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Gray County Appraisal District Appraisal Review Board will meet at 3:30 p.m. Too day May 28, at 815 N

Action agenda items presentation of for 2002, and approval of changes as provided by Sections 25 and 41 of the Texas Property Tax

Items for consideration are Chief Appraiser Pat Bagley's report and a discussion of values and preparation for hearings to be held July 9 and 10

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THURSDAY, MAY 23, 2002

High winds hamper fire battle BY DEE DEE LARAMORE EDHOR



(Pampa News photo by Kate B. Dickson)

A Pampa Fire Department firefighter, clad in a bunker and breathing apparatus, watches over the burning remains of an outbuilding in the 900 block of Brunow Wednesday afternoon. Fire officials continue to search for the cause of the blaze that threatened nearby structures. Fourteen Highway 152 and Gray County Road 3. firefighters spent more than two hours at the scene fighting strong southwest winds to keep the flames from spreading.

Pampa firefighters battled high winds Wednesday afternoon as they fought to contain a blaze in the 900 block of Brunow.

Today City Fire Marshal Gary Stevens continues to search for the cause of the fire that appears to have begun in a small outbuilding, owned by Kurt Douglas.

Firefighters initially were called to a structure fire at 3:44 p.m., Wednesday, at Brunow and Henry streets.

When firefighters arrived on the scene, Deputy Fire Chief Randy Dunham said, they saw a grassy lot with several outbuildings, an old bus, and a fence on it.

Strong winds from the southwest quickly spread embers from the burning outbuilding to the surrounding area, including the wood shingle roof of a vacant house across the street to the north at 911 Brunow, Dunham

For two and a half hours, fire officials stayed at the scene. Four firefighters were called back to relieve those who responded first, Dunham said. A total of seven fire units and 14 firefighters were needed, he said.

No injuries were reported. No damage estimates were listed on the fire report.

The outbuilding where the fire is believed to have started was destroyed and the vacant house sustained moderate damage to the roof and some walls, according to reports.

High winds are also suspected to have caused fire shortly before 3 a.m. today that burned approximately five acres off Texas Officials said arcing power lines, buffeted

by the wind, probably caused that blaze.

Managing Editor

While the number of confirmed up, said Dr. James Alexander, Zoonosis Control Division veterinarian with the Texas Department of Health in Canyon.

in the Panhandle region in 2002," said | cases reported: Wheeler, two; and | requirement to every three years Alexander in a telephone interview Lamb, one. with The Pampa News this morning. "However, we are learning that many rables cases are down this year, the people are killing the rabid animals actual number of infected animals is and disposing of them on their own. We have many more rabies cases than are reported.

He said four of the 12 confirmed in 2002 cases have been in Gray County. "Twelve cases have been reported. Collingsworth County has had five ening the current annual rabies vaccine

Pampa experienced the largest outbreak of rabies in the history of the town in 2001 with \$7 reported cases within the city limits.

One confirmed rabies case has been reported within the Pampa city limits

State officials are considering loos-

Alexander said only one-third of the

animals in the state are current on their

Public input has been received from residents across the state at meetings which began with one in Amarillo on April 1 attended by 16 people.

Alexander said only two persons made public comments. Numerous (See RABIES, Page 3)

McLean starts 100th b'day with gigantic garage sale

plans a massive city-wide garage sale spread -officially opens at 10:45 a.m. downtown. over 21 sites on Saturday, May 25

who are also planning a seven-family garage sale at their high school gym.

On Monday, May 27, Gray County's Centennial activities in McLean continue with a short Memorial Day ceremony at Eldridge Cemetery at 8:45 a.m., another at Alanreed Cemeters at 9.15 a.m., and a third one at

McLean Cemetery at 10:30 a.m. On Friday, June 14, the Centennial p.m. that afternoon. Committee will host a rodeo at the McLean Rodeo Arena at 7:30 p.m., with a dance after-

A full day of activities is scheduled for Saturday, June 15, beginning with a Pancake Breakfast hosted by the Lions Club at 6:30 a.m. At 8 a.m., registration for the Old Timers & Cowboy reunions will be under way at the Bra Factory. Registration also begins at 8 a.m. for the Classic Car Show at the gazebo on

McLEAN – McLean Centennial Committee Main Street. The car show with craft vendors

Judging will be held at 9 a.m. for decorated They'll be joined by residents of Alanreed bicycles and jeeps at the baseball diamond. The Centennial parade takes off in the downtown area at 10 a.m.

> At noon, Luncheon for the reunion groups will be held at the Bra Factory.

Members of the Frontier Regiment of the High Plains will conduct re-enactments at the city park all day long

A poker run for classic cars starts at 1:30

An ice cream freeze-off is scheduled at the city park beginning at 6 p.m. followed by the second performance of the McLean Rodeo at 7:30 p.m., Saturday night, at the rodeo

The day's events conclude with a dance at the McLean Country Club.

For more information, contact the McLean Chamber of Commerce, 779-3200, or Devil's Rope Museum at 779-2225.

Safe Senior Party set

Parents of Pampa High School Seniors 2002 are working to guarantee that all seniors have a safe and fun celebration after graduation Saturday, June 1.

The drug-free, alcohol-free party takes place at M.K. Brown Civic Auditorium beginning at 11 p.m. and lasting until 5 a.m. Between 4 and 5 a.m., a grand prize will be given away. The senior must be present to win.

Other prizes include scholarships, television, CD burner and cash. Parents have organized numerous games, bingo, sumo wrestling, a disc jockey for dancing and various other amusements, including a performance by a hypnotist.

"This is a safe way for our graduating seniors to celebrate without the worry of alcohol or drugs ruining the night," said Mauri Johnson, all-night party chair.

Parents who have not made a \$20 donation are urged to send it to Johnson at 1927 Evergreen as soon as possible. Other businesses or individuals that would like to make a

donation of cash or prizes can contact Johnson at 665-8664 or take them by 1927 Evergreen.

All seniors and dates are invited to attend. Participants cannot leave and then return to the party. Seniors are admitted free. Each senior may bring one guest for \$7 cover charge. The guest must come to the party with the senior.

Doors are locked at midnight and no one will be allowed to enter after midnight. For more information, call Johnson at 665-8664.

Grand jury indicts 20, 10 on drug charges

ments returned last week and not previously reported include:

Charles Eric Wood, 21, 1140 Prairie Dr., possession or transport of certain enhanced charge on the drug offense. chemicals (anhydrous ammonia in an

Prairie Dr., possession or transport of certain chemicals (anhydrous ammonia in an unapproved container) with in December 1997. intent to manufacture controlled sub-

felony. The indictment says Wood, in May, 1991, was convicted of felony burglary of a building, thus the

John Wesley McPherson, 25, unapproved container) with intent to Borger, possession or transport of cermanufacture controlled substance, a tain chemicals (anhydrous ammonia in second-degree felony. Bond was set at an unapproved container) with intent to manufacture controlled substance -Michael Lynn Wood, 30, 1140 enhanced, a first-degree felony. The indictment says McPherson was convicted of felony burglary of a building

Smokey Lee Wrona, 23, LaSalle,

Gray County Grand Jury indict stance enhanced a first degree III. possession of over four ounces and 50 pounds), a third-degree felony under five pounds of marijuana, a state jail felony. He's also charged with the state jail felony of possession of a controlled substance - less than 20 abuse units of lysergic acid diethylamide (LSD). He faces a third charge, second-degree felony possession of a conless than 400 grams, of a compound glary. Bond is \$30,000. containing psilocybin. Bond is

> Joel Samuel Robert, 36, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, possession of marijuana (over five pounds and under

Bond is \$7,500.

Bobby Ladell Dorsey, 40, 1041 Prairie Dr., evading arrest with a vehicle - enhanced, a second-degree felony. The indictment says that previously he was convicted, in March 1996, for evading arrest and, in August trolled substance, over four grams but + 1996, he was convicted of felony bur-

Michael Glenn Palmer, 36, 457-1/2 Hughes, evading arrest with a vehicleenhanced, a second-degree felony. The indictment says that in June 1988, he

(See JURY, Page 3)

OBITUARIES

SERVICES TOMORROW

McQUIGG, Okla Irene Dearing — 10 a.m., United Methodist Church, Arnett, Okla.

