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Big 'Bo' the Brahma to appear at rodeo

"Bo," a 2,000 lb., Brahma bull owned by David and Sandra Johnson, will be a new featured attraction at the 2003 Top O' Texas Rodeo. Huge, but gentle, Bo has become famous from public appearances at the Tri-State Fair and numerous other rodeos.

Rodeo-goers can see Bo up close and have their picture made with him for \$10 including the frame. He'll be appearing on the west side of the rodeo grounds on Thursday, Friday Saturday nights and Saturday morning at Wayne's Western Wear. Rodeo tickets are still available at the rodeo office, 200 N. Ballard. Thursday night ticketholders get a free barbecue dinner.

Rodeo-goers get chance to win trip

Top O' Texas Rodeo Association will conduct a drawing for a free trip to Las Vegas each night of the rodeo, July 10, 11, and 12. Those attending the rodeo can register to win a complimentary two-night and three-day stay for two at the StarDust Resort and Casino in Las Vegas, Nev. One drawing will be held for one trip per rodeo night. StarDust Resort and Casino donated these non-transferable trips which are valid for one year. Plan to attend the Top O' Texas rodeo each night and register for the free Las Vegas trip.

DEATHS

Beth Queen Dills, 34, PHS graduate.

Ronny Stokes, 61, services pending.

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WEST TEXAS LANDSCAPE 120 S. HOBART





Powell: Cut saves dollars, but lowers ability to fight fires

STAFF WRITER

Pampa's fire chief said the city could save more than a third. more than \$300,000 if they close the North Fire Station, but that fire station, she said, serves 66 percent of her budget percent of the city's population.

Speaking during the Pampa City on equipment and building maintenance. Commission's budgetary work session Tuesday afternoon, Fire Chief Kim Powell told in a fire department of 24 (28 with the chief. commissioners that the city would save deputy-chief, fire marshal and training officer)



(Pampa News photo by David Bowser) Fire Chief Kim Powell spoke before a the Pampa City Commission work ses-cent. sion concerning the possible closing of city budgetary problems.

three equipment operators and three captains that work out of the North Fire Station. It would also cut the Pampa Fire Department by

Chief Powell said that salaries are about 87

She said there would be little or no savings

Powell said that eliminating nine personnel \$363,262.39 by firing the three firefighters, the that are split among three shifts around the clock could prevent the department from handling more than one emergency at a time, slow responses and increase overtime costs.

Firefighters work in teams of two, she explained, but when one team of two goes into a burning building, for safety reasons another team of two are mandated to be on the scene. outside the burning building.

If the fire department was cut, instead of eight people per shift, there would only be five. That would mean, Powell said, they could handle only one emergency at a time under present state mandates.

As for questions about insurance ratings, Powell said that she had not received an answer from her queries, but noted that insurance rates are impacted by a number of things. The fire department, however, accounts for half the ratpacked house Tuesday afternoon at ing. The water department accounts for 40 per-

Powell also noted that the fire department North Fire Station at 321 E. 17th and runs first response with Rural Metro **the laying off of nine personnel due to** Ambulance Service. The fire department has

Commission challenges anonymous allegations

By DAVID BOWSER

STAFF WRITER

Pampa City Commission Tuesday night challenged a citizen's group that is hiding citizens group was filing suit against the City behind a veil of anonymity.

from a prepared statement during the Tuesday Commissioners Jeff Andrews, Jeff night commission meeting.

ters in June from the shadowy group, who are allowing Dixon to serve as a city commissionthreatening legal action against the city. The er while holding the office of Gray County letters were undated and had no return address. Veteran's Service Officer. They were unsigned except for the group's moniker, "Citizens for honest, open and the city charter's nepotism provision. accountable City Government."

Normally. Lane said, the city doesn't

respond to allegations made by unidentified persons or unidentifiable organizations, but the commission elected to do so Tuesday night.

The first letter, received June 19, said the of Pampa, Mitch Grant as city manager, Phyllis "Apparently openness is only a one-way Jeffers as city secretary, Lonnie (sic) Robbins street," City Attorney Don Lane said, reading as mayor. Don Lane as city attorney, and McCormick, Faustina Curry and Robert Dixon City Manager Mitch Grant received two let- claiming that they violated the city charter for

Curry was accused in the letter of violating

The others listed in the manifesto were (See ALLEGATIONS, Page 3)



Bailey Adcock of Miami urges her horse forward as she competes in the Group V Pole Bending during Tuesday night's performance of the Kid Pony Show.

'Big kids' finale completes '03 **Kid Pony Show**

round of Kid Pony Show Miami, first place; and Jessica rodeo action at Top O' Texas Schmidt, Morse, first place. Rodeo Arena. Results of Tuesday night's youth rodeo V. Kalvnn Jones, Pampa, first are as follows:

Cowboy/Cowgirl, Group V. Pampa, and Lindi Pritchett. Thad Denton, Cacoma, Okla. Dalhart, third place tie. and Kelsey Alders, Borger.

Brian Johnson, Gruver, and Dacoma, second place. Jessica Schmidt, Morse.

qualified time. place: Lindi Pritchett. Dalbart. place. second place; and Erin Fill. Pampa, third place.

V. Thad Denton, Dacoma, first Monnie Harris, Amarillo, secplace; and Derryl Putman. Cal ond place Farley's, second place.

