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LOCAL
Dewhurst plans rally here July 31
Texas Land Commissioner David Dewhurst, Republican nominee for lieutenant governor, plans to meet with supporters Wednesday, July 31, at 1:30 p.m. in the Knights of Columbus Hall, 518 N. Cavalier.

County Commission to meet on Thursday
County Commissioners will consider the 2002 budget of Constable Chris Lockridge when they meet at 9 a.m. Thursday in the temporary Gray County Courtroom, 315 N. Ballard. The commission will also discuss implementing a vehicle registration fee. Also on the agenda is consideration of approving election judges, Bank of America pledge agreement, investment report, treasurer's report, line item budget transfers, tax assessor collector's request to replace employee and a road crossing request at County Road 12. Also listed is paying bills and salaries.

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Witnesses describe shooting



(Pampa News photo by David Bowser)
Chad Christopher Britton talks with one of his lawyers, Mark Buzzard, during a break in Britton's murder trial in Amarillo.

BY DAVID BOWSER
STAFF WRITER

AMARILLO — Two Canadian men took the stand today to describe the shooting of Hemphill County Jim Bruce Graham on Father's Day, 2001.

Joe Lynn Schafer, followed by Devon Small, gave graphic descriptions of Deputy Graham's shooting death on the capital murder trial of Chad Christopher Britton, 28, of Canada, who is accused of killing Graham.

Small testified that he heard a shot and saw Deputy Graham fall.

Describing the events that led up to the shooting, Small said Britton had pulled up to a trailer next door then drove down the street to another trailer. He had backed his 1988 Chevrolet Blazer out of the drive of the second trailer into the street, heading south when Deputy Graham pulled up head-on in his white pickup.

Mr. Graham got out of his truck

"As I was running up, I knew the man was dead. I could smell it ... His watch said 9:37."

— Joe Lynn Schafer

Small said

Graham had his gun drawn and was holding it down by his side, Small said, as he reached in and grabbed Britton by the arm.

"I saw Mr. Graham fall back," Small said, "and there was a loud shot gun noise."

He and Schafer ran up to the deputy. "Body Small said. He said he got on Graham's radio and began yelling that an officer was down."

Schafer, the first witness this morning, told the 17-member jury and two alternate that he was at Small's house on Red Deer Street in Canadian drunk

ing coffee the morning of June 17, 2001, when Britton pulled up next door to James and Melissa Henson's trailer. Schafer said Britton then drove down the street to the trailer of Kathy Simon, James Henson's mother.

Schafer said he sat back down in Small's living room when he heard a pop.

Looking outside, Schafer said he saw Deputy Graham lying in the street and ran to him.

"As I was running up, I knew the man was dead," Schafer said. "I could smell it."

Schafer said he stood over Graham's body as the deputy drew his last breath. Later, beside the Hemphill County Sheriff's Department pickup, he had offered emergency medical aid.

Schafer said he remembered looking at Graham's watch.

"He watch said 9:37," Schafer said.

Monday afternoon, the Department of Public Safety officer that arrested

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News requests unedited version of attorney's bill

BY NANCY YOUNG
MEXICO CITY

The Pampa News filed a written request Friday morning for a copy of the Pampa Economic Development Corporation \$9,088 attorney's bill for the time period between April 15 and May 31.

A Public Information request was faxed to Steve Phillips, secretary of the PEDC.

On July 25 a verbal request was made by the newspaper to PEDC President Dalton Lewis.

The next day Lewis delivered a copy of the bill from Peterson Farris, Downes and Jones Law Firm of Amarillo to The Pampa News. The firm has a branch office in Pampa.

Words were blacked out 27

times on the two-page bill. Included on the bill were several phone calls.

Vanessa Buzzard, PEDC attorney, said at the PEDC meeting last week it was her opinion the bill is a provisional commitment agreement and is subject to the board's review.

The PEDC is and approved payment of the bill at the July 27 meeting.

At the June 24 PEDC meeting, City Commissioner Bob Dixon expressed concern at the amount of the attorney's bill which totaled \$9,088.95.

The morning following that meeting, Dixon commented regarding the attorney's bill.

"It was in the attorney's position I was going to hide under a cloak of attorney-client privilege."

Dixon said that day that he

had seen the attorney's bill and knew the contents.

PEDC Vice President Gary Sutherland responded to Dixon's comments at the June 24 meeting by saying the PEDC and the Pampa City Commission need to sit down and talk their differences out instead of in the newspaper.

Jeff McCormick, also a Pampa City Commissioner, attended the June 24 meeting and said the two entities need to sit down in open session and work out their problems.

Stating that no one contacted him about problems before the petition drive to bring to an election to oust the PEDC in Nov. 2001, McCormick said, "We need to come together. The PEDC and City Commission should be working together."

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Chief Appraiser Bagley: 'No substantial changes' to 2002 certified values

BY KATE B. DICKSON
ASSOCIATE PUBLISHER

The most notable change in the year's appraisal values are shown in lot value for commercial and public utilities that fluctuates a lot from year to year depending primarily on the rate of production.

Pat Bagley, chief appraiser for the Gray County Appraiser District, said other than a minor decrease in substantial changes in the 2002 appraisal values as compared to 2001.

Bagley has forwarded the certified amounts of the tax amounts involved which are based on the effective tax rate. He said that even though the amount of revenue is about the same amount of revenue with the same amount of revenue was generated last year with these values.

The process starts with reappraisals which in Pampa mean that every piece of property is reappraised at least once every three years.

In rural areas, Bagley said most property is reappraised every three or four years. A frequent spot checking of market values lets appraisers know when or if rechecks need to be made.

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Tall weeds watch out!

BY KATE B. DICKSON
ASSOCIATE PUBLISHER

It's hard to complain when it rains in Pampa but for those who work on the city's grass and weed program it's a sure-fire sign that more complaints of tall vegetation will be made.

Last year, "over 1,400 letters" were sent to Pampa property owners who were in violation of the city's ordinance which specifies that grass and weeds can't be over 10 inches high. Fire Marshal Gary Stevens told the City Commission recently.

The first letter gives a violator 10 days to respond. If the property isn't mowed, then the city mows it and either bills or places a lien against the property, Building Official Danny Winborne said.

For chronic offenders, no letter is sent, the property is mowed and a bill sent.

Because the old system software doesn't keep up with

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Morning mist



(Pampa News photo by David Bowser)
Early morning mist shrouds Celanese Chemical Plant west of Pampa, causing an eerie floating effect. Pampa area residents will see less humidity in the days ahead as drier conditions and temperatures in the mid- to high 90s prevail.

Commissioners question need of vet as employee

Does Pampa really need a city veterinarian at \$360 a month plus city paid employee health insurance and retirement benefits?

That question was raised at a recent City Commission work session in which the 2002-03 proposed budget for the animal control department was discussed.

Currently, the city pays Dr. Kenneth Royse \$360 a month, provides his health insurance and pays into his retirement, according to information given during the discussion.

Both Commissioners Bob Dixon and Jeff Andrews questioned the need for a city vet to be classified as an employee rather than on a contract basis. A contract would eliminate the benefits.

Community Services Director Bill Hildebrandt said Dr. Royse treats injured animals that are picked up by animal control.

He said usually the ani-

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Did You Know...

Who Was The First Mayor Of Pampa?

Information Provided By "Your Community Guide" Pampa Chamber Of Commerce 669-3241

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ON RECORD

ACCIDENTS

The Pampa Police Department reported the following accidents.

Monday, July 29

A hit and run was reported in the 600 block of West Finch where an unknown vehicle struck a street sign at Hobart and Finch.

