuels, the No. 3 overall pick in April's NFL draft, signed a \$55 million, sevenyear contract with the Washington Redskins. The deal includes a \$10 million signing bonus.

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.I. (AP) — Cornerback Conrad Hamilton was waived by the New York Giants after failing a pre-training camp physical. MIAMI (AP) — Dolphins cornerback Patrick Surtain was arrested and charged with speeding and drunken driving. TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) -John Rattay, a highly-recruited quarterback who originally chose to play at Tennessee, will transfer to Arizona. BASKETBALL VANCOUVER, British Columbia (AP) - Stromile Swift, the No. 2 overall pick in last month's NBA draft, signed with the Vancouver Grizzlies. The 6-foot-10 forward from LSU signed for the maximum allowed under. the collective bargaining agreement, \$8.388 million for three seasons. LOS ANGELES (AP) -Basketball great Kareem Abdul-Jabbar was arrested for investigation of driving under the influence of marijuana. NEWPORT BEACH, Calif. (AP) — Dennis Rodman pleaded guilty to misdemeanor drunken driving and driving without a valid California license stemming from his arrest in December. **AUTO RACING** CONCORD, N.C. (AP) --Still mourning the death of his son, Kyle Petty said he will honor him by permanently taking over Adam's race car. Petty has been driving Adam's car on the **Busch Grand National series** since the 19-year-old was killed in a May crash in practice at New Hampshire International Speedway.

BY JOHN W. WARNER For The News

TULIA - For the Pampa Optimist 9-10 All Stars it seemed like deja vu.

They had a four run lead going into the bottom of the fifth inning against Randall Blue in the West Texas Cal Ripken 9-10 State Tournament Tuesday.

In Sunday's game Randall Blue rallied for six runs in the fifth inning, their last at bat, to win 6-4. Tuesday, the Pampa 9-10 All Stars scored 12 runs in their last at bat to make sure history did not repeat itself to avenge Sunday's loss 18-6.

Randall Blue scored twice in he fifth inning narrowing the score to 6-4. A great throw from catcher, Colby Greenhouse, to pitcher, Darius Kimberling, covering home caught a runner trying to advance on a wild pitch. A strikeout two batters later ended the threat.

At this point the Pampa 9-10 All Stars had been playing baseball for nearly five hours having ners to second and third. The ball started warming up at 5 p.m. for their first game with Seminole. The tiredness vanished with their dozen run inning.

The game was tight until the sixth. Pampa came out hitting in the top of the first inning. Consecutive singles by Shavius Kelley and Colby Greenhouse were followed by a Mark Stone RBI double. Dakota Gowin plated Greenhouse with a ground out. Stone moved to third on the play and scored on a passed ball giving Pampa a 3-0 lead.

A Pampa error, a walk and solid single by John Cox, whose fans. Pampa sent 16 batters to the grand slam beat the Pampa team Sunday, netted Randall Blue a run in the bottom of the first. gle. Kelley tallied two times Randall Blue stranded two run- reaching base on a walk and an ners when Kelley made a nice error. Gowin singled and scored. catch of a fly ball to center for a Aaron Carr scored once and had third out.

Pampa got a scare in the bottom of the second as a line drive walked and scored. All the fight felled the pitcher, Kimberling, was taken out of Randall Blue and resulted in a runner on base. when Greenhouse hit a grand Silence enveloped the stands. slam home run to deep left field The spectators eyed Kimberling which was followed by another as he sprawled unmoving on the home ruby Stone to center. ground near the mound. He Both play rs had scored after shook off the effects of the hard walks earlier in the inning. hit ball by striking out the next Randall Blue scored two mean-

batter, but an error allowed the runner to score reducing Pampa's lead to 3-2.

In the third inning, Kelley cracked the ball so hard that it bounced off the shortstop's leg and bounded into right field. He moved to second on a wild pitch and made it to third when Stone's grounded to third ricocheted off the bag for a hit. Stone was permitted to go to second without a throw. Both runners scored when Dakota Gowin was safe on an effort Pampa led 5-2. Shane Davis skied to center field to start Pampa's fourth inning. Colby Copeland, Kimberling and Kelley drew consecutive walks to load the bases. Copeland made the score 6-2 on a fielder's choice hit by Greenhouse.