CAROLYN RIGGINS ORR

died Thursday, May 23, 2002, in Dallas. Services Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

WHITE DEER — Carolyn Riggins Orr, 57, are pending under the direction of Carmichael-

MARTHA LEE SCOTT

Martha Lee Scott, 48, of Pampa, died Sunday, May 19, 2002. Graveside services will be at 10 a.m., Saturday in Fairview Cemetery with the Rev. Raymond McKever, pastor of St. Mark CME Church, officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley

Funeral Directors of Pampa. Mrs. Scott was born April 12, 1954, at Monahans. She married Lee Scott on Jan. 30, 1969, at Irving. She had been a Pampa resident since 1981, moving from Irving.

She worked as a housekeeper at Best Western Northgate Inn and later in the cafete-

rias of Pampa Independent School District. She was a member of St. Mark's CME

Survivors include her husband, Lee, of the home; two sons, Michael Mitchell and Rodney Scott, both of Pampa; two daughters, LaRhonda Scott and Mariza Scott, both of Pampa; three brothers, Albert Mitchell of Dallas, E.B. Mitchell of Amarillo, and Leroy Mitchell of Lovington, N.M.; and six grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to St. Mark's CME Church, 406 Elm, Pampa, TX

OKLA IRENE DEARING McOUIGG

1907-2002

McQuigg, 95, died Tuesday, May 21, at and crocheting doilies for her family. Newman Memorial Hospital in Shattuck, United Methodist Church with Dr. Jene Miller officiating. Interment will be in DeBolt Funeral Home of Shattuck, Okla.

Mrs. McQuigg was born Feb. 8, 1907, at Lone Tree, Okla., to Joe B. and Daisy Dearing. She attended school at Lone Tree and married Joseph H. McQuigg on Jan. 9, 1928, at Enid, Okla. The couple raised their family on a ranch southwest of Arnett.

She was a member of Arnett United

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derstorms, some possibly severe, with lows in

the middle 50s, and southeast winds 10 to 20

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45 to 50. Saturday, partly cloudy with a 30

percent chance of thunderstorms. Highs in the

STATEWIDE

storms was on tap for parts of North and West

Texas as a wind-whipped low pressure system

sliced through the state, forecasters said

A growing threat of showers and thunder-

Today's forecast is partly sunny and breezy with a 20 percent chance of late afternoon

ARNETT, Okla. — Okla Irene Dearing Bee Quilting Club. She enjoyed making quilts

She was preceded in death by her husband; Okla. Services will be at 10 a.m., Friday in a son-in-law, Wayne Steddum; five brothers; three sisters; and two great-grandchildren.

Survivors include three sons, Sanford L. Cemetery under the direction of Mason McQuigg of Kingston, Okla., H. Eugene McQuigg of Tyler, and Joseph T. McQuigg of Trenton, N.J.; four daughters, Jolene Neu of Plains, Kan., Noreta Steddum of Pampa, Daisy Bennett of Bastrop, and Idelma Dunnihoo of Shattuck; 21 grandchildren; 41 great-grandchildren; and five great-greatgrandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Methodist Church, Rebekah Lodge, and Busy United Methodist Church of Arnett.

Low clouds veiled the western two-thirds

of Texas early Thursday, while clear skies were reported elsewhere. Pre-dawn tempera-

tures ranged from 58 degrees at Dalhart to 76 degrees at Brownsville, Corpus Christi and

Morning clouds were expected to give way

to sunny skies by Thursday afternoon in North

Texas. Wind gusts as strong as 30 mph were

expected as high temperatures reached the

heat could move through the area by Thursday

night. Lows should be in the upper 60s and

way to showers and storms in South Texas by

Thursday evening. Highs were expected to

high the middle 80s to near 90 before falling

were forecast for West Texas on Thursday

afternoon. Highs were expected to range from

the middle to upper 70s north to the middle to

upper 80s to the south. The threat of storms

will continue Thursday night as lows dip into

Afternoon thunderstorms, some severe,

Partly cloudy, breezy weather should give

lower 70s, with winds from 15-25 mph.

into the 60s and 70s overnight.

A line of storms generated in the afternoon

Port Isabel.

ON RECORD

ACCIDENTS

The Pampa Police Department filed the following accident report.

Wednesday, May 22

Ronda Kay Spotts, 36, Lefors, was cited for failure to yield the right of way at a stop sign at Frederic and Henry when the 1996 Dodge Dynasty she was driving collided with a 1995 Chevrolet Lumina driven by Beverly Lee Lewis, 66, Wheeler. No injuries were reported.

POLICE

The Pampa Police Department reported the ollowing incidents and arrest during the 24 nour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Sunday, May 12 Forgery reported in the 1700 block of Holly Lane.

Friday, May 17

Money was reported to have been taken from a jacket in the employee break room in the 1400 block of North Hobart.

Sunday, May 19

A bicycle was found in the 400 block of North Nelson.

Wednesday, May 22

Criminal mischief was reported in the 600 block of North Yeager where a vehicle suffered over \$1,500 in damages.

An attempted suicide of an 18-year-old nale was reported in the 2100 block of North

Aggravated assault/domestic was reported n the 400 block of North Faulkner and the 00 block of North Starkweather. No injuries. Domestic assault was reported in the 400

lock of Pitts. An information report was taken in the 900

olock of East Malone.

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Rosie Maria Soto, 19, 1137 Clark, was arrested on warrants for no driver's license and failure to appear.

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An erroneous date was given in a photo capion on Page 10 Wednesday. The 54th annual Beaux Arts Dance Studio and Pampa Civic Ballet dance revue "To America - With Love" will be at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, May 25, in M.K. Brown Auditorium.

SHERIFF

The Gray County Sheriff's Department reported the following arrests during the 24 hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Wednesday, May 22 Shannon D. Harris, 31, Amarillo, theft over \$50 and under \$500.

Verne Roger Cave Jr., 42, 2414 Mary Ellen, arrested on a grand jury indictment for aggravated assault.

AMBULANCE

Rural/Metro Ambulance Service made the following calls during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Tuesday, May 21

10:54 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to a local nursing facility and transported one to Pampa Regional Medical Center (PRMC). Wednesday, May 22

A mobile ICU responded to the 2700 block of Chaumont and transported one to PRMC.

8:19 a.m. – A mobile ICU responded to the 1000 block of South Faulkner and transported one to PRMC. 9:02 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the

1600 block of Fir and transported one to PRMC. 10:17 a.m. – A mobile ICU responded to

PRMC and transported one to a local nursing 11:40 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the

Jordan Unit and transported one to the Montford Unit in Lubbock. 3:41 p.m. – A mobile ICU responded to the

900 block of Brunow for a fire stand by.

8:23 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 300 block of Sunset and transported one to PRMC.

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FIRE

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

Wednesday, May 22

3:44 p.m. - Seven units and 14 firefighters responded to a fire in the 900 block of Brunow nvolving several outbuildings and grass lot. See related story.)

8:15 p.m. - One unit and three firefighters responded to a report of suspicious mail in the 400 block of Magnolia.

8:34 p.m. - One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 300 block of Sunset Drive.

9:29 p.m. - One unit and three firefighters stood by for LifeStar helicopter at One Medical

Thursday, May 23

2:56 a.m. - Two units and four firefighters responded to a grass fire at Texas 152 and Gray Approximately five acres were burned in a blaze caused by arcing electric lines.

USDA delays action against beef plants that flunk tests, group says

bacteria testing system meant to ensure that ground beef is safe instead is allowing potentially tainted meat to be put on the market, consumer advocacy groups said Thursday.

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A study of Agriculture Department records found the meat safety system plagued by delays.

At some plants, testing stopped for months at a time before being completed. In other cases, the department waited weeks to take corrective action at plants that had clearly flunked, said the report released by Public Citizen and Government

Accountability Project. The report accused USDA of operating under a "don't look, don't find policy" that is

"fundamentally deceiving the public with false reassurances' about the safety of meat.

Elsa Murano, USDA's undersecretary for food safety, said the testing system "is continuously being reviewed, evaluated and improved" and that the department is "aggressively targeting" plants that fail to control bacteria.

The groups said the findings raise questions about testing data that the department has presented as evidence of reduced salmonella contamination at plants.

"Companies were failing these tests and USDA was allowing them to continue to put out meat stamped inspected and approved for extended periods of time, and they're still doing it," said Carol Tucker Foreman, director of the Consumer Federation of America's Food Policy Institute.