Carla Sue Robinson, 29, 329 Jean, was cited for an unsafe lane change when the 2001 Dodge Neon she was driving in the 1500 block of North Hobart collided with a 1991 Dodge Dynasty driven by Joshua Wayne Robertson, 17, 2229 Hamilton. No injuries were reported.

A 1999 Pontiac Grand Am driven by Billy James Vansickle, 25, 520 Lefors, and a 1986 Ford Crown Victoria driven by DeeAnn Louise Music, 30, 1500 Hamilton, collided at the intersection of North Frost and West Finch. No injuries were reported.

POLICE

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

Saturday, July 20

A \$200 bicycle was stolen in the 1600 block of North Sumner.

Monday, July 29

A welfare concern was reported in the 1600 block of North Somerville.

Two bicycles were found in the 2200 block of North Christy.

Charles Emil Robinson, 35, 441 Pitts, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon against a public servant.

Jeffery Dewayne Hunt, 40, 605 Dean Drive, evading arrest-detention.

Johnathan Paul Munn, 20, 961 Cinderella, possession of marijuana under two ounces.

Tuesday, July 30

A beer bottle was used to dent a vehicle in the 100 block of South Starkweather.

FIRE

Pampa Fire Department responded to the following calls during the 72-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Saturday, July 27

6:12 a.m. — Two units and six firefighters responded to the 1700 block of North Banks on a report of strong smoke odor in the area. No source of the odor was found.

10:55 a.m. — Two units and six firefighters responded to the 1300 block of Williston. Someone had accidentally set off a fire alarm. Firefighters were cancelled en route.

6:43 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a report of gas odor in the 1400 block

of South Barnes. No source of the odor was found.

7:30 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 800 block of Scott.

9:18 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to power lines arcing in the 1100 block of Willow Road during a thunderstorm. No damage was reported.

Sunday, July 28

2:06 p.m. — Two units and six firefighters responded to a fire alarm in the 1300 block of Williston. The alarm had malfunctioned.

Monday, July 29

2:26 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 1600 block of West Somerville.

SHERIFF

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

Monday, July 29

Charles Eric Wood, 21, 1140 Prairie Drive, grand jury indictment for possession/transportation of certain chemicals with

intent to manufacture controlled substance/enhanced.

Lloyd Ernest Poland, 36, 424 N. Wynne, violation of probation/driving while intoxicated.

Lee Alvin Williams, 51, 1721 19th Ave., motion for enforcement of child support.

STOCKS

The following grain quotations are provided by Aerebus Grain of Pampa.

Wheat	3.29	KMI	39.85	0.20
Maize	3.55	XCEL	6.55	+0.89
Corn	3.95	Kerr McGee	45.47	0.59
Soybeans	4.45	Limited	17.96	0.78
		Williams	2.36	+0.37
		M. Donalds	24.44	0.36
		Exxon Mobil	35.80	0.53
		Atmos	21.24	0.23
		Pioneer Nat	23.10	0.05
		Penney's	18.11	0.51
		Phillips	44.45	0.75
		Schlumberger	42.90	+0.09
		Tennessee	7.97	0.05
		CVX	71.64	2.74
		Wal Mart	48.85	0.68
		OKI	13.94	0.01
		SV Group	7.85	0.10

The following show prices for which these mutual funds were in effect at the time of compilation.

Fidelity Magell	NA	25.80	0.46
Fidelity Puritan	NA	18.11	0.51

The following 9:30 a.m. NY Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa.

IBM	45.90	NI	7.85	0.10
General	27.95	AT	3.17	
Capitol Corp	25.47	0.09		
Capitol Corp	25.43	0.72	New York Gold	80.75
Crucial Corp	48.8	0.62	Silver	4.63
CVX	71.09	0.83	West Texas Crude	26.55

AMBULANCE

Rural/Metro Ambulance Service made the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Monday, July 29

11:04 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 500 block of Doyle; no transport.

2:04 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 400 block of Pitts; no transport.

2:19 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1600 block of West Somerville and transported one to Pampa Regional Medical Center (PRMC).

2:58 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported one to Baptist-St. Anthony West (BSAW) in Amarillo.

Tuesday, July 30

6:38 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Highway 70 South on mutual aid with Groom EMS and transported one to PRMC.

OBITUARIES

JOHNNY ALTON WARINER 1944-2002

LEFORS — Johnny Alton Warner, 58, died Monday, July 29, 2002, at Lefors, Texas. Services are pending under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Warner was born March 25, 1944, at Gainesville. He had been a resident of Lefors most of his life. He graduated from Lefors High School in 1963 and from Radiology School at Parkland Memorial Hospital in Dallas in 1965. He was in training at that facility and was on duty when President John F. Kennedy was assassinated.

He worked in hospitals in Childress, Amarillo, Vernon, Canyon, Duncan, Oklahoma, and Pampa, and worked in clinics for orthopaedic surgeons Harvey Edwards, M.D., Olivia Morris, M.D., and Mark Cooke, M.D. During his employment at Coronado Hospital in Pampa, he worked weekend emergency room duty.

In 1978, he graduated from the Pampa School of Hair Design and worked at Michelle's Beauty Salon and A Cut Above.

He was a radiologist for Family Medical Center for the past five years.

He married Mary Watson on June 24, 1977, at the First Baptist Church in Lefors.

He was a member of the Texas Society of Radiologic Technology and the First United Methodist Church in Lefors.



For many years, he enjoyed gardening and fishing.

He was preceded in death by his parents, M.J. and Elsie Warner, and a brother, Arnold Warner.

Survivors include his wife, Mary, of the home; a son and

daughter-in-law, Jamie and Kittee Warner of Pampa; two daughters and sons-in-law, Lisa and Scott Heider of Lefors, and Melissa (Missy) and Chad Snapp of Pampa; a sister and brother-in-law, Bobbie and Joel Combs of Pampa; two brothers and sisters-in-law, James and Barbara Warner, and Jerry and Diana Warner, all of Liberal, Kan.; a sister-in-law, Amelia Warner of San Angelo; six grandsons, Daniel Warner, of the home, Michael Montgomery and Eddie Boaz, both of Lefors, Greg Warner, Austen Snapp and Caleb Snapp, all of Pampa; and two granddaughters, Kylee Warner and Ashton Snapp, both of Pampa.

The family requests memorials be to Crown of Texas Hospice, 1000 S. Jefferson, Amarillo, TX 79101.

WEATHER FOCUS

PAMPA

Today's forecast calls for clearing skies in the afternoon, highs in the middle 90s, and south winds 5 to 10 mph. Tonight should be mostly clear with lows in the upper 60s, and south winds 10 to 15 mph. Wednesday mostly sunny. Highs in the middle 90s. South winds 5 to 15 mph. Wednesday night mostly clear. Lows around 70. South winds 5 to 15 mph. Thursday mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 90s. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

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STATEWIDE

Scattered thunderstorms continued overnight after erupting across the northwest third of North Texas the previous evening.

Some of the heaviest rain fell at Dallas-Fort Worth Airport, which got 0.91 inches, the most ever recorded on a July 29 there.

Overnight rains of up to three inches fell between Ranger and Gorman, about halfway between Abilene and Fort Worth. Heavy rains also were reported in the Strawn and Breckenridge areas.

Skies were mostly clear east of the Interstate 35 corridor and were mostly cloudy along the Red River and areas west of I-35.

Temperatures at 4 a.m. ranged from 64 at Guadalupe Pass in far West Texas to 83 at Galveston and Corpus Christi.

The National Weather Service said rain could fall Tuesday and Tuesday night in the Hill Country, with high temperatures in the 90s and lows in the 70s.

In Southeast Texas, highs should be in the mid-90s inland and near 90 on the upper Texas coast, with rains likely.

For the coastal bend and the Rio Grande plains, temperatures should range from the lower 90s along the coast to 100 inland. No afternoon or evening rains were considered likely.