Kimberling began to tire after throwing 62 pitches in the first four innings. He struck out the first batter in the fifth but walked the next two. Cox belted a RBI single.

A passed ball moved the rungot by the catcher but Greenhouse hustled to the ball and made a perfect throw to Kimberling, who blocked the plate and tagged the runner for the second out.

A Phillip Forrester single brought in the second run of the inning as Pampa began having remembering nightmares Sunday's fifth inning rally. A dead tired Kimberling struck out the final batter of the inning on his 90th pitch of the game.

The top of the sixth inning lasted forever to the Randall Blue plate. Kimberling scored twice on a walk, stolen base and a sintwo RBI on two hits.

Colden Fortenberry and Davis



(Photo by Ed Copeland) Colby Copeland takes a swing while at bat Tuesday. The Optimist Cal Ripken 9-10 All Stars are slated to play the Randall Redteam in the West Texas State Tournament today.

sixth to make the 12 runs scored one hit. in the sixth inning the final margin of victor for Pampa.

In the first game of the double header, Pampa took charge early against Seminole winning 16-3. Consecutive singles by Kimberling, Kelley, Greenhouse, and Stone gave the visitors a 2-0 lead. They scored seven more in the third inning on five walks, an error and only one hit, a single by Gowin.

Seminole managed a run in the third and fourth innings making the score 9-2 going into the sixth inning.

The sixth inning was good to ing. In the fifth inning he struck Blue 7-0.

ingless runs in the bottom of the the sixth and allowed one run on runs and six hits. He walked four

He allowed one hit in two scoreless innings pitched. He struck out two and walked one getting struck out one. He closed the the last six batters in a row, game by taking catcher Fortenberry gave up a run in the Copeland's throw and tagging third inning on two hits and two out a runner trying to score on a walks. He struck out two.

and struck out 11. Fortenberry Kelley was credited with his and Stone closed out the sixth first victory of the tournament. inning. Fortenberry was touched for two runs, one hit and three walks. Stone walked one and wild pitch.

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Stone got off to a shaky start in Pampa improved it s record to the fourth inning by walking one 4-1 in the state tournament. They and hitting two batters. An error will face a Randall Red team allowed an unearned run to which is 2-0 in the finals today in score. Stone forced a pop up to the double elimination tourna-Gowin at first and struck out two ment. Randall Red defeated host, batters to prevent further scor- Tulia, 4-2, and shut out Randall

#### HOCKEY

CHICAGO (AP) - Freeagent forward Valeri Zelepukin signed with the Blackhawks. Chicago Zelepukin played last season for the Philadelphia Flyers, with 11 goals and 22 assists in 77 regular-season games.

#### BASEBALL

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) - Skip Bertman, who has coached LSU to five College World Series titles since 1991, will retire after next season and be replaced by former assistant Raymond Laval. TENNIS

STUTTCART, Germany (AP) Magnus Norman, the world's No. 1 player, beat Bjoern Phau 6-2, 6-2 in the first round of the \$1 million Mercedes Cup.

Pampa Tuesday. They scored out another batter and walked third single of the game and sin-

seven more times on Gowin's one but allowed no runs or hits. ball," said manager Ron Carr. gles by Kelley and Stone, game of the tournament in the into the games with Randall Copeland pitched the bottom of nightcap. He gave up two earned Red."

"We finally started hitting the Kimberling won his third "That gives us momentum going

## Johnson fires a few more shots as 200 showdown looms

**By BOB BAUM AP Sports Writer** 

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) - Michael Johnson psyched out in a pre-race mind game with Maurice Greene? The very suggestion irritated the man who sees himself as the world's premier track athlete.

"He can't beat me mentally," Johnson said. "Nobody can."

In the two-day break before competition resumes Thursday at the U.S. Olympic track and als. field trials, the animosity seething around the upcoming Johnson-Greene showdown in the 200. meters is undeniable.