In addition to being a health hazard itself, the presence of salmonella is considered by USDA to be an indication of sanitation problems in meat plants. The Clinton administration started the testing program after a 1993 E. coli outbreak linked to tainted burgers killed four people and sickened hun-

Salmonella can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in children, the frail and the elderly. Healthy people infected with salmonella often experience fever, diarrhea, nau-

sea and vomiting. Under USDA's rules, ground beef processors are considered to have failed the tests if six of 53 meat samples test positive for the bacteria.

But even if the first six samples are positive, USDA doesn't consider a plant to have failed until all 53 samples are completed — a process that can take months, the report said.

At one Texas plant cited by the report, 16 weeks passed after the sixth positive sample was discovered before any corrective action was required, the report said.

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Houston mother to return to court

HOUSTON (AP) — Attorneys for convicted killer Andrea Yates will be back in court with their client next week to claim poverty.

If state District Judge Belinda Hill declares indigence for Yates, who is serving a life prison sentence for drowning her chil-

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for a free copy of her trial transcript. Her attorneys say they

need the transcript for an appeal of the capital murden conviction. The cost of a transcript

of 3 1/2 weeks of jury selection and four weeks of testimony is an estimated \$40,000 to \$60,000.

"Andrea is without funds to effect her appeal," defense lawyer George Parnham said in Thursday's editions of the Houston Chronicle. "The issues are too important to her and to mental health in general to

dren, she would be eligible have the inability to appeal due to lack of funds.'

Yates, 37, pleaded legal insanity, but jurors convicted her March 12 in the drownings of Noah, 7; John, 5, and Mary, 6 months The Clear Lake mother

has also confessed to drowning Paul, 3, and Luke, 2. According to Texas law,

the court's determination of whether an inmate is indigent can be based only on the inmate's financial condition, not that of relatives.

Hill could make her decision May 30.

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Police chief: Condit may be questioned again in Levy death

WASHINGTON (AP) — As forensic experts work to determine how Chandra Levy died; Police Chief Charles Ramsey said Thursday that investigators may again question Rep. Gary Condit, D-Calif.

Ramsey, making the rounds of the morning talk shows, said now that Levy's remains have been found police will seek to talk to more people who may have information about her movements prior to her disappearance on May

Condit, who already has been interviewed four times, may again be sought for questioning, Ramsey said.

"Perhaps we'll need to talk again. I don't know. Those decisions have not been made," he said on NBC's "Today."

Condit has acknowledged an affair with Levy, a police source says, but denies any involvement in her disappearance. Police repeatedly have said he is not a suspect.

The remains of Levy, 24, of Modesto, Calif., were found Wednesday morning in Rock Creek Park, a sprawling area in northwest Washington where Levy often jogged. Police say her skull and other bones were recovered. as were a jogging bra, tennis shoes and other

Investigators resumed their search of the area Thursday, painstakingly sifting through dirt and leaves looking for hairs, clothing fibers and other evidence that could help determine when and how Levy died.

Terrance W. Gainer, Washington's deputy police chief, would not say whether any evidence of foul play had been found. However, he said it's reasonable to assume she was killed based on all the evidence gathered to date.

After months of hope that their daughter still might be alive, Levy's parents were left to cope with the tragic news: The long search for the intern had ended with confirmation of her

"Two parents have just received the most horrifying news that any parent could ever get," family spokeswoman Judy Smith said Wednesday outside Dr. Robert and Susan Levy's home. "Certainly no parent ever thinks that they would bury their child."

The Levys grieved in private with their son, Adam, and a few friends who arrived to console them in their one-story brick ranch house. Sheriff's deputies provided security.

Only a short distance from the front door, scores of reporters lined the sidewalk of the shady cul-de-sac. Ribbons that lined neighborhood trees and lamp posts a year ago were tattered and faded.

Neighbor Joanne Tittle's eyes were red and puffy from crying.

"My gut instinct was hopeful," she said, "I hoped she was in a foreign country or some-

Meanwhile, the man whose political career was ruined by his connection to Levy issued a statement through his attorney: "Congressman Gary Condit and his family want to express their heartfelt sorrow and condolences to the Levy family. The Levy family will remain in our prayers.'

Condit, highly popular before Levy's disappearance, lost the Democratic primary in his district and is in his final months as a con-

Levy disappeared sometime after logging off her computer on May 1, 2001. When police searched her apartment they found her wallet. credit card, computer and cell phone. Only her keys were missing.

As national interest increased, police searched intensively. They considered a variety of theories — murder, suicide, even the possibility that Levy had gone into hiding or lost her

Then, on Wednesday, a man walking his dog found her remains about four miles from Levy's apartment. Dental records confirmed they were Levy's.

Dr. Jonathan Arden, the Washington medical examiner, said he had received all the bones discovered in the park, but declined to describe their condition or say how long it might take to determine when and how Levy

Mark Geragos, Condit's lawyer, said Levy's death seems to parallel the cases of two other

missing girls in Washington and supports Condit's belief that a serial killer may be responsible.

"It's certainly not a red-letter day for the D.C police," the lawyer said. "If, as reported, she left with only her tennis shoes and her keys, and was going jogging, wouldn't you look on the jogging trails? How do you miss somebody? It's mind-boggling.'

Ramsey said the remains were found in a very secluded, densely wooded area well off jogging and bike trails.

Levy came to Washington for an internship with the Bureau of Prisons. In late April 2001, her internship was abruptly cut short when supervisors learned she was ineligible to continue because she had finished her college coursework the previous December.

Within weeks of her arrival in Washington, Levy and a friend visited Condit's office, where they had their photo snapped with the congressman. He also took them to the House gallery to watch a vote. Within months, Levy told family members she was having an affair with Condit.

After her disappearance, police searched Condit's apartment with his consent and obtained a DNA sample from him. Condit submitted to a lie detector test arranged by his lawyer, who said the congressman was found to be truthful when denying any knowledge about what happened to Levy.

A grand jury has been reviewing Levy's disappearance and whether Condit or his aides obstructed the investigation. The grand jury subpoenaed documents from Condit last year.

FBI linked Arab aviation students to radical group, bin Laden threat

WASHINGTON (AP) — Weeks before tecting intelligence-gathering methods. Sept. 11, an FBI agent connected several students at Arizona aviation schools to a militant Muslim group whose founder talked of attacking airports and received a letter from Osama Bin Laden encouraging the downing of commercial airliners, government officials

Agent Ken Williams' July 2001 memo raised concerns about the students' affiliation with Sheik Omar Bakri Mohammed's group because the sheik had been involved with a fatwa - an Islamic call to action - that suggested airports as one of several legitimate attack targets in the United States, officials told The Associated Press.

In addition, Williams had identified another Muslim figure in Arizona who wasn't training at aviation schools but was linked through phone communications to one of bin Laden's top lieutenants, Abu Zubaydah, the officials said Wednesday, speaking only on condition of anonymity.

The agent had suspicions that the man might be communicating with one or more the flight school students, but he never succeeded in making a connection, officials said.

The officials declined to further describe the communications or the man who contacted Abu Zubaydah, citing concerns about pro-

Abu Zubaydah is believed to be bin Laden's operational chief, who ran al-Qaida's terrorist training camps and is suspected of helping organize the Sept. 11 hijackings, U.S. officials have said previously.

Abu Zubaydah was captured by the FBI and Pakistani officials during a raid in March and remains in U.S. custody. During interrogations, Abu Zubaydah has alleged several threats against U.S. targets that have prompted protective warnings, officials say.

Current and former government officials familiar with Williams' memo and debriefings told the AP the counterterrorism agent from Phoenix had marked his July 10 memo as routine, meaning it did not require urgent action because of an imminent threat.

But they said the five-page document laid out in extensive investigative detail his concerns that students learning piloting, aviation engineering and airport operations at Arizona aviation schools might be preparing to help bin Laden carry out an attack.

Asked Wednesday whether he thought the agent was prophetic, Vice President Dick Cheney answered, "Well, I think he was."

"I'll be the last to argue the system worked perfectly. There's a lot we can do to improve it," Cheney said on CNN.

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RABIES

cities across the state have been hosts to people on both sides of the issue. The last chance for public comments will be in Houston on June 4.

Comments are also being accepted by mail and e-mail, said Dr. Skip Oerthli, a veterinarian with the Zoonosis Control Division with the Texas Department of Health in Austin.

Oerthli said the agency will take all the facts presented by the public into consideration before making a decision.

Alexander said the agency reviews rules every four years. He said the basic decision is to decide what frequency of rabies inoculations will suffice for the public health of Texas residents.