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TRIAL

Britton described how the defendant was captured the afternoon of June 17, 2001.

DPS Sgt. Alan Troup of Childress said he was paged that Sunday morning as he sat in church with his family. He and Mark Williams, DPS trooper from Quanah, drove to Canadian, where Troup began blocking off highways and directing patrol cars looking for Graham's killer.

Troup said he, several DPS troopers and two guards from the Childress prison with dogs and horses went to a farm east of Canadian about 4 p.m. Sunday after some one had reported seeing a man on foot there earlier in the day.

The DPS sergeant told the jury that when they arrived, they found a 15 by 20 foot shed made of corrugated metal and searched it, finding a blue sleeping bag on a bed. Inside the sleeping bag, he said, were a Bible, two weapons, a knife, shotgun shells and a kit with tweezers and medical knife.

After sealing off the building for investigators that were following them, Troup said he mounted one of the horses and went with the prison guards and their dogs. After the dogs seemed to have found a trail, Troup said he and the two guards followed them to a rectangular pond.

There, he said, the dogs were called back, but five or six of the nine dogs remained in the water snapping at something. Troup said that as

he rode around the muddy pond, he saw what appeared to be the heels of black boots appear from beneath the water. Then he saw Britton rise up out of the pond and spit out water and blood.

Troup said he drew his pistol and ordered Britton out of the water and face down on the shore where Troup arrested and handcuffed him.

Britton was then taken, bleeding from a head wound apparently inflicted by the dogs, to the Hemphill County jail.

Later Monday afternoon, Melissa Henson took the stand to describe how Britton came to her home on Red Deer Road that Sunday morning, looking for her husband, James "Tiger" Henson, also known as James "Tiger" Sirmon.

Britton and her husband, Henson said, were best friends, but Henson told Britton that her husband wasn't there.

"My husband was always every where but home," Henson said.

Henson described Britton as being glassy-eyed and dressed in white, white pants and white shirt, except for a purple bandanna around his neck. She said it was unusual for Britton to be dressed up.

The woman, who now lives in Tyler with her three children, said she told Britton to go down the street to her mother-in-law's home, that her husband might be down there. Henson said Britton drove off in his Chevrolet Blazer that had once been blue, but had recently been

painted gray and the top had been taken off. She said the Blazer also sported a New Mexico license plate.

Henson said she went back inside her home to do laundry. When she heard a gunshot a short while later, she said she thought it was her husband in the field next door hunting. It wasn't until she looked out her front door and saw Deputy Graham lying in the street about 100 feet away that she realized something was wrong.

"He was lying beside the door of his truck in the street," Henson said. "He was real nice," she commented.

She said she didn't see what happened, but her husband was there along with his mother, Kathy Sirmon, and Devon Small.

Henson admitted on the stand that her husband, Tiger Henson, was serving 15 years in prison for dealing drugs and that she had been indicted on charges of selling methamphetamine.

Defense attorney Mark Buzzard pointed out that those charges were still pending under the 31st District Attorney's office, the same office that was prosecuting the murder case against Britton and questioned whether Henson or her husband had struck any deal with the district attorney's office in exchange for their testimony.

John Neal with the Texas Attorney General's office, who is prosecuting the case for District Attorney Rick Roach, pointed out that the state-

ments Henson made in the murder case had been given more than six months before the drug case was brought against the Hensons.

Henson testified that Britton had broken up with his girlfriend, Stephanie Garza, and that during the time in which he had become involved with her his attitude had changed.

She said Britton often accused Garza of being unfaithful, something he had never done to his two previous wives as far as she knew.

Britton apparently thought the Hensons were responsible for the breakup, Henson said, but she didn't know why.

Garza worked at a nursing home in Canadian with Henson and Britton had caused problems by going there to see Garza and insist that Henson be fired.

When Britton had kicked Garza out of his home in May, Garza stayed with the Hensons for about a week. While Garza was living with the Hensons, Britton would stand in the street and call for Garza to come back to him, Henson said.

"Chad had an attitude problem," Henson said, "and he needed help dealing with it."

Testimony in the trial continued today in the Potter County visiting courtroom.

Judge Steven R. Emmert moved the trial from Canadian to Amarillo because of the sensational nature of the case and the difficulty attorneys expected in picking a jury in Hemphill County.

Explosive-laden car stopped near U.S. Embassy in Kabul

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — A would-be suicide bomber with more than a half-ton of explosives packed into his car was just 300 yards from the U.S. Embassy when he was stopped by a chance traffic accident, a top Afghan intelligence official reported.

Foreign intelligence information indicated the alleged terrorist, who was captured by Afghan authorities on Monday after a car chase through Kabul, was a foreigner and a member of the al-Qaida terror group, said Amonullah Barakzai, deputy director of the Afghan intelligence service.

"He was on a suicide mission," Barakzai said. But he said Afghan authorities were not sure whether his target was the embassy, other foreign installations or the Afghan

leadership, including President Hamid Karzai, whose palace offices are about a half-mile from the accident scene.

"Unfortunately for the past 24 hours we have not been able to make him speak," he said.

One unidentified Afghan in the car also was arrested, and another Afghan escaped, said Gen. Din Mohammad Jurat, chief of Interior Ministry police. The investigation's focus has been on the foreigner, suggesting the Afghans were believed to be playing secondary roles.

The Kabul government sent additional troops into the capital's streets late Monday to guard against new attacks.

The alleged car-bombing attempt was the latest development feeding concern about security in Kabul in the wake

of the killing of Vice President Abdul Qadir three weeks ago. A Turkish-led international security force patrols Kabul as foreigners train a new Afghan national army, police force and bodyguard contingent to protect the Afghan Cabinet.

A spokeswoman for the international security force, British Maj. Angela Herbert, said Tuesday she had no information to offer on the incident, and added, "Nobody can confirm either way who the target was."

A government television report Monday night on the arrest was accompanied by video of the man's Toyota Corolla, whose door panels were exposed to show yellow blocks of what the intelligence service statement said was explosives.

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REQUEST

ing together."

He also said in a telephone interview the morning after the meeting that the city commission needs to establish time lines to the PEDC.

City Finance Director John Horst, told *The Pampa News* this morning that after the July 22 PEDC meeting he issued a check for the PEDC to pay the attorney bill.

"They voted to pay it," he said.

Horst said he has not seen a copy of the

itemized bill, and said that he paid it from the summary sheet.

When asked if the Pampa City Commission approved the bill, Horst said the bills of the PEDC are not submitted to the city commission for their approval.

The city commission does appoint the PEDC members.

Recently the city commission requested an Attorney General's opinion asking who was responsible for the dissolution of a PEDC — the PEDC or the city commission. The opinion is to be decided by Sept. 23.

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WEEDS

when the 10 days are up or provide other useful information with regard to the problem, Fire Chief Kim Powell has included a request for new software in her budget. The software module is priced at \$8,800.

One current problem with overgrown vegetation hap-

pens where homes are for sale and real estate agents "aren't keeping up the yards," Winborne said. He plans to talk with local agents "to get them to take care of the yards."

For the most part, Stevens works from complaints which may be phoned to the city's Action Center at 669-5888 or to the fire department

at 669-5800.

Once a complaint is received, Winborne said Stevens has to look at it, then the complaint has to be processed and the property rechecked.

"It's a really time-consuming job and a tremendous amount of work in a short period of time," Winborne said.

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VET

mals taken to Dr. Royse "are those with collars."

Hildebrandt said he will get with Animal Control Director

Sandy Burns and prepare the Commission a report on the issue. Burns was unable to attend that day's meeting.