At a news conference Tuesday to talk about how he's been wired for his races to monitor his heart rate for an Internet web site, Johnson of Dallas did nothing to cool the flames.

"I dislike a lot of the things Maurice has said about me in an attempt to elevate himself by using me and my name," Johnson said. "A lot of the things he says are totally untrue. I don't think it's necessary.

"He said the reason I set the world record at the Olympic Games was because the track is fast," Johnson said. "Please, that's ridiculous. Then, two weeks later he's saying he respects tus as an opponent. me. Then he's saying this is a prelim, and then he says he's going to get Michael. ... Please.'

They are America's most dominant sprinters. Johnson is the defending Olympic champion and world record holder at 200 and 400 meters, Greene the defending world champion at 100 and 200 meters, and the world record holder in

Their personalities, though, are vastly different. Johnson is the epitome of cool, calm confidence. Greene is excitable, fast-talking and emotional

The feud has festered over the past year. At the USA Championships in Eugene, Ore., last year, they were supposed to meet in the 200. But Johnson withdrew at the last minute because of an injury and Greene accused Johnson of duck-

ing him. The potshots have accelerated during the tri-

"Get Michael Johnson, that's what I want to do," Greene said.

He said he was motivated by Johnson's suggestion that he is immature and scoffed that Johnson believed he was unbeatable.

Greene repeatedly has proclaimed he will win the 200, despite Johnson's best of 19.32 seconds and his best of 19.86.

Johnson expects to win, too.

"I feel I can win the race," Johnson said. "I'm not going to accept anything less. This is not a prelim. This is the Olympic trials. People have paid a lot of money to see a good race and that's what I'm going to give them."

Johnson refuses to give Greene any special sta-

"Since Carl Lewis left the sport, there is not an athlete I get excited about running against," he said. "There are no personalities I get excited about running against. I was excited running against Carl because I wanted to be No. 1 in the sport. I'm there now, so I don't have to get excited.'

## Senior League Softball All-Stars play for Sect. I Champion title tonight

#### **BY JIMMIE CLARK** For The News

GRAHAM - After dropping a 6-2 decision to Big Bend in the opening game of a best two of three series in the sectional playoffs, Pampa rebounded to even the series with a 16-9 win on Tuesday. evening.

In the first game of the series, Pampa out hit Big Bend 8 to 4, but 10 stranded base runners and five errors by a normally solid defense cost Pampa the game.

On Tuesday, Pampa's Senior League Softball All-Stars plated 16. runs on 20 base hits. Pampa pounded the ball forcing nine errors by a Big Bend team who had played solid on Monday evening.

Stephanie Clark picked up the mound win allowing three runs in three innings of work. Chelsey Davis relieved Clark in the top of the fourth for the save, pitching the final four innings.

Abbey Covalt was moved to the lead off hitter and produced three singles and two RBIs. Casey Fisher led Pampa at the plate with three singles and a double.

Stacey Johnson and Clark each doubled and singled. Tess Kingcade, Hollie Gattis and Erin Norris each had two singles. Lindsey Ledbetter, Haley Bowen and Davis each singled to account for Pampa's 20 hits.

Pampa takes on Big Bend tonight at 8 to determine the Sectional I Champion. The winner will advance to the state tournament July 29-Aug. 1 in Waco.

# Williams reportedly pondering retirement

DALLAS (AP) — Pro Bowl right be traded. Salary cap implications tackle Erik Williams, who missed the first day of practices at the Dallas Cowboys' training camp, is reportedly considering retirement.

A source told The Dallas Morning News in Wednesday's Williams has been weighing possieditions that former receiver ble retirement among several Michael Irvin, who himself retired other issues. Jones said he and earlier this month, said he had urged the player he called one of his best friends to attend training camp in Wichita Falls and take a Tuesday. leadership role.

prevent Dallas from considering when his contract was restructhat option because all of his pro- tured. rated bonus would count against this season's salary cap.