Proponents to the rule change claim the 22-year-old policy of requiring the annual rabies shots is unnecessary, and is pointless and possibly harmful to the animals.

State officials say that reports have been made to them linking tumors in cats and anemia in dogs to overvaccination.

Opponents say that changing the rule would leave fewer animals protected against rabies and would pose a threat to humans.

In the early 1990s, veterinary researchers began seeing a rise in sarcomas (malignant tumors) in cats that formed where rabies and/ or other shots were administered, according to health officials. Some researchers have estimated the lifetime risk of occurrence ranged between one in 1,000 and one in 10,000 cats.

Anemia cases in dogs have been traced to the dogs who have obtained the rabies vaccine. One study at the University of Pennsylvania found higher rates in the vaccinated dogs.

Concern has expressed by residents that pet owners will not be able to remember just when the vaccinations are due if it is moved from an annual requirement.

question isn't "The whether dogs and cats should be vaccinated. The question is how frequently," said Dr. Jane Mahlow, a veterinarian and director of TDH's Zoonosis Control Division. She said only 50 percent of the 5.9 million dogs and 25 percent of the 6.6 million cats in Texas are currently vaccinated.

Pampa's Animal Control Director Sandy Burns said she believes the number of vaccinated animals in Pampa goes along with the state percent-

"We know there are differing opinions and scientific perspectives out there, and we want to hear what people around the state have to say before we make a final decision." she said. "We need to determine what frequency adequately and reasonably protects the public."

The annual vaccination requirement is one of several rabies control and eradication rules TDH is reviewing. State law requires that rules be reviewed every four years.

Texas is one of five states requiring annual rabies vaccination. Bexar County officials

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estimate about 25 percent of dogs and cats are in compliance with current law in that county. Two states require biennial vaccinations, while 33 others require triennial boosters. Ten states leave it to counties or other local entities to set policy.

> In 1991, a Harlingen woman died after being bitten by her rabies-infected dog. In 1994, a 14-year-old Edinburg boy died after apparently being infected by a puppy.

Texans have until June 4 to mail comments and any supporting materials on the issue to Jane C. Mahlow, Zoonosis Control Division; Texas Department of Health; 1100 W. 49th St.; Austin, TX 78756.

Comments by e-mail may be made by contacting the TDH web site at rabies.control@tdh.state.tx.us.

Officials said the TDH will go through data after the June 4 meeting to determine if it justifies the change. Then, he said, the board of health will go through and decide if a proposed change in the rule is needed.

If a vote to change is made, the matter will then go back to the public for input before a final decision is made.

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was convicted of the felony offense of burglary-entering with intent to commit theft. He was also convicted in December 1996 of the felony offense of engaging in organized criminal activity. Bond is

Russell Myron Moore, 35, Phoenix, Ariz., possession of marijuana (over 50 pounds but under 2,000 pounds), a seconddegree felony. Bond is \$50,000.

Benjamin Lara Ramirez, 23. Amarillo, possession of marijuana (over 50 pounds but under 2,000 pounds), a seconddegree felony. Bond is \$25,000.

Freddie Joe Nunn, 40, Chandler, Ariz., possession of a controlled substance (over 400 grams of cocaine), a firstdegree felony. Bond is \$28,000.

Michael Anthony Frye, 27, Westminster, S.C., endangering a child (by driving while intoxicated with a child

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younger than 15 in the auto), a state jail felony. Bond was set

a child under 15 (by moving his body from side to side in rapid, jerking motions), a state

jail felony. Donald Wayne Perry, 27, 1105 Varnon, aggravated assault (by punching a woman in the face with his fist), a second-degree felony. Bond is

\$15,000. Michael Lee Dittberner, 20, 2123 N. Nelson, evading arrest with a vehicle, a state jail felony. Bond is \$7,500.

Jackie Lynn Vaughn, 39, 2618 Navajo, possession of a controlled substance (over four grams but under 200 grams of methamphetamine) with intent to deliver, a first-degree felony. Bond is \$25,000.

Tracy Lee Zeek, 32, Lefors, possession of a controlled substance (over four grams but under 200 grams of methamphetamine) with intent to deliver, a first-degree felony.

Bond is \$20,000.

Leonard Anthony Scott, 37, 1141 Huff Rd., possession of a Kami C. Hansen, 20, controlled substance (four Youngwood, Pa., endangering grams or more of cocaine but less than 200 grams) with intent to deliver, a first-degree felony. Bond is \$20,000.

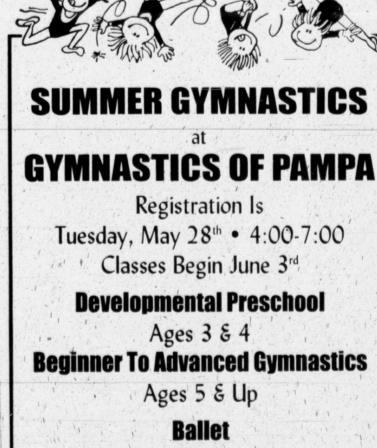
Cecil Andrew Lewis, 39, 2618 Navajo, evading arrest with a vehicle, enhanced, a second-degree felony. The indictment says that in February 1983, he was convicted of felony burglary of a habitation and in September 1986, he was convicted of felony burglary of a building. Bond is \$15,000.

Omar Marquez, 23, 228 Miami, theft over \$1,500 and under \$20,000: Bond is \$5,000.

Verne Roger Cave Jr., 42, 2416 Mary Ellen, aggravated assault by hitting the victim in the head with his hand, a second-degree felony. His bond is

All the addresses used above were taken from district court records.





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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Teacher lauds administrators

I have taught in the Texas public schools for 19 years, and have never had a better set of administrators than Allen and Suzanne Law, whom I have had the pleasure to serve under for the last three years.

They have always treated me with respect at all times. I have never had them ask me to do something that was unethical or immoral and never have I felt coerced into doing something I felt was wrong.

Through teaching experience, I feel that we are in the business for the students, and to see that they feel successful. With that in mind, I find that a student failure is the last

If a student is not understanding a concept, I feel that it is my responsibility to reteach until the students understand, even if it may mean giving them extra credit.

I sincerely feel that Mr. and Mrs. Law have not done any wrongdoing in this matter.

Gaylon Fry

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What is constable's role?

Reading this paper over the years has prompted some questions, and concerns as relate to the position of the

We have a constable in McLean and I have been told there are five additional constables serving other county areas. In the light of problems surfacing in other counties with constable positions and comments and news stories in this paper over the years, it would be interesting to me to know some or all of the following.

Who sets the constable's work jurisdiction? Who supervises the constable?

If a constable has a light work load, is it permissible for the constable to take up a deputy's work? If needed to justify the constable position? Who sets the parameters for the constable's time and is their time subject to any supervision? Are law enforcement staffing reviews made every few years to determine a realistic work load?

Budgets submitted by constables in prior years were in some case almost comical and indicate those budgets are not reviewed by any supervisor prior to submission to the County Commissioners Court.

Are work reports, including mileage logs, reviewed to determine accuracy and appropriate charges? Who does

The whole constable business is, and has always been, a little mysterious. It appears to me, not knowing any better, that a constable can be hired for some on-the-job-training and once on the rolls with all the bells, whistles and other accoutrements, can become a loose cannon with little or no supervision.

There are circumstances where it would benefit the county to be able, if asked, to state whether or not any county employee was acting within the purview of his/ her assignments and jurisdiction. If answers to these queries are available at the county level, I would appreciate being advised where to inquire.

Bill Reeve McLean

Letters to the Editor Policy

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Life: Just keep plunging

Sometimes life just doesn't go the way you planned.

As I was driving home Tuesday evening, I was anticipating having Wednesday off from work. The morethan-usual night meetings this week caused me to take the day off so that I wouldn't have more than 40 hours this

As I drove towards Borger I thought I'd do a little basic cleaning, work in my yard, and read. First I was stopping in Borger to watch my 5 year old grandson, Christian, "graduate" from his school he has attended for three years. It was an exciting time for him as he and has classmates sang songs for their families and received their diplomas in a short ceremony. We are all so proud of him!

Next stop was back to my daughter's home for Paige's 4th birthday. She was equally excited. Everyone was full of smiles and fun. Scads of pictures were taken of all the children and family. It was a relaxing time.