"He's on our insurance and retirement which, in reality,

isn't legal," Dixon said. "This relationship goes back a long time. To 1972 or '73. I understand why he was hired. It was so we could use his license to buy (animal) drugs."

Stocks enjoy stellar rallies, but will the rebound hold?

NEW YORK (AP) — When the Dow Jones industrials surge more than 400 points twice in the span of four trading days, it's safe to say investors are feeling more confident about buying stocks.

Whether the good mood continues remains to be seen.

Analysts aren't all convinced that Wall Street's recent bursts of buying mean the market has shaken off earnings and accounting worries altogether and found a new upward path.

"We have to see this consistently. Not up 400 points, but up," said Stephen Carl, principal and head of equity trading at The Williams Capital Group in New York.

The latest surge came Monday when the Dow jumped 447.49 points to 8,711.88. Last Wednesday it experienced a 488-point bounce. The Nasdaq and S&P 500 also posted healthy gains, giving hope to investors that the market reached a bottom last week amid a 10-week frenzy of heavy selling.

The market retreated in morning trading Tuesday, but the pullback was to be expected after Monday's huge advance. At midday, the Dow was down 77.68, or 0.9 percent, at

8,634.20. The Nasdaq composite index declined 9.75, or 0.7 percent, to 1,325.50 and the Standard & Poor's 500 index fell 5.18, or 0.6 percent, at 893.78.

For now, lower prices following 10 weeks of heavy selling deserve much of the credit for the market's strides, analysts say.

"It feels to me like there is a technical bounce going on in the market. The market is severely oversold," said portfolio manager John C. Forelli of Independence Investment LLC in Boston. "Investors are just realizing that the market looks pretty cheap today."

Analysts also warn that an advance fueled largely by price can last only so long.

"We have been putting money back into the market. But now that the market is up (1,000) points from the bottom, I think people need to be careful of what they are buying," said Susan L. Malley, chief investment officer for Malley Associates Capital Management in New York.

Since July 23, when the Dow closed at a four-year low of 7,702.34, the blue chip index had regained 1,009 points. And it recouped 38 percent of the 2,650.74 it had lost since May 17, the last time all three major indexes had a weekly advance.

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VALUES

For 2002, the Gray County Appraisal District reported a districtwide appraised value of \$1.240 billion as compared to \$1.253 billion last year.

Actual taxable values are somewhat lower because some property, such as churches and schools, is tax exempt.

For the rest of the district, the 2002 appraised values (listed first) as compared to the 2001 values are as follows:

Entity

Gray County	\$1,205 billion - \$1,220 billion
Ray	\$1,205 billion - \$1,220 billion
Water district	\$1,206 billion - \$1,220 billion
Cities	
Lefors	\$6,582,800 - \$6,544,462
McLean	\$25,904,441 - \$23,177,293
Pampa	\$484,770,190 - \$462,380,293
Schools	
Grandview ISD	\$92,434,535 - \$100,134,210
Lefors ISD	\$82,603,706 - \$99,429,042
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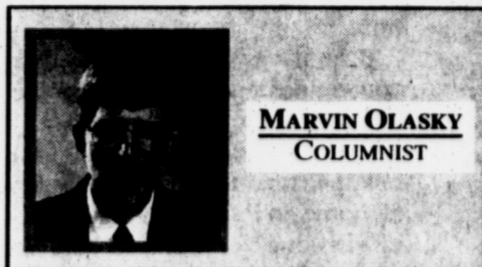
Canada proves school choice works

CALGARY, Canada — Ever since the U.S. Supreme Court early this summer gave school choice a green light, anti-choicers have asserted that vouchers are chancy because they've only been tested on a small scale so far. Canadians know that's not true — 92 percent of the people to the north of us live in areas with school choice.

In four of Canada's provinces — Quebec, Manitoba, Alberta and British Columbia — independent schools receive direct subsidies from the government, correlated to the number of students attending them. (Subsidies began as a way to assure Catholics that they would have an alternative to public schools once controlled by Protestants.) Ontario also has had a subsidy system but, beginning this fall — unless political pressures dictate a change — parents in that most populous Canadian province will be able to use a refundable tax credit.

The results of Canadian school choice, according to a new study from British Columbia's Fraser Institute, are striking. School choice has been particularly advantageous for poor and middle-income families. Achievement test scores have gone up, particularly among low-income students, in the provinces that offer school choice. Independent schools tend to be more socially diverse than public schools, which often draw from economically homogenous neighborhoods.

Let me emphasize this: Canadian school choice has helped all students, and particularly the poor. The correlation



MARVIN OLASKY
COLUMNIST

between socioeconomic status and school achievement has dropped in provinces that fund independent schools. This result suggests that school choice contributes to the pursuit of educational equity rather than takes away from it.

Educational choice has gone the furthest here in the province of Alberta, which instituted it in the 1960s. Independent schools now receive per-student about 60 percent of what public schools spend; special needs students receive 100 percent of what the government would spend on a similar child in a public school. Home-schooling families receive about one-sixth of the public school costs. Fears that government would dictate to Christian schools have diminished over the years.

Given all the fears about religious schools voiced in the United States, it's instructive that support for school choice in Canada has grown even as animosity toward Christianity and biblical principle has flourished among Canadian media and academia folks. Just before I gave a lecture at the University of Calgary, a friendly conservative warned me that many members of the academic audience

would be dismayed if I stated that Christianity was true. Of course I did just that, and received criticism for not being "inclusive."

Later, another friendly conservative wistfully said: "Two-thirds of the objections would have vanished if your talk hadn't had religion in it. I'm not saying that you should have changed what you said, but ..." I mention these comments both to report on Canadian views and to note a danger: Secular conservatives in the United States who favor school choice are being tempted to jettison evangelical allies and go for systems (like expanded charter systems) that exclude "religious" schools.

The Canadian experience shows that there is no need to fall into that trap. In a country with less Christian influence than the United States, school choice is thriving because it is seen as basically the right way to go, and Christian schools are not the objects of discrimination. We can be equally successful in the United States, as long as Christians and conservatives stick together.

The problems of President Bush's faith-based initiatives show what happens when secularized conservatives squirm out of an alliance with conservative Christians and try to make a deal with liberals. The White House lost crucial allies early in the process by agreeing to policies that would discriminate against evangelical groups. We should not make that mistake in a revived school-choice movement.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Why not ask Mr. Roach to have DNA tests done?

I am the mother and grandmother of the woman and boys who Hank Skinner murdered. I am writing in response to Albert Maggard's recent letter to the editor about some evidence that was supposedly not tested for DNA.

In his letter, he makes it sound as though former District Attorney John Mann either refused to permit certain DNA testing or misstated the results on some DNA tests which were performed. Since Mr. Mann's departure from office, Mr. Maggard, in Mr. Skinner's behalf, has beat the drum about the fact that not every piece of evidence was tested for DNA.

I know what evidence was recovered from the bodies of my daughter and two grandsons, as well as from the person of Mr. Skinner and as well as from the location of the bodies in the house where they were found. I know what the results of those DNA tests showed, and a Fort Worth jury knows what those DNA tests showed. Their verdict of the death penalty was based, in part, on those DNA test results.

My question is this: Why has Mr. Maggard not requested his district attorney, Mr. Roach, to have the tests about which Mr. Maggard complains performed? The district attorney does not have to have a court order to get the tests performed. The district attorney can simply request any law enforcement laboratory to perform the tests if the district attorney sees that the tests are pertinent or relevant. The only person who has to get a court order to have those tests performed is the defendant, and Mr. Skinner's request of the Court to have such tests performed has been denied. Again, I would suggest Mr. Maggard contact the district attorney and see if the district attorney won't help him by giving Mr. Maggard the DNA tests which he wants.