Cowboys owner Jerry Jones said Stephen Jones, team vice president, had several discussions with Williams' agent, Alan Herman, on

But two sources indicated that he could be obligated to return a ation right now."

Williams has said he would like to prorated portion of the signing bonus he received two years ago

"We're disappointed he's not here," said Jerry Jones. "We'll treat this as we would an injury situation, which means we'll make the personnel adjustments and go on. "I had a good visit with him last week and was aware of some issues and concerns he had," said Jones. "He's not here, and he's not on his way. We don't want to do But if Williams decides to retire, anything with the roster spot situ-

Williams. The Cowboy's could fine more than the \$5.08 million per the player \$5,000 for each day he's year deal Philadelphia gave tackle not in camp, said a spokesman for Jon Runyan. the NFL Players Association.

was vacationing in Europe and did not return a message left career. Wednesday at his New York office by The Associated Press.

The player is due \$1.85 million this season and next under a sixyear deal he signed after the 1995 season. Cincinnati, by compari- six games in all as a rookie and son, recently signed right tackle played in 14, working at both tack-Willie Anderson to a six-year deal le and guard.

Jones said he would not fine that averages \$5.1 million, slightly

Williams is coming off his third Alan Herman, Williams' agent, Pro Bowl selection in four years and the fourth of his nine-year

> Dallas will replace him with second-year lineman Solomon Page, who started one game in Williams' place last season and allowed no sacks in 21 pass plays. He started

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## Decomposed body removed from chimney of Mount Pleasant counseling center

body that was mysteriously lodged in a Tuesday after a four-and-a-half hour chimney at a marriage counseling ser- effort, Mount Pleasant Police Chief said. vice, and the corpse is on its way to the Richard Parker said. It appears to be a Dallas County Medical Examiner's white or Hispanic male who somehow Office for an autopsy.

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which was discovered and reported time, officials said.

got stuck above the flue, and apparently The "substantially skeletal" body, has been there for an extensive period of trying to hide from someone, he said.

MOUNT PLEASANT, Texas (AP) — Monday night, was dislodged from the "It appears as if the individual got t Police have removed a decomposed inside of the building around 1 p.m. crawled into the chimney from the out-said. "It appears as if the individual got there of his own volition," Parker side, and got stuck on the inside," Parker

> ruled out, but does not appear likely. The person may have been a burglar, or was avoid damaging it. Parker declined to

Police have some potential leads about the person's identity from missing person Parker said foul play has not been reports, Parker said, although they did not look for identification on the body to comment<sup>e</sup> further until he receives a 'However he got in there, I believe he report from the medical examiner.

The owner of the building, which was converted from a house in January, called police Monday night after discovering what appeared to be a body in his chimney. Officers could see the body from the top and the bottom of the chimney, officials said.

Mount Pleasant is 110 miles northeast of Dallas.



## **TFS** debris burning tips

LUFKIN - Lights flash and sirens wail as firefighters race to battle another blaze sparked by debris burning. The scene is becoming all too familiar as the summer progresses and the drought across Texas continues.

Fires caused by careless debris burning sear thousands of acres annually in Texas, destroying natural resources and endangering lives and property. Firefighters put themselves in danger every time they respond to a call.

The Texas Forest Service suggests taking these precautions to reduce the risk of starting an unwanted fire while debris burning. Before burning, contact your local fire department or sheriff's office to make sure there is not a burn ban in place. If debris burning is done while there is a burn ban in effect, fines may be assessed.

Since it only takes a second for a fire to get out of control, never leave a fire unattended. Burn in a cleared area, preferably in a burn barrel with a screen to contain the fire and its embers. Keep a garden hose, a bucket of dirt and a shovel nearby, in case they are needed. It is also a good idea to wet the area surrounding the debris before lighting the fire. Make sure weather conditions allow safe burning. Burning should be done in the morning hours on days that are not windy.

Have a phone within easy access while debris burning to call for help in case of an accident. If a fire does escape, immediately call 911 to have the fire department respond. Bill Davis, regional fire coordinator with TFS, said quick response is vital to keeping fires small.