On my way home to Stinnett, I again anticipated a pleasant day off on Wednesday. I arrived at home about 9 p.m. As I drove in the driveway, I smelled an unpleasant odor. I opened the garage door and was overwhelmed. My first thought was that the chicken in the refrigerator probably wasn't good. But could it be that bad?

Holding my breath, I opened the door, ran to the refrigerator and removed the chicken to the garage. I realized that wasn't the cause of the horrible stench. My thought was something was dead. When I got to the first bathroom, I knew what it

As I went through my house, I discovered sewage spilling from both toilets and the shower. The liquid and solids had apparently spilled on to my fully-carpet-



ed home for many hours. (I had left for work Tuesday morning around 6:15, so I'd been away 15 hours.)

Quickly, I called my next door neighbors to see if they had a problem. No. I next called the emergency numbers for the city. City workers immediately came out to find the source of the problem. Windows and doors were opened wide. After two or three hours, they cleared a blockage of roots in the alley.

In the meantime, family members began coming in to assist me. My daughter, M.E., who usually can find something humorous to say about any situation, could only come up with "We'll always be able to remember Paige's 4th birthday," as she wore a handkerchief over her mouth and nose to tolerate the smell. We worked until 1:30 a.m. I went to her home to sleep a few hours.

City workers were back the next morning as it was still blocked. The stench wasn't quite as bad. Their verdict: their line was clear, but mine still blocked, and leaves had come up through the shower, bathtub, toilets and sinks.

An early morning trip to Wal-Mart saw a basket full of three gallons of Clorox, a huge bottle of Pine-Sol, gloves, paper towels, etc. That cash register did ring!

A plumber is at my house today. I couldn't even tell them where the sewer lines were because I'd never had a plumbing problem in the 15 years I've owned the home. Another ringing of the

My spiritual message for Wednesday was written for me. I'm not a person to give up, but I was quite disgusted. It concerned life not being fair, but it was life. You just have to keep plugging (and plunging) along. I realized God was sending a message to me when I read about the choices we face daily being the result of our attitudes. Energized, I kept

Thanks to wonderful neighbors, I was able to shower and feel clean. (You can imagine how wonderful I smelled.)

My plumber says when I get home tonight life should be better. I'm going to purchase a new broiler pan today, too. There's something about mine that I left soaking in the sink Tuesday morning that I don't want to use it again. New shower curtains are also on that list. More dinging at the cash register.

I realized I did get to do what I planned on my day off. It was more cleaning than I planned, and I was reading directions of cleaning agents and the phone directory to get assistance. The search for sewer lines in my yard wasn't the yard work I planned, but it was work in the yard.

I told Zac this morning we are going to play Paul Bunyon this weekend. He was puzzled. "We're cutting down every elm tree in my yard," I told him. Now I understand what a city official said about 26 years ago in a meeting - the only good elm tree is a dead one.

Life could be worse. Searching for something to be grateful for, I am very, very grateful for the Panhandle winds which blew Tuesday and Wednesday. They blew the majority of the odor from my home.

(Nancy Young can be reached at nanceyyoung@hotmail.com)

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Do we really want democracy?

What's so good about democracy generally understood as having trust in the general will of a democratic people, as expressed by a vote of the majority, to make all important decisions? If a majority of our 535 congressmen votes for one measure or another, is that all right with

You say: "What's the story, Williams? Is there a better method of making important decisions?" I say yes, but let's first decide whether we'd really like majority rule as a criterion for making important

Suppose you're making the important decision to marry. Would you like the decision about whom you marry to be made through a democratic procedure where what the majority of Americans think determines whom you marry? How about using the democratic process to decide what we have for Thanksgiving dinner? Majority rule determines whether everyone has turkey, or ham, or duck, or capon. Once the vote is taken and, say, turkey wins, everyone is obliged to serve

You say, "C'mon Williams, when people say they're for democracy, they don't mean private decisions?" You're probably right. Indeed, if democratic procedures were applied to those private areas of our lives, we'd see it as nothing less than tyranny. That's one important problem with democracy: It creates an aura of moral legitimacy for acts that would otherwise be considered tyranny.

That's precisely why our Founders thought a Bill of Rights was a crucial protection. Thomas Jefferson said, "The majority, oppressing an individual, is guilty of a crime, abuses its strength, and by acting on the law of the strongest breaks up the foundations of society." So



WALTER WILLIAMS COLUMNIST

we should ask what life decisions should and should not be made through the political process.

Should a democratic process determine how much I put aside out of my weekly earnings for food? What about housing? What about for my daughter's education? You say, "Williams, that's your business and none other." Then I ask why it isn't also my business how much of my weekly earnings is set aside for retirement. In our country, how much is set aside for retirement is, as Jefferson might put it, criminally determined by Congress through Social Security laws.

Democracy was viewed with disgust by most of the nation's founders. Alexander Hamilton said: "We are now forming a Republican form of government. Real liberty is not found in the extremes of democracy, but in moderate governments. If we incline too much to democracy, we shall soon shoot into a monarchy, or some other form of dictatorship."

In Federalist Paper 10, arguing for a constitutional republic, James Madison said, "... democracies have ever been spectacles of turbulence and contention; have ever been found incompatible with personal security or the rights of property; and have in general been as short in their lives as they have been violent in their

John Adams said: "Remember, democracy never lasts long. It soon wastes, exhausts and murders itself. There never was a democracy yet that did not commit suicide."

U.S. Supreme Court Chief Justice John Marshall said, "Between a balanced republic and a democracy, the difference is like that between order and chaos."

The observation about democracy that I like best was that of H.L. Mencken: "Democracy is a form of worship. It is the worship of jackals by jackasses.

When the Founders thought of democracy, they saw democracy in the political sphere - a sphere strictly limited by the Constitution's well-defined and enumerated powers given the federal government. Substituting democratic decision-making for what should be private decision-making is nothing less than tyranny dressed

TODAY IN HISTORY

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Thursday, May 23, the 143rd day of 2002. There are 222 days left in

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 23, 1960, Israel announced it had captured former Nazi official Adolf Eichmann in Argentina. (Eichmann was tried in Israel, found guilty of crimes against humanity, and hanged in 1962.)

On this date: In 1430, Joan of Arc was captured by the Burgundians, who sold her to the

In 1533, the marriage of England's King Henry VIII to Catherine of Aragon was declared null and void.

In 1701, Capt. William Kidd was hanged in London after he was convicted of piracy and murder.

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Dance revue





(Photos courtesy of Carol Frugé Photography) Beaux Arts Dance Studio and Pampa Civic Ballet will present the community's 54th annual dance revue entitled "To America — With Love" at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, May 25 in M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium. Top: (Front row, left-right) Anna Johnson, Mollie Baker, Joy Hart, Staci Clay; (second row, 1-r) Wendy Stephenson, Katie Shaffer, Kaylie Brewer, Deanna McGill, and Maegan Wheeler. Not pictured: Glennette Goode. Bottom: (Left-right) Wendy Stephens, Anna Schafer, Stephanie Harbeson, Katie Shaffer, and Krissy Holman.

University mortuary program director resigns

of Lynn University's mortuary program has resigned amid complaints that the school was negligent in obtaining corpses without the consent of family members so students could practice embalming on them.

Marcella Piasecki has takén another position at the university, said George P. Connick, executive director of the American Board of Funeral Service Education. Connick said he learned of the move in a letter.

Neither Piasecki nor university officials immediately returned phone messages early Thursday seeking comment.

Piasecki stepped down on May 15, the same day the Department of Business and Professional Regulation issued complaints alleging the school embalmed at least three bodies without authorization.

University officials have denied any wrongdoing, saying they were deceived by

BOCA RATON, Fla. (AP) — The director Joseph Damiano, accused by state officials of supplying bodies from his Miami cremation service to be embalmed at the university without the knowledge of the deceased's

> Damiano has been stripped of two licenses' to transport and cremate bodies. He also was charged with 19 counts of running an unlicensed business, and the state filed complaints on behalf of three families against him. Damiano has denied the charges.

> The university has until June 4 to request an administrative hearing on the complaints. The school could have its embalming license revoked or suspended, a fine of \$5,000 for each offense and probation.