VI. Karli Douglas, Pampa, place; Keeley Reid, Amarillo, first place; and Katie Adcock. second place; and Chelsea Miami, second place.

Breakaway Roping/ Girls group V. Kelsey Alders, group VI. Brian Johnson, Borger, first place.

group VI. Jake Booze, ond place. Miami, first place; and Brian Johnson, Gruver, second VI. Jessica Schmidt, Morse,

Breakaway Roping/Boys Groom, second place group V. Tanner Packard. White Deer, first place.

Breakaway Roping/Girls Wrangler.

Last night marked the final group VI. Katie Adcock,

Barrel Race/Girls group place:Kelsey Alders, Borger, A 1 1 - A r o u n d second place; and Erin Hall,

Barrel Race/Boys group A 1 1 - A r o u n d V. Cody Schiffman, Pampa, Cowboy/Cowgirl, Group VI. first place; and Thad Denton,

Barrel Race/Girls group Bull Riding/Group V. No. VI. Jessica Schmidt, Morse, first place: Calli Ann Nuckols, Pole Rending/Cirls group Canyon, second place: and V. Libby Dyson, Pampa, first Karlı Douglas, Pampa, third

Tie Down Roping/ Boys group VI. Brian Johnson, Pole Bending/Boys group Gruver, first place; and

Goat Tying/Girls group V. Pole Bending/Girls group Cassie, Beasley, Fritch, first Douglas, Pampa, third place.

Ribbon Roping/Boys Gruver, first place: and Breakaway Roping/Boys Monnie Harris, Amarillo, sec-

> Goat Tying/Girls group first place; and Keeley Daniel,

All contestants were given bandanas compliments of

Mesa, Inc. outbids CRMWA for more **Roberts Co. water**

By DAVID BOWSER

STAFF WRITER

SANFORD - The general manager the Canadian River CRMWA for more water CRMWA. rights in Roberts County.

water rights in Roberts County able in the area. where they are already pump-

Water Corporation. manager of the Canadian buy ground water rights in River Municipal Water Roberts County when they Authority, said that QUIXX, a bought about 43,000 acres of subsidiary of the local electric water rights in the 1990s. utility, had indicated that they

would be willing to sell water rights in Roberts County that were not committed to Mesa

CRMWA submitted a bid Municipal Water Authority for the QUIXX property based told his board of directors here on what QUIXX indicated that Dallas businessman they needed for the water Boone Pickens had outbid rights, but Mesa outbid

Satterwhite said CRMWA Earlier this year, CRMWA's wouldn't get into a bidding 11 member cities, including war with Mesa. He said there Pampa, agreed to buy more were still water rights avail-

Such real estate dealings ing ground water, but this were expected to be taken up summer they were outbid by in executive session by the Boone Pickens and his Mesa CRMWA board of directors meeting here today.

Kent Satterwhite, general CRMWA was the first to

(See WATER, Page 3)

Golden Horseshoe winners



(Photo by Miranda Bailey)

Cindy Kemph, office assistant for the Top O' Texas Rodeo Association, awards Donna Smith and children Samantha, Alex and Lauren, as the winners of the Golden Horseshoe Contest today. The Smiths discovered the Golden Horseshoe this morning at Robert Knowles car dealership, said Jane Jacobs, rodeo secretary. Knowles employee Harold Bentley had the lucky shoe in his safekeeping, she said.

UBITUARIES

BETH QUEEN DILLS

1969-2003 AMARILLO Beth Queen Dills, 34, died Who in American Junior Colleges and is a member of Coulter Road Baptist Church. Monday, July 7, 2003. Graveside services will be at 10 a.m., Thursday, in Llano East Survivors include a daughter, Bama Dills, of the home; two sons, Reese Dills and Czyz

Cemetery. Memorial services will be at 11 a.m., Thursday in Coulter Road Baptist Church with the Rev. Ron Whitt officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Schooler Funeral Home of Amarillo.

Mrs. Dills was born Feb. 3, 1969, at Dallas. She graduated from Pampa High School in 1987 and attended Clarendon College and Amarillo College. She was named to Who's

RONNY STOKES

Ronny Stokes, 61, of Pampa, died Tuesday, with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of July 8, 2003, at Amarillo. Services are pending Pampa.

name at Amarillo National Bank.

efit fund for her children established in her

Dills, both of the home; a brother, Bret Queen

of Lafayette, Colo.; her parents, Lynda Queen

of the home and Bert Queen of Amarillo; and a grandparent, Ollie Wilhelm of Las Cruces,

The family requests memorials be to a ben-

SERVICES TOMORROW

DILLS, Beth Queen — Graveside services, 10 a.m., Llano East Cemetery, Amarillo, Memorial services, 11 a.m., Coulter Road Baptist Church, Amarillo.

highs in the mid 90s and south winds 10 to 20 mph. Tonight should see mostly clear skies, lows in the upper 60s and south winds 5 to 15 mph shifting to the west. Thursday should be mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 90s. East winds 5 to 15 mph. Thursday night, mostly clear. Lows in the mid 60s. South winds 5 to 15 mph. Friday, mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 90s. South winds 10 to 20 mph. Friday night,

The forecast today is calling for sunny skies. partly cloudy. Slight chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 60s. Chance of rain 20 percent. Saturday