Perhaps Mr. Maggard knows what the obvious results of those tests would be and this is why he's not asking Mr. Roach to have the tests performed.

Beverly Clark
Pampa

Petitioners are misinformed

It's hard to believe that some Pampans would sign a petition to overrule one of Texas' laws!

That is exactly what a group of Pampans did when they petitioned the Texas Natural Resource conservation Commission to overturn NPD's swine research center permit.

Incidentally, it was not signed by 1,000 people, contrary to published reports. There were many duplicate signatures, according to someone who looked at this list. If this were a legal document, which it wasn't, it would probably be rejected.

In my opinion this was the action of some highly misinformed people.

Curt Beck
Pampa

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR POLICY

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Mistrust impairs U.S.-China relationship

By GEORGE GEDDA
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

WASHINGTON TODAY

WASHINGTON (AP) — Chinese officials like to point out that the map of China hasn't really changed much for centuries. It's their way of saying that China doesn't have expansionist ambitions and never has.

They have a point, but two recent reports raise concern about what China is up to in other areas.

A Pentagon report issued earlier this month debunks China's claim that its defense spending this year is in the \$20 billion range. It could be as much as \$80 billion now, according to the report, with large increases expected in the coming years.

A few days earlier, the bipartisan U.S.-China Security Review Commission issued a report saying China has violated pledges not to export missile-related technology and nuclear materials.

"Despite repeated promises, it 3/8 has not kept its word," the report says, alleging that these materials often are directed to terrorist nations. The State Department is planning to impose sanctions against nine Chinese companies for selling weapons-related technology to Iran.

There also have been complaints from the Pentagon that China has been less than eager to share intelligence on terrorism issues with Washington.

Secretary of State Colin Powell will carry these concerns and others to Brunei next week when he will meet with Chinese Foreign Minister Tang Jiaxuan, among other colleagues from Pacific rim countries.

Fujian province opposite Taiwan.

Powell said recently he had not read the report but saw no cause for concern about China's military modernization as long as it does not "reflect any kind of new strategic purpose."

John Tkacik, an Asia analyst at the Heritage Foundation, is worried that the Chinese military may be in a position to influence the outcome of the Communist Party Congress that will choose a new party leader this fall.

"If they are calling the shots I think it means that the possibility of a conflict (over Taiwan) is greater," Tkacik says. "There may be an attempt to rescue Taiwan by force." The potential consequences of any such action would be difficult to calculate.

Optimists, however, believe that sanity will prevail. China's commercial ties with the United States have been a key ingredient to China's growing prosperity. A Chinese attack on Taiwan, possibly leading to American intervention on Taiwan's behalf, almost certainly would lead to a suspension of trade ties — and deal a devastating setback to China's dreams of becoming an economic power.

The two countries seem eager to keep talking. President Bush visited China twice last year and will receive Chinese President Jiang Zemin in the fall. Neither side, thus far, has seemed willing to allow the relationship to deteriorate to the point of irreparable damage.

EDITOR'S NOTE: George Gedda has covered foreign affairs for The Associated Press since 1968.

TODAY IN HISTORY

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Tuesday, July 30, the 211th day of 2002. There are 154 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 30, 1945, during World War II, the U.S.S. Indianapolis was torpedoed

by a Japanese submarine; only 316 out of 1,196 men survived the sinking and shark-infested waters. (The Navy recently exonerated the Indianapolis' captain, Charles Butler McVay III, who was court-martialed and convicted for failing to evade the submarine that

sank his ship.)

On this date:

In 1729, the city of Baltimore was founded.

In 1792, the French national anthem "La Marseillaise," by Claude Joseph Rouget de Lisle, was first sung in Paris.

In 1844, the New York

Yacht Club was founded.

In 1864, during the Civil War, Union forces tried to take Petersburg, Va., by exploding a mine under Confederate defense lines. The attack failed.

In 1932, the Summer Olympic Games opened in Los Angeles.

Business Review

Experienced employees at Bob Clements, Inc.

Customers are assured of professional cleaning when they leave their garments at Bob Clements, Inc., 1437 N. Hobart.

Mary and Neil Fulton have not only the latest in equipment, but extremely qualified employees.

When clothing is taken in for cleaning, it goes to the check-in desk where Linda Andrews and Olivia Portillo mark the articles to be cleaned.

The garments are distributed to the cleaning area of the business to begin the cleaning process.

Following cleaning, a new shirt unit begins by pressing shirts. Employees then hand finish clothes to remove any wrinkles. Then, the shirts are placed on a shirt form, remaining there until the process is finished.

After the cleaning process is complete, the garments are placed on hangers with plastic bags covering the items to protect them until the owners pick them up.

Both a petroleum machine and perc machine is offered by the staff in cleaning the clothes. Bob Clements, Inc. does not have the odor caused by chemical cleaning agents.

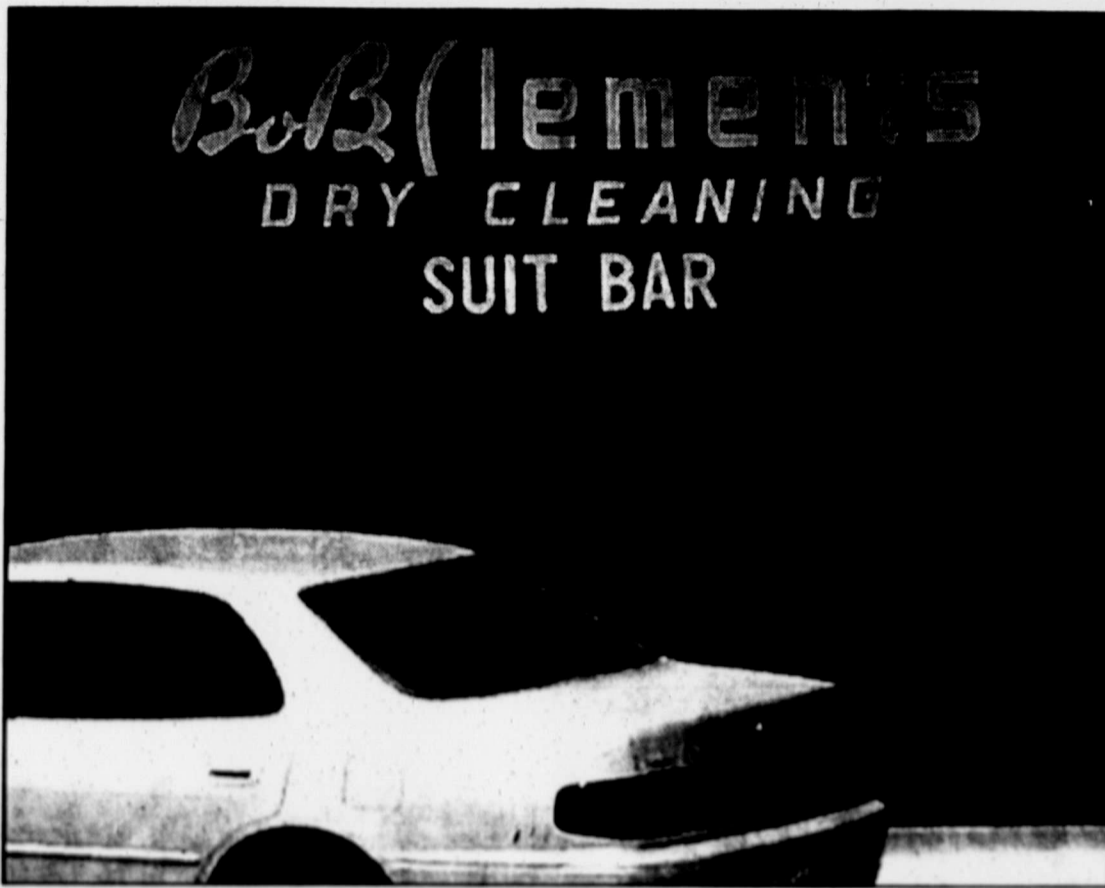
The Fultons are proud of the Pampa business. They credit the expertise of their employees for the success of their dry cleaning business.