On the Net:

Department of Business and Professional Regulation: http://www.state.fl.us/dbpr/ Lynn University: http://www.lynn.edu

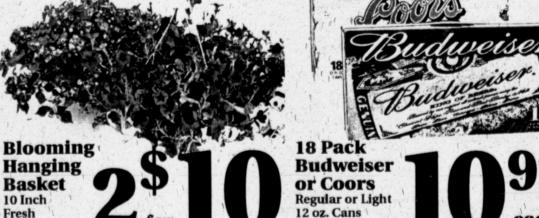
Pampa Middle School



Basket 10 Inch Fresh

Pampa Middle School recently announced winners of the big money for the seventh grade TAAS rewards as (left-right) Adam Hagerman, \$50; Kristen Roye, \$100; and Francisco Conde, \$50. They received the money for achieving Academic Recognition on at least one of the TAAS tests they took in April.





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THURSDAY, MAY 23

DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

Safety Takes Back Seat In Car Ads Aimed At Teens

DEAR ABBY: I am a pediatric nurse-practitioner. In the past few years, I have seen more and more car advertisements featuring teenagers not wearing seat belts. The most blatant was one with four prom-goers standing with their upper bodies sticking out above the sunroof of a limo. I should think the insurance industry would be having a fit that the media could be so irresponsible

about a serious safety issue. Teens do not comprehend their own vulnerability. This makes it almost impossible for parents to get them to wear seat belts when ads like these make it seem glamorous not to. Many parents believe their children "always" wear seat belts, only to discover the truth after a tragic accident.

Motor vehicle accidents are the No. 1 killer of adolescents - not drugs, not suicide or homicide. With spring here, and proms fast approaching, we need to keep stressing the importance of wearing

No parent I talked to had seen the prom ad. Public opinion stopped the oversexualizing of underwear ads a few years back. I'd like the same thing to happen with ads that glamorize the non-use of seat belts. JOAN BUCHANAN

DEAR JOAN: Yours is a timely letter. Prom and grad nights are

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again upon us - and it takes only a second to buckle up.

The souvenirs of prom night should consist of dried corsages and boutonnieres - not physical scars, broken bones and shattered lives. And while we're on the subject of responsible advertising, read on:

DEAR ABBY: I am appalled at the number of commercials depicting four-wheel-drive vehicles conquering dangerous terrain — "going where no other car has gone before." The commercials convey the message that you can cross streams, fly through blizzards, dodge carnivorous animals or climb ominous mountain peaks. Some commercials

I have lived in snow country all my life. I am presently the owner of an SUV and have owned other makes depicted in the advertising. They are necessary to my lifestyle. My concern is the message they send to young or inexperienced drivers. This includes the adult driver

are downright ridiculous.

who is chemically impaired. The statistics reveal that a high percentage of accidents - many fatal - are caused by the misuse of these four-wheel-drive vehicles. Drivers mistakenly believe they are invincible - driving too fast for the conditions, trying to maneuver in places they shouldn't be, and in

general, abandoning common sense

Marmaduke

The Family Circus

My son (an experienced teen-age driver) attempted to cross a stream in his Jeep. The commercial presented it as an easily accomplished feat. His vehicle became stuck, creating a dam of water that entered the air filter and destroyed the engine. He was, however, one of the lucky ones. Only the vehicle sus-tained major damage. Perhaps the automakers should

follow their commercials with a list of the deceased or badly injured who attempt these feats and fail. I believe they need to rethink their enticing invitation to test the limits behind the wheel.
LIZZIE IN MONTROSE, COLO.

DEAR LIZZIE: I agree. Such ads create a false impression and should be toned down in the interest of public safety.

Pauline Phillips and her daughter Jeanne Phillips share the pseudonym Abigail Van Buren. Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

"Wait outside. They'll be glad to hear you're

taking your business elsewhere.

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What teens need to know about sex, drugs, AIDS, and getting along with peers and parents is in "What Every Teen Should Know." To order, send a businessize, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$5 (U.S. funds only to: Dear Abby, Teen Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447.

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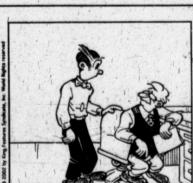


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OUTDOORS

FRITCH - As a result of continuing drought conditions throughout the area over the past year, water levels at Lake Meredith National Recreation Area have dropped by approximately 12.5 feet from this time

The current lake level is 74.43 feet and the level continues to drop. This is not the only time the lake has been this low. In 1981. the lake level was recorded at 63.16 feet, which is 11.24 feet lower than the present level.

The lower lake levels have caused many underwater hazards to surface. National Park Service staff is placing buoys on all hazards as soon as they become known, but boaters should use caution on the waters of Lake

Persons are urged to call park headquarters at (806) 857-3151 if. they know of any unmarked hazards.

BASEBALL

PAMPA — Cree defeated Bank of America Tuesday night at Optimist Park in Babe Ruth Action.

Tyler Doughty went the distance on the mound for Cree, limiting Bank to six hits and struck out a game-high 14.

Mateo Campos pitched the complete game for Bank of America giving up eight hits and striking out seven.

The game was played with a strong southeast wind in tough conditions.

Jake Craig had three hits for Cree including a triple and Brett Ferrell had a double that plated two runs.

Campos scored three runs for Bank in the losing effort. Cree and Bank of America

are 3-1 in the league standings. No score was available.

BASKETBALL

PAMPA - Entry deadline is June 1 for Steve Schmidt's basketball camp for girls.

Schmidt, the Lady Harvesters' head coach, will direct the camp June 17-21 at McNeely Fieldhouse. The camp will be for girls in the fourth through ninth grades. Each day's session starts at 9 a.m. and ends at 2 p.m.

Cost is \$55, which includes a t-shirt, basketball and lots of instruction.

Scholarship opportunities are available for those who need financial support. If interested, brochures are available from the physical education teachers at the four elementary schools or coaches at the middle schools. Area youngsters are also invited to the camp.

Former PHS players will assist Schmidt with the camp. Schmidt can be contacted at 669-4830 or 669-9013.

Flashback

1967: George Bailey scored 24 points and Bo Lang was right behind with 23 as Pampa routed Plainview 77-55 in high school basketball.

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Track warmups



(Pampa News photo by Tess Kingcade)

Austin 5th grade students (l-r) Jessica Miner, Kamie Doughty and Keisha Crowell warm up for a relay event at the City Elementary School Track Meet at Randy Matson Field. The track meet is held near the end of each school year.

Drew's homer lifts Cards past Astros

ST. LOUIS (AP) — J.D. Drew broke out of a rut to keep the St. Louis Cardinals in a groove.

Sidelined for two games because of a 1-for-17 slump, Drew hit a leadoff home run in the ninth inning as the Cardinals won for the 11th time in 13 games, beating the Houston Astros 3-2 Wednesday night. Drew said two days of hard work before the game paid off.

Drew struck out as a pinch hitter in the seventh against Roy Oswalt, but didn't let it bother him when he stayed in the game as the right fielder. In the ninth, he hit a 3-2 pitch from Ricky Stone (2-2) over the right-field wall, a 438-feet drive for his seventh homer of the

"He's a great hitter," Stone said. "It doesn't matter what kind of slump he's in, he can always hurt you. Hopefully, I didn't get him out of that slump and get him hot.'

The Cardinals are 8-1 on the homestand with one game to go, 10 points to .234.

the series finale Thursday.

Dave Veres (3-3) pitched two scoreless innings as the Cardinals won a 17th game from behind.

The Cardinals tied it at 2 in the eighth after the Astros' bullpen took over for Oswalt, who continued a dominant May. Vina doubled to start the inning, advanced on a sacrifice, and scored when Albert Pujols lined a single off Octavio -Dotel.

The Astros left the bases loaded in the top of the ninth against Veres, who kicked a Brian Hunter dribbler twice before realizing where the ball was and threw him out in a disputed call by umpire Tim McClelland.

Oswalt allowed five hits and struck out four in seven innings. In four starts this month, he's 2-1 with a 1.55 ERA.

Tino Martinez had two hits and two walks for the Cardinals, raising his average

Entry deadline June 7 for summer softball

PAMPA - The City of Pampa Recreation Department will be offering the following summer softball leagues: Men's Open and Mixed Open.

The entry fees or sponsor's fees for teams are \$200 per team (\$185 if team is currently sanctioned). The player's fee is \$15 per player with a minimum of 11 person's for Men's Open and 12 persons for Mixed

Entry deadline is June 7 at 5 p.m. There will be no teams added after this date.

Schedules will be available after 1 p.m. on June 12, 2002 at the Recreation Office. Play will begin the week of

Roster forms, fact sheets and by-laws are available at the Recreation Office at 816 S. Hobart between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday

If you have any questions or would like more information on the summer softball leagues, call 669-5770 during business

through Friday.