"Many times people think they can put out the fire themselves, but a small fire can spread quickly," he said. "The longer someone waits to call for help, the longer it will take for help to arrive. Lives and property could be saved during that time."

For more information on safe debris burning, contact your local fire department or the TFS.



Camp David summit into unofficial spokeswoman, Hanan Tuesday. So there was Taylor, to become a U.S. senator. And overtime; Clinton delays departure for Japan

Nation briefs ....

THURMONT, Md. (AP) -Sending the Camp David summit into overtime, President Clinton delayed his departure for Japan by a day to give Mideast negotiators a last chance to break their Wednesday there was "some deadlock and forge a peace agreement.

putting off his departure for a not be shared. summit of industrial powers until Thursday "in the best interests of the Middle East peace process." He had been scheduled to depart Wednesday morning.

this so he can continue to work like Scott Taylor. with the leaders through Wednesday," said spokesman P.J. Crowley, adding that work at the secluded presidential retreat was lon. The rise prompted investigacontinuing into the early hours, tions into claims of price fixing, as it has in recent days.

"They are still at it," he said. room that an extra day provides, there were new expressions of agreement. The Palestinians' the AAA motor club reported emerged from political obscurity ing as a McCain spokesman dur-

the Palestinian territories that it would take a "miracle."

The Israelis, too, acknowledge that the issues are very difficult - although a lawmaker allied with Barak told Israel radio room for flexibility" even on the ultra-sensitive subject of The White House announced Jerusalem. But he repeated that after midnight that Clinton was sovereignty over the city could

#### Relief at the pump -Midwest now boasting cheapest gas prices

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — There "Clearly, the president is doing is finally good news for motorists

Gas prices have dropped in the Midwest after skyrocketing last month to more than \$2 per galthe suspension of gas taxes and accusations between presidential Even with the added wriggle candidates Al Gore and George W. Bush.

Indiana now has the nation's

sport utility vehicle.

This thing only gets about 10 Bush. miles to the gallon," he said outside an Indianapolis gas station. "It was killing me, really. It seemed like I was putting \$10 into it every time I started it." Overall, there was an 8.8 per-

cent rise in gas prices last month, contributing to a sharp increase in consumer inflation, the Labor Department said Tuesday. In the Midwest, pipeline problems were blamed for the summer spike, with the oil industry saying it couldn't deliver enough fuel to keep prices down.

The industry says those problems have been remedied, though the Federal Trade Commission is investigating whether price fixing was involved.

#### Nebraska senator shows up on short list for vice president

Ashrawi, said after her return to merrily pumping regular unlead- now he's mentioned frequently ed at about \$1.27 per gallon into a as a potential running mate for likely GOP nominee George W.

> Hagel is best known this year for backing John McCain, the Arizona senator who lost to Bush in the Republican primaries.

Even though Hagel, 53, is just past the midpoint of his first Senate term and relatively unknown outside of his home state, some believe he would add a lot to the ticket of the Texas governor and likely GOP nominee.

"I think he's got a tremendous amount of appeal," said Dick Shugrue, a political analyst at Creighton University in Omaha. "It's not just a bunch of hoo-ha. Anybody who meets this guy comes away ... saying 'Wow!""

But some argue Hagel has little appeal outside Nebraska, a state that already leans Republican, with only five electoral votes.

Hagel's national profile recently blossomed during the campaign of McCain. As LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) - Some McCain's campaign co-chairpessimism from the Palestinians lowest gas prices and other 30 years after earning two Purple man, Hagel became a familiar about prospects for reaching an Midwest states are close behind, Hearts in Vietnam, Chuck Hagel face on national television, act-

"We tried to answer as many

questions as possible. We tried to

meeting. "These are good people

here. I think once it's explained

Don Fisher, 38, found few of

his questions answered, and said

he expected a follow-up meeting.

what we did wrong, this is what

happened, and this is what we're

do that, this didn't mean any-

Jones, 30, hospitalized in good

"They need to come back to

to them, they'll understand."

ing dozens of television interviews.