"Our greatest asset is our employees," said Neil.

The Fultons know how important employees are to their business. "Our employees are experienced and they are dedicated," said Neil Fulton.

Some employees were at the business prior to the Fultons purchasing it in 1998.

Cleo Spencer has been working at the dry



Bob Clements, Inc., 1437 N. Hobart, owned by Neil and Mary Fulton, is located on the corner directly west of United Supermarket. The Fultons welcome all customers to their business.

cleaners since 1961 while Lottie Cary joined the business in 1973. The Fultons speak highly of them.

Mary Fulton went to work at the business in 1984. Olivia Portillo has been an employee for 15 years.

When Mary began working at the business she was front desk clerk, learned the business from the ground up.

In time, she began cleaning garments in the back of the store and has learned all facets of the business.

The Fultons are proud of the expertise achieved by their staff through the years, and know the service will continue.

Brenda Gardner is the new alteration lady at the business and is experienced.

The couple recently lowered the shirt

prices at the local business.

A unique feature at the business is a men's suit bar. The suit bar is possibly the only business in Pampa which sells men's suits.

Experienced staff members are available to assist customers with their selection of a suit of their choice at the local business during regular business hours.

Men's suits ranging between sizes 40-60 are found in stock at the local store.

Mary said she can also obtain suits in smaller sizes for her customers upon request.

Gift certificates are also available for the wide selection of the latest styles in ties and blazers.

A wide selection of colognes is available for their customers. An array of new colognes for teen boys and

girls is available for purchase at the suit bar as well as ladies and men's colognes.

A distinctive feature offered by Bob Clements, Inc. is the only Ozone Room in Pampa.

The special room has oxidation which will remove the smoke smell from clothing, blankets and other household items following a fire.

As smoke is extremely difficult to remove from clothing, the Ozone Room is a welcome feature to residents whose personal items have been saturated with the unwelcome odor.

"Removal of the smoke odor and stains is very hard work," said Mary Fulton. The Fultons said the oxidation procedure removes the odor usually in a 24-48 hour period.

"We don't do any cleaning until the process is complete," she said. "It is pure oxidation and gets the smoke smell out."

Neil and Mary enjoy working together with their 10 employees, and appreciate all of them. The staff provides a full range of cleaning services for customers.

Alterations and repairs are provided by Linda Ford. She works full time keeping the garments in excellent condition.

The business offers all types of cleaning and dry cleaning. Among the services offered are heavy starched shirts and jeans. Also, drapery cleaning, as well as bedspreads, blankets, table cloths and wedding dress preservation are among the many varied features offered by the local business. Stored in a refrigerated area at Bob Clements, Inc. are fur coats and stoles.

The couple invites the public to "come by and get the laundry and dry cleaning service you deserve."

Information regarding business services may be obtained by calling 665-5121.



Lottie Cary has been keeping clothes clean for customers at the local cleaners since 1973.



Debbie Gonzalez operates the newly acquired shirt presser at Bob Clements, Inc. After the collar and cuffs are pressed, she places the shirts on the shirt form inside the machine to be pressed and it is ready to wear.



Linda Andrews carefully marks each article to be cleaned, pressed or mended when they are taken into the cleaners.

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DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanna Phillips

Doctor's Wandering Hands Deserve an Official Slap

DEAR ABBY: When I read the letter from "No Doctor's Playmate," whose doctor reached into her bra when she consulted him about an ear infection, I couldn't help but sympathize. The same thing happened to me. My surgeon walked into my hospital room and fondled my breasts when he checked my abdominal incision. When my gastroenterologist came, I told her I wanted him removed from my case and explained why.

Abby, she defended him! She said it was probably a routine breast exam. I told her that I'd had more than 30 years' worth of breast exams, and this was nothing like them. I also told her that I was not my gynecologist. She then had the nerve to imply that I was dreaming or having a drug-induced fantasy. This happened eight years ago. I'm still furious about it.

He still has his shingle. So, ladies, if your doctor pulls anything funny — report him!

MAD IN OKLAHOMA CITY

DEAR MAD: Since he did this to you, he may be sexually abusing other women patients. After complaining to the referring physician and getting no satisfaction, you should have taken your complaint to the head of the hospital and to the state medical association. It's not too late to do it now. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: The same thing happened to me when I was 18. It happened a second time when I returned for a follow-up visit. I was so upset I told the nurses I didn't want to see that particular doctor again. (He was part of a group.) I was too embarrassed to explain exactly why.

Two years later, I was called by the Office of Professional Medical Conduct in New York state. They were investigating the doctor. Five women wound up testifying against him. None of us knew each other or heard each other's testimony, but similarities in our stories proved the doctor was guilty.

He took advantage of his medical license and his authority. The state eventually revoked his license to practice in New York. Talking about what he did to me was difficult, but it was also therapeutic. Doctors like that need to be stopped. I hope other victims will not be as scared as I was to speak out. My mistake was in not questioning when I knew something was wrong.

WISER NOW IN OCEANSIDE, N.Y.

DEAR WISER NOW: I hope other women will take your experience to heart.

DEAR ABBY: I consulted a general surgeon about a problem totally unrelated to my breasts and the doctor did the same thing to me. I reported him to the state medical

licensing board, and he now must have a nurse or staff member present during exams.

He claimed he "always" did breast exams on his patients, but I was able to provide names of two other women who saw him for surgical consultations, and he did not examine their breasts.

I am close to 50 and have had many breast exams. No doctor ever performed one while I was fully clothed. I join you in urging "No Doctor's Playmate" to report the incident immediately.

ONLY MY HUSBAND'S PLAYMATE IN KENTUCKY

DEAR HUSBAND'S PLAYMATE: You handled the situation effectively. Good for you. And thank you for sharing with my readers how you dealt with the frisky-fingered physician.

P.S. This goes for readers of both sexes. If something doesn't seem "right," you have every right to question it. And if the answers don't make sense to you, get a second opinion.

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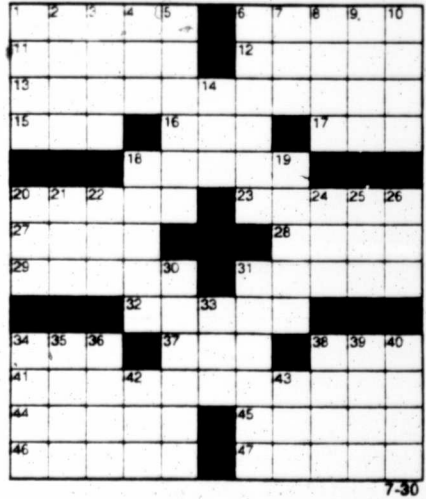
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PAMPA — Hidden Hills seniors held a four-man scramble Sunday. Results are as follows:

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2. Whitey White, Butch Shepherd, Duane Cash and Wayne Jones, 63.
3. Elmer Wilson, Ken Williams, Callens George and Gene Winegeart, 63.

Closest to the hole: Jerry Dorman, No. 15.

BASKETBALL

PAMPA — Harvester Basketball Booster Club will hold a meeting at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 6, in the Ready Room at the high school athletic building.

For questions, call Robin Simon at 669-3353 or Janyth Bowers at 665-8006.

CYCLING

BONNEVILLE, France (AP) — The third-place finisher in the Tour de France insisted he used no banned substances during the race and the drugs found on his wife were medications for his mother-in-law.