Swoopes ready to lead Comets

HOUSTON (AP) - Sheryl Swoopes took ed to come back after the doctor cleared her the pass at the left of the key, faked one way and drove the other through the lane for a layup, just an ordinary looking play during a dreary two-a-day preseason workout.

Plain as it was, the move would not have happened until recently as the Houston Comets' star grappled with the physical and mental recovery from major knee surgery.

"Two months ago, I was just running down and shooting it, and that's not my game," Swoopes said. "I was hesitant to do anything going to my left or using my left leg. I didn't jump for rebounds or go in the paint. I refused to do it."

Comets' four straight WNBA championships, spent last season recovering from surgery to repair a torn anterior crucial ligament in her left knee after she was sent sprawling in agony at an April practice session. The injury robbed her of a chance to repeat

Swoopes, a driving force in three of the

her MVP performance of 2000, when she pushed the Comets to the WNBA title and led the league in scoring and steals. The Comets tumbled in 2001 from the dominant team in the league to a third-place finish

in the Western Conference, then were swept from the playoffs by the Los Angeles Sparks, who succeeded them as WNBA champs. . . Still, Swoopes wasn't so certain she wantto return.

"It's a lot of hard work," she said. "I still have days when I think, 'Can I do everything and is my knee going to give out on me? That's going to take time to get over mentally."

Swoopes already has come a long way in the healing process.

"Probably the biggest thing she learned was that completely recovering from this kind of injury involves a complete change in lifestyle," Comets trainer Michelle Leget said. "From this point on she's always going to be post-ACL. She will always have to work harder now on certain exercises to keep her strength in that area."

Most days, Swoopes is pleased with her

"What's surprised me is the way I'm playing now," she said. "Going through rehab, I didn't know what to expect. To come out here now and do what I'm doing on offense and defense, I've been impressed. So I'm not doubting that I'll come back and be the same old Sheryl."

New teammate Rebecca Lobo, a former rival with the New York Liberty, marvels at Swoopes' recovery.

"She doesn't look like she's ever had an injury," says Lobo, who has had two ACL

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Pamcel Golf Course to hold Tuesday scramble

PAMPA - Pamcel Golf dollars. (If you missed the Course is hosting a Tuesday scramble which will be open

to the public. The scramble starts May 28 and golfers must be signed up by 5:45 p.m. The scramble

begins at 6:15 p.m. There will be a blind draw and no handicap is required.

For non-members, the fee is seven dollars. (If you missed the first scramble the fee will be \$12 since the first scramble tied up and the pot rolled over to this scramble-\$5 for the pot last scramble and \$5 for the pot this scramble and \$2 for a green fee.)

For members the fee is five

first scramble the fee will be \$10 since the first scramble tied up and the pot rolled over to this scramble-\$5 for the pot last scramble and \$5 for the pot this scramble.)

Carts will be available to rent at five dollars a person.

If there is a tie, the pot rolls over to the next scramble and winner takes all.

The scramble is limited to the first 40 paid entries. The next scramble will be June 11. For more information, call

Derek Bigham at 663-4937, Don Alexander at 663-4942 or Marcus Schock at 663-

Dillas defeat Cats, 8-2

Amarillo Dillas pounded the Cats on Wednesday night, putting up more than eight runs on the board for the third consecutive game, beating Fort Worth

The Dillas were led by the bats of Mike Hardge and Nathan Culwell, who each had solo shots in the game.

Hardge's homer came in the fourth inning, breaking a 2-2 tie. The Dillas would never again trail or be tied. Culwell's shot went nearly 420 feet deep left

first win of the year, lasting seven innings and spreading out seven hits and only allowing two runs, one earned.

Rolando Valles came on in relief for the final two innings, giving up only two hits.

Derek Henderson and Micah Ladd each had multiple hits in the game as well, with Henderson adding three RBI.





Pampa Partnership



Bill Allison tees off at the annual Pampa Partnership held at Hidden Hills and Pampa Country Club courses. The tournament was sponsored by the Pampa Chamber of Commerce and Retail Trade Committee.

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Tigers' Weaver pitches one-hitter against Indians

By The Associated Press

Jeff Weaver was lamenting what might have been after the best start of his career.

He lost his no-hit bid with two outs in the eighth inning Wednesday night, settling for a one-hitter that gave the Detroit Tigers a 2-0 victory over the Cleveland Indians

When you take one that deep in the game, you're hoping for the best," said Weaver, in his fourth year in the majors.

Weaver held the Indians hitless until Chris Magruder, making his debut with the Indians, doubled off the right-field wall past a lunging Craig Paquette with two outs in the eighth.

Magruder and Weaver were roommates on the U.S. team at the 1997 Intercontinental Cup and played against each other in college.

"It's pretty bittersweet," Magruder

Paquette was starting in the outfield for the first time this year after playing mostly at third base.

"I gave it my best shot," Paquette said. "It was about two feet from

going over the fence, so I was just glad it wasn't a home run.

In other AL games, it was: Anaheim 7, Kansas City 6; Tampa Bay 3, Seattle 2; Toronto 8, New York 3; Chicago 2, Boston 0; Oakland 7, Baltimore 6; and Texas 6, Minnesota

Weaver (4-5) struck out a seasonhigh 11, walked two and hit two batters in his second complete game of the season.

The 25-year-old right-hander had never given up fewer than three hits in a game. When he walked off the field after the eighth inning and following the game, he was given a standing ovation by the crowd of 14,396.

"It felt awesome," Weaver said. "They were definitely in the game throughout and they definitely got me pumped up in the eighth and ninth

The Tigers have won six in a row for the first time since August 2000 and are 17-16 since starting 0-11.

"Everything is going our way right now," manager Luis Pujols said.

Angels 7, Royals 6 Darin Erstad and Garret Anderson hit two-run doubles in a five-run Blue Jays 8, Yankees 3 eighth inning as host Anaheim overcame a five-run deficit for its 21st win in 24 games.

Ben Weber (2-2) earned the victory as the Angels completed a three-game sweep. Troy Percival got his eighth

Paul Byrd, looking to win his fifth straight start, took a two-hit shutout and a 5-0 lead into the seventh before giving up a two-run homer to Tim

Mike Sweeney homered for the Royals. Darrell May (0-2) took the loss in relief.

Devil Rays 3, Mariners 2

Rookie Jason Smith hit his first home run, and Ryan Rupe (4-5) pitched six solid innings as visiting Tampa Bay won its season-high fourth straight.

The Devil Rays are 7-3 since their franchise-record 15-game losing skid ended May 11. The AL West-leading Mariners dropped their fourth in a row, their first four-game losing streak since last September.

runs — two earned — in six innings.

Carlos Delgado's bases-loaded double drove in three runs and Eric Hinske and Raul Mondesi homered as visiting Toronto snapped New York's six-game winning streak.

Roy Halladay (5-1) allowed nine hits in 6 1-3 innings with seven strikeouts and one walk. He and three relievers held the Yankees without a home run, ending a streak of 13 games in which they had hit at least one.

Adrian Hernandez (0-1), called up Tuesday when Orlando late Hernandez went on the disabled list, took the loss.

White Sox 2, Red Sox 0

Jon Garland allowed just one baserunner over the first eight innings and Keith Foulke rescued him in the ninth to lead Chicago past Boston.

Garland (5-3) retired the first 10 Boston batters before Johnny Damon doubled with one out in the fourth. Garland then retired 14 straight before pinch-hitters Carlos Baerga and Jose Offerman singled to lead off the ninth.

Foulke came in and retired Nomar Joel Pineiro (4-1) gave up three Garciaparra, Damon and Shea Hillenbrand for his seventh save.

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

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Larry Sutton, playing in just his second game with Oakland, hit a three-run homer off Calvin Maduro (2-4) as the Athletics snapped a fourgame losing streak.

Sutton started for the A's in left field after the team traded Jeremy Giambi to Philadelphia for utility man John Mabry.

Mike Fyhrie (2-3) earned his second career win with 2 1-3 innings of scoreless relief. Billy Koch pitched the ninth for his eighth save.

Rangers 6, Twins 5

Mike Lamb, a late addition to the lineup, hit a three-run homer and scored three times to help Texas snap a five-game losing streak.