#### Half of GOP delegates say abortion-rights veep OK

WASHINGTON (AP) - If George W. Bush picked an abortion rights supporter as his running mate, about half of the delegates to the Republican National Convention say they could still support the choice, according to a delegate survey by The Associated Press.

A fourth of those questioned said they could not support such a candidate.

The AP questionnaire found that 50 percent of the GOP delegates said they could support a vice presidential nominee who backs legalized abortion. One of every five delegates, or 22 percent, said they could not back such a candidate for Bush, who opposes the procedure. About 15 percent said they did not know, and nearly as many delegates did not respond to the question.

Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Ridge, who supports abortion rights, was the top vice presidential pick among Republican delegates, while former presidential candidate Elizabeth Dole, who opposes abortion, trailed him by a handful of votes. Ohio Rep. John Kasich, retired Gen. Colin Powell and former Bush opponent Sen. John McCain of Arizona rounded out the top five.

Hamp Atkins, a Republican delegate from Rock Hill, S.C., said he would like to see Oklahoma Gov. Frank Keating as the next vice president, in part because of his anti-abortion stance. But, Atkins said he would support the candidate Bush picks as his running mate- even if that person backs the right to have an abortion.

"I would support the ticket even if it had Christie Todd Whitman," said Atkins, referring to the New Jersey governor who angered many in her party by vetoing legislation to outlaw a late-term procedure critics call partial-birth abortion."

Delegates who are practical realize that the number one priority is to win, and if people do not support the GOP ticket, you cannot win," Atkins said.

## Police officials face outrage at community meeting

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Top cers kicked and hit Jones, the applause when they said there calls during the 21-minute incident. police officials struggled to calm Rev. Vernal Simms, pastor of emotions over the department's Morris Brown AME Church, said chase and violent arrest of a car- it was time to "mobilize" and jacking suspect as black leaders scheduled a rally Sunday sounded an angrier note.

"I beg you not to jump to conclusions," Police Commissioner munity to be calm," said Simms, John F. Timoney said Tuesday to about 200 people gathered for a community meeting at Christ how long can we tell black folk Our Redeemer Freewill Baptist to be quiet and take it easy?" Church.

The audience harshly criti- leader Henry Reddy called for cized the July 12 beating of the officers shown in the video-Thomas Jones after a chase and tape to be fired or suspended. shootout in which he and an offi- Timoney said any such action cer were both shot and wound- would have to await the results ed. The arrest was captured on of several investigations. videotape by a TV news heli-

being upset," Timoney said. sary force, did they cross the "But the situation was not initi- line? You cannot tell on the basis ated by the police officers. They of that tape because you don't were going after a dangerous know what's going on underman.'

A few blocks from where offi- Reddy and others drew lou

evening at his church.

"We came out asking the compresident of Black Clergy of Philadelphia. "But how long,