"I have never taken anything. My Tour is clean," Lithuania's Raimondas Rumsas told the Italian Gazzetta dello Sport newspaper on Tuesday.

These were the first comments from the rider since his wife was detained Sunday morning after being caught with a stash of suspicious drugs by customs officials en route to Italy.

Edita Rumsas was put under formal investigation for supplying doping products following a hearing before an investigative magistrate Tuesday, prosecutor Vincent Le Panerter said.

Christian Lothion, of the judicial police in Lyon, said "an enormous amount of products" were seized from Editas Rumsas' vehicle that was stopped by customs officials near the Mont Blanc tunnel.

The illicit products included the injectable form of the performance-enhancing substance EPO and testosterone, he said.

The magistrate's hearing did not specify for whom the products were intended.

Raimondas Rumsas told the Italian sports paper he had not spoken with his wife. Concerning the products she was carrying, he said: "She was bringing them from Lithuania for my mother-in-law, Yakstenia."

Rumsas' performance in the grueling race surprised everyone, and Tour champion Lance Armstrong lauded him as a promising rider.

Six members of the logistical staff of the rider's Lampre team also were held for questioning, then freed, with no charges, said judicial sources, speaking on customary condition of anonymity.

Flashback

2000: Pampa Lady Pacers defeated Midland Classical Academy 52-36 to win the Texas Christian Athletic League 1A State Championship.

Erin Raber led the Lady Pacers with 23 points. Rainy Hopson and Kellie Mullican followed with 11 each.

The state tournament was held in Galveston.



Wendell Palmer just recently broke his own American record in the discus..

Pampa's Palmer to be installed into Texas Senior Games Hall of Fame

LUBBOCK — With 14 American national records and seven world records to his credit, Pampa's Wendell Palmer continues to amaze the track and field competitors in Texas.

In recognition of his accomplishments, Palmer will be inducted into the Texas Senior Games Hall of Fame at the state meet Aug. 31 in Lubbock.

At last weekend's Texas State Masters Meet in Coppell, Palmer demonstrated why is so deserving of the induction honor. Palmer broke his own American record in the discus with a 157-6 throw to take first place in the 70-74 age division. He also won the shot (44-6) and weight throw (53-0), while placing second in the hammer (129-0).

"My back has been bothering me, so I was a little surprised at how well I did," Palmer said.

Palmer set the old discus mark with a 153-6 toss two months ago at a meet in Albuquerque, N.M.

Since 1975, Palmer has been active in U.S. Track and Field Master Meets and Senior Games. He has competed across the nation well as Canada and has won gold in 14 different states.

At the 1995 Senior Nationals in San Antonio, Palmer unleashed a record throw of 181 feet in the discus to win the 60-64 age division.

Palmer is a three-time winner of the Panhandle Sports Hall of Fame Achievement Award. In 1998 and 1999, he

was awarded Male Athlete of the Year in field events by the Master News publication.

Although the discus is Palmer's strongest event, he also excels in the shot put, hammer and javelin while competing in weight pentathlons and weight throws. He also runs the 50-meter dash and does the broad jump and long jump.

At the 2001 National Masters in Baton Rouge, Palmer won gold in the discus and silver in the shot put. That same year at the 2001 National Senior Games, he won silver in discus and bronze in shot put.

Palmer will also compete in the State Games in Lubbock in addition to being installed into the Hall of Fame.

Cowboys FB Thomas has renewed fire after injury

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — That hearty laugh of Robert Thomas can be heard again at the Dallas Cowboys training camp. The stocky fullback is recovered and renewed.

While Thomas never felt more miserable than he did last season when he missed the final 11 games after left ankle surgery, he got something positive out of the experience.

"I just thank God because he blessed me to get my fire where I needed it," Thomas said. "I have more desire now than I did when I was a rookie. That's the one thing positive I pulled out of that injury. It refocused my mind and put it back where I needed to have it."

Thomas realized just how much he loved the game when he was unable to play it. He couldn't wait to get back on the field.

Then the Cowboys, who finished last season without a true fullback, only provided more motivation when they got Ohio State's Jamar Martin in April's draft.

Dallas considered Martin the best blocking fullback available and got him in the fourth round. The plan was to add depth at fullback, and also to let Martin compete to be the primary lead blocker for Emmitt Smith, who is just 540 yards shy of becoming the NFL's career rushing leader.

That changed Monday when Martin tore left knee lig-

aments during a live tackling drill in the first of two practices. He will have surgery soon and is out for the season.

"He was going to push me and I welcomed the challenge. That young man was good and he was getting better every day," Thomas said after Monday's second practice. "My new fire was not so much because of him, but because I sat out so long last year."

Thomas went on to express his concerns for Martin, remembering all too vividly what he just went through last season.

The drafting of Martin wasn't an indication that the Cowboys had lost confidence in Thomas. They just didn't

want to get in the same situation as last year when they didn't have a true fullback after Thomas got hurt.

"Robert is a tough guy, he likes to play the game and he's good for our team," coach Dave Campo said. "He's kind of a locker-room guy and keeps things loose when things are going tough. I like that part of him."

The 6-foot-1, 273-pound Thomas wasn't drafted out of Division II Henderson State in Arkansas, and played in Canada before signing with the Cowboys as a free agent linebacker in 1998.

After a season primarily playing special teams, Thomas made the switch to fullback in 1999 because of a

glut at linebackers and the likelihood he wouldn't make the team at that position.

A year later, he had replaced Daryl "Moose" Johnston, who was forced to retire because of a neck injury. And now the former linebacker is now ready to be part of Smith's historic pursuit.

"I'm blessed. Emmitt and Daryl, they baked the cake. I'm just thanking God that he's putting me in position to help put the icing on it," Thomas said.

"My ideal play for the record would be me on a linebacker and Emmitt running off my hip. He's scampering and I'm smiling."

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Two Israelis slain in suicide bomber attacks in Jerusalem

JERUSALEM (AP) — A Palestinian suicide bomber blew himself up Tuesday at a central Jerusalem fast-food stand popular with police, wounding four Israelis, police said. In the West Bank, gunmen killed two Israeli settlers who had entered a Palestinian village.

It was the first suicide bombing in Jerusalem since a pair of attacks June 18-19 killed 26 Israelis and prompted Israel to reoccupy seven of eight major Palestinian towns in the West Bank.

In the Jerusalem attack, the bomber entered the Yemenite Felaful Stand, located on a busy downtown street, and detonated the explosives, apparently prematurely, said Jerusalem Police Chief Mickey Levy.

"What is clear now is that the bomber died and there are four wounded," he said.

Government spokesman Daniel Seaman said the bomber was a 17-year old Palestinian from the West Bank town of Bethlehem.

The blast occurred in one of the most heavily guarded areas of downtown Jerusalem, on Hanevi'im street, or Prophet street. There

have been at least eight bombing and shooting attacks in the area in the past 22 months of fighting.

Inside the stand, which sells typical Middle Eastern fried chickpea patties, blood splattered the cash register and counter, and the remains of the bomber were strewn about the ground.

"There was a big bomb, and some of the fragments hit my window and I realized immediately it was a suicide bombing," said Israel Adliarstein, who works across the street from the stand.

"I saw the owner (of the felaful stand) come out with his son and daughter," he said. "They were in shock but they didn't look badly injured."

Glass shards littered the street in front of the stand, which is popular with Jerusalem police, whose headquarters is nearby. Israel Radio said it appeared the bomber drew the attention of police officers at the stand and that he set off the explosion prematurely.

An official in the office of Prime Minister

Ariel Sharon, David Baker, condemned the bombing.

"Palestinian terror is aiming to instill a perpetual state of fear in Israelis," he said. "This attack is proof that the Palestinian Authority continues to believe that terror will further its goals and this is mistaken."