Kenny Rogers pitched seven innings for Texas, which had lost six of its first seven on a 12-game road trip. Rogers (5-2) finished strong, retiring 10 of the last 11 batters he

Twins starter Kyle Lohse (3-3) allowed four runs and seven hits in six innings.

Oklahoma takes first-round win over OSU

MEMORIAL DAY

EARLY DEADLINES

WE WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY, MAY 27TH

Wyman and Reggie Willits each hit homers would never relinquish. Wednesday night to lead Oklahoma to an 11-3 the Big 12 tournament.

inning when Wyman hit a two-run homer to to push the Sooners' lead to 11-3.

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) - Spencer right-center field to give the Sooners a lead they

Willits later keyed a six-run seventh inning for victory over Oklahoma State in the first round of Oklahoma by smashing a three-run homer over the left field fence. Wyman, Matt Fischer and Oklahoma (34-23) trailed 3-2 in the sixth Denver Kitch each had RBI singles in the inning

FRIDAY, MAY 24, 2002 The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll

Horoscope

5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

*** Confusion surrounds the best ideas. Note how another might want to indulge you even more. Make plans to get together later on. Work with others on a one-on-one level. Let your feelings flow, and you'll cruise through work and personal matters. Tonight: Make nice with your favorite person.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) * * * * Others clearly have their own plans. You can choose to go along for the ride or make your own way. Deal with work efficiently. Touch base with a boss, and you'll gain as a result. Another clearly feels the same way as you do. Tonight: Accept a party invitation.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) * * Dig into work, especially if confusion surrounds a major decision. Think in terms of success and making a difference. Stay on top of personal matters. Deal with a monetary indulgence and make a decision logically, not emotionally. Tonight: Get some errands done:

CANCER (June 21-July 22) * * * * Your imagination mixed with an innate ingenuity makes you a star when dealing with an emotional matter. Listen carefully to a child or loved one who cares enormously about you. Your efforts come back in multiples. Tonight: end. Play and play some more. After all, this SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

is a long weekend. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

** Family matters gain in importance. You might need to discuss a personal matter with a close partner or loved one. Play it low-key. Your sharing will mean a lot to someone. Choose your words with care, and someone responds. Tonight: Rest up. You will need all the energy you can muster up this weekend.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) *** Use your innate skills to clear out work. Confusion could cause a problem for many, but not for you. Aim for greater communication and clarity among those you work with. Groups and meetings work better than you anticipated. Tonight: At a favorite spot, with favorite people.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) *** You're able to make a differemotional leap. Know that anything emotional leap. Know that anything gang. could be possible if you just relax. Work PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) provides opportunities for gain and

acknowledgment. Tonight: Treat another. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) listen to a detached observer, you'll get a Tonight: Take off. glimpse of what might be going on with a domestic or personal matter. Tonight:

* * * Sit back and listen. If you don't need to give an opinion, all the better, because confusion surrounds conversations. Relate to someone by listening to his or her sharing. Develop a different perspective because of this key associate. Tonight: Agree to another's request. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

*** * Knowing your immediate goals for today, as well as the near future. could help give you direction during confusion. Be careful with financial commitments right now. You might be getting yourself into more than you can handle. Tonight: Where the gang is. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

*** Recognize another's limits when dealing with a work-related matter. Someone could be confused by how you state your case. Loosen up with others. Remember, some of your associates ence with a child or a bewildered associ- could be a bit flaky, as they are thinking ate. Avoid any financial risks, but take an about summer. Tonight: Leader of the

*** Take off early, as you might want to get a head start on this weekend's events. Last-minute details in your day-* * * You still might not be seeing an to-day life could slow your exit. Handle emotional matter clearly. Carefully con- as much as you can before splitting. sider options involving someone. If you Another appreciates your efficiency

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PARIS (AP) — An intense fire destroyed the stately Israeli embassy in Paris early Thursday, but officials doubted it was arson or related to a recent wave of anti-Semitic attacks in France.

The fire broke out around 2 a.m. in the five-story embassy, which was unoccupied at the time, police said. Eight firefighters were slightly injured during a five-hour battle to extinguish the blaze, and three were taken to a local hospital for treatment.

Flames could be seen shooting through upper-floor windows as the fire advanced unhindered from floor to floor and then to the roof.

"It was like a pottery oven in there," said Fire Capt. Laurent Vibert said afterward.

Dozens of people were evacuated from adjacent apartment buildings.

Four of the embassy's five floors were left in ruins, charred beyond repair, Paris Police Chief Jean-Paul Proust said.

"The embassy was completely destroyed," he said. Files, furniture, books, computers and other equipment were also lost.

Israeli Ambassador Elie Barnavi said the building was under tight security and that he doubted foul play. Vibert, the fire captain, said the fire may have been electrical in origin and that no explosion was heard before the blaze broke out.

"No indication leads us to believe it was an attack," Vibert said.

Forensic experts were investigating the fire's cause along with prosecutors and judicial police, Proust said.

France has seen a wave of attacks on synagogues and other Jewish institutions since fighting between Israel and the Palestinians broke out in September 2000. On March 31, a synagogue in the southern city of Marseille was burned to the ground.

The embassy was undergoing renovation but was in use as of Wednesday. The repair work was mostly limited to the ground floor.

About 150 firefighters and dozens of fire vehicles were at the scene, as was Prime Minister Jean-Pierre Raffarin, Interior Minister Nicolas Sarkozy, Paris Mayor Bertrand Delanoe and Foreign Minister Dominique de Villepin.

"Everything that concerns-Israel is serious in the period we are now in. We're aware of that and we stand together," Raffarin told LCI television.

Israeli Ambassador Elje Barnavi said security guards immediately alerted authorities about the blaze, and firefighters were on the scene within minutes. But the flames spread so rapidly that the 33,000-square-foot building — an old but elegant structure with interior woodwork and wood floors — could not be saved, he said.

National Nursing Home Week



(Courtesy photo

Pampa Nursing Center celebrated National Nursing Home Week recently with a plethora of events coinciding with a particular theme each day of the week. Monday was "Mardi Gras Day," followed by "Rock Around the Clock Day" on Tuesday, "Under the Big Top - Circus Day" on Wednesday, "Western Day" on Thursday and "Around the World in A Day" on Friday. Just clowning around 'Under the Big Top - Circus Day' was Term Adams, admissions coordinator, Pastor Brian "Lime-O" the Clown, of First Baptist Church of McLean, Kristie Fuller, activity director at PNC, and LaGayla Wheat, LPTA.

Arts, crafts festival in offing at Amarillo Civic Center

AMARILLO. — The Amarillo Spring Arts and Crafts Festival will be held May 25th and 26th in Amarillo Civic Center. Artists and crafters from throughout the Southwest will fill the main exhibit hall with original art, limited edition prints and handcrafted items.

Mel Prather, organizer for the event, said the upcoming festival would feature a number of first-time exhibitors.

"These newcomers will offer items such as floral art and decorations, decorated crosses, porcelain dolls, ceramics, tole painting, framed prints, children's furniture, rocking horses, jewelry, candles, framed wallpaper, children's clothing, decorated lamps, jar candles, Southwest ceramics and clothing," Prather said.

Also new are those with chip and dip mixes, cedar chests, pie safes, silver jewelry, outdoor metal art, beaded jewelry, hair accessories, dolls, horsehair ceramics and pottery, soy candles, bird houses, garden items, redwood planters, wood

wreaths, wood toys and crosses, hat racks, wooden flags, framed prints, heat packs, and

children's jewelry.

Returning exhibitors will offer items such as floral wreaths and swags, beaded jewelry, framed prints, barn wood birdhouses, purses, silver crosses, dolls, jar candles, Southwest artifacts, Indian jewelry, crocheted items, candy, silver jewelry, decorated pillows, quilted wall hangings, fence post cowboys, rustic birdhouses, dress sets, decorated bears, embellished Tshirts, bird feeders, belt buckles, Southwest jewelry, and framed wallpaper.

Others will have decorative candles, canned vegetables and jellies, Southwest ceramics, soft sculpture, tole painting, country crafts, finished furniture, night lights, hair bows, wood door wreaths, outdoor decorations, hat racks, fishing rod holders, carved fish, handmade clothing, denim dresses, light switch

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Rounding out the list will be those with chip and dip mixes, metal art, fruit and dip mixes, fur covered animals, horseshoe crafts, personalized tole painting, fan pulls, chairs and children's furniture, and peanut brittle.

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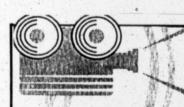
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