At the community meeting,

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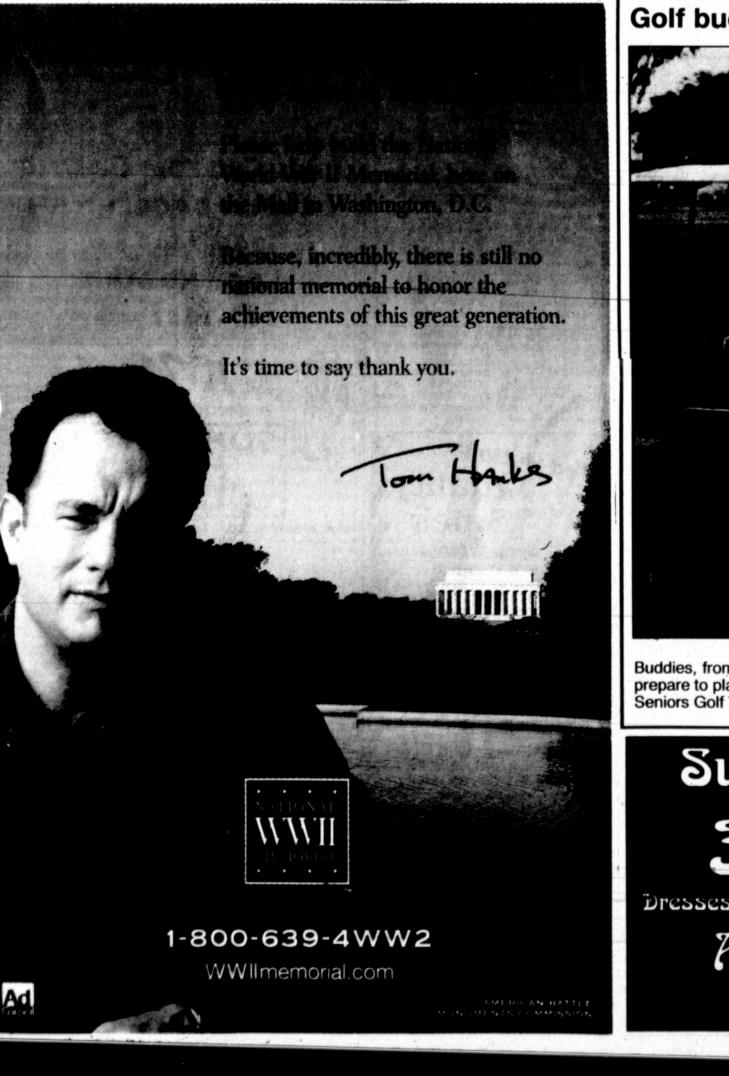
was no evidence that the suspect had a gun. Timoney acknowledged that no gun had been be as open and frank as possieyewitnesses ble," Timoney said after the found and accounts disagreed.

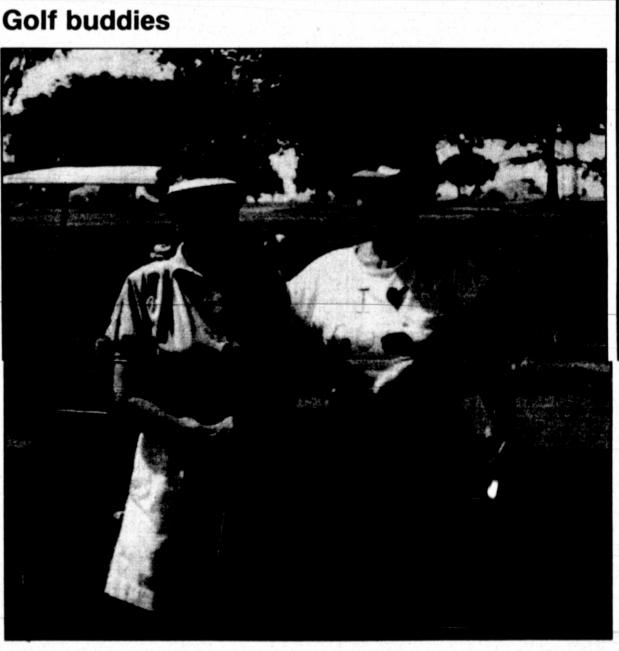
"Some people said he had a gun. Some people said he had no gun. Some people said he took a police gun," Timoney said. "We're sorting all that out."

**Residents complained bitterly** about bullets that flew into the community and make a comhomes, and what they described mitment to explain to us, 'This is as a lack of concern and response on the part of officials. going to do to fix it.' If they don't

"Not one officer or city official knocked on anyone's door to ask thing," he said. if anyone was hurt," said Robin Davis.

Timoney vowed to look into condition Tuesday, is charged changes in chase procedures after with the attempted murder of a reports that the suspect was pur- police officer, assault, resisting sued into a street used as a play- arrest and other offenses. He was ground by a day-care center. The also charged with three pursecommissioner also said he would snatchings and is a suspect in make public recordings of police other crimes, police said.





Buddies, from left, Alta Cheatham and Frankie Blackmon, both of Sulphur Springs, prepare to play a round of golf at the Pampa Country Club during the 1999 Tri-State Seniors Golf Tournament.

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