Sharon spokesman Raanan Gissin said that Israeli plans to ease restrictions on Palestinians would be delayed if attacks continued. "These are just major setbacks which cause more suffering and more tragedy to the Palestinian people," he said.

Israel has blamed Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat for attacks on its civilians, saying the Palestinian Authority has done nothing to stop militant groups. The Palestinians argue that Israel's military assaults on its cities and security forces have left them with little ability to prevent attacks.

In the West Bank, masked Palestinian gunmen hiding behind olive trees shot and killed two Israeli settlers who had gone to a Palestinian village for business, residents and

military sources said.

Settlers and residents said the two Israelis, from the Jewish settlement of Tapuach, had gone to the village of Jammaien, south of the West Bank city of Nablus, to sell fuel. The area is under Israeli security control.

The Al Aqsa Martyrs Brigades, linked to Arafat's Fatah movement, claimed responsibility for the attack.

The army confirmed the deaths and said troops were searching the area for the gunmen.

The violence occurred as Palestinians in Nablus defied the Israeli-imposed army curfew for the third day in a row Tuesday, restoring a semblance of normal life in the city after more than a month of military occupation.

And it came amid efforts by Israeli Defense Minister Binyamin Ben-Eliezer to resume security talks with the Palestinians to get them to take over security in Gaza and areas of the West Bank, allowing Israeli troops to withdraw, his spokesman, Yarden Vatikai, said Tuesday.

Secretary of State chastises Malaysia

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP) — Secretary of State Colin Powell discussed broadening anti-terrorism cooperation with Malaysian authorities, but also resurrected U.S. unhappiness with what he termed the flawed prosecution of a prominent opposition leader.

Powell met with Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad and several other officials discussing terrorism and other issues before heading Tuesday for Singapore, the third stop on his six-nation Southeast Asia tour.

Malaysia has been considered a stalwart ally in the war on terrorism. In the process, Mahathir ingratiated himself with Washington and was an honored guest at the White House last May.

Previously, the United States had been scornful of Mahathir, partly because of his government's prosecution of a former deputy prime minister, Anwar Ibrahim, who was charged with corruption and sodomy. He was convicted in 1999 and is now serving a 15-year prison term.

At his news conference, Powell mistakenly referred to Anwar's "election" as being flawed. Aides quickly set the record straight, saying he meant to say trial.

He said the United States has always felt that the proceeding was improper. Underscoring the administration's concern over the issues, Assistant Secretary of State James Kelly was dispatched to meet to Anwar's wife, a clear expression of continued American concern over Anwar's treatment.

The government decided to launch the prosecution not long after Anwar decided to challenge the leadership of Mahathir, who has led the country since 1981.

Powell was joined at the brief news conference by Malaysian Foreign Minister Syed Hamid.

Absent from Powell's remarks was any acknowledgment of Mahathir's leadership in condemning terrorism. He drew criticism from a conference of Islamic countries earlier this year when he denounced Palestinian suicide bombers in strong terms.

U.S. officials said that last Sept. 11, Mahathir ordered police to provide protection to the U.S. Embassy not long after the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

Malaysian security forces also made scores of arrests of suspected Islamic militants, including some who may be linked to al-Qaida.

RRC sets August allowables

AUSTIN — The Texas Railroad Commission recently set August 2002 natural gas production allowables for prorated fields in the state to meet market demand of 29,003,303 Mcf (thousand cubic feet).

For these fields, the August 2002 allowable represents a decrease of 4,511,200 Mcf when compared to actual production of 33,514,503 Mcf in August 2001. In setting the August 2002 allowable, the Commission used historical production figures from August 2001 and producer forecasts for the August 2002 demand, and then adjusted the figures to account for such factors as well capability, new wells in a field, etc.

Texas natural gas storage reported by the Commission

for June 2002 is 315,810,516 Mcf compared to 215,351,068 Mcf in June 2001. The July 2002 gas storage estimate is 319,947,379 Mcf.

Gas well gas from prorated fields accounts for 8 percent of total gas well production in Texas.

Preliminary statewide production reported for May 2002 is 30,049,037 barrels of crude oil and 369,884,237 Mcf of gas well gas.

The Commission's estimated final production for this month can be obtained by multiplying these preliminary production totals by a production adjustment factor of 1.0116 for crude oil and 1.0640 for gas well gas. (These production totals do not include casinghead gas or condensate.)

Centennial display



(Courtesy photo)

Memorabilia celebrating Gray County's 100th birthday is currently on display at the former Pampa Hardware Store located at 102 N. Cuyler in downtown Pampa. Proceeds from any sales will be used to fund upcoming Centennial activities. Volunteers are encouraged to attend the next Centennial meetings scheduled at 5 p.m., Thursday, July 18, and Thursday, Oct. 18, at the Pampa Chamber of Commerce.

TEXAS NATURAL RESOURCE CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND INTENT TO OBTAIN A HAZARDOUS WASTE PERMIT/RENEWAL/COMPLIANCE PLAN/RENEWAL COMPLIANCE PLAN/PERMIT NO. HW-50200

APPLICATION. Celanese Ltd., P.O. Box 937, Pampa, Texas 79066-0937, an organic chemicals manufacturing facility, has applied to the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) for a hazardous waste permit renewal/major amendment and a Compliance Plan permit renewal/major amendment. The facility is located on Hwy. 60 West, Pampa, Gray County, Texas 79066-0937. This application was submitted to the TNRCC on May 24, 2002. The permit/compliance plan applications are available for viewing and copying at the Lovett Memorial Library, 111 North Houston Street, Pampa, Texas 79066.

The TNRCC executive director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application. After completion of the technical review, the TNRCC will issue a Notice of Application and Preliminary Decision.

PUBLIC COMMENT/PUBLIC MEETING. You may submit public comments or request a public meeting about this application. The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or to ask questions about the application. The TNRCC will hold a public meeting if the executive director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application, if requested in writing by an affected person, or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

Written public comments and requests for a public meeting must be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, TNRCC, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, TX 78711-3087.

ADDITIONAL NOTICE. After technical review of the application is completed, the executive director may prepare a draft permit-compliance plan and will issue a preliminary decision on the application. **Notice of the Application and Preliminary Decision will be published and mailed to those who are on the county-wide mailing list or the mailing list for this application. That notice will contain the final deadline for submitting public comments.**

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING. After the deadline for public comments, the executive director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. **The response to comments, along with the executive director's decision on the application, will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments or who is on the mailing list for this application. If comments are received, the mailing will also provide instructions for requesting reconsideration of the executive director's decision and for requesting a contested case hearing.** A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court.

A contested case hearing will only be granted based on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decision on the application. Further, the Commission will only grant a hearing on issues that were raised during the public comment period and not withdrawn. **The TNRCC may act on this application without providing an opportunity for a contested case hearing if certain criteria are met.**

MAILING LIST. In addition to submitting public comments, you may ask to be placed on a mailing list to receive future public notices mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk. You may request to be added to: (1) the mailing list for this specific application; (2) the permanent mailing list for a specific applicant name and permit number; and/or (3) the permanent mailing list for a specific county. Clearly specify which mailing list(s) to which you wish to be added and send your request to the TNRCC Office of the Chief Clerk at the address above. Unless you otherwise specify, you will be included only on the mailing list for this specific application.

INFORMATION. If you need more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the TNRCC Office of Public Assistance, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040. General information about the TNRCC can be found at our web site at www.tnrcc.state.tx.us.

Further information may also be obtained from Celanese Ltd. at the address stated above or by calling Mr. Carson L. Christie, Staff Environmental Engineer at (806) 663-4196 regarding the permit and Mr. Jim Bob Mitchell at (806) 663-4245 regarding the compliance plan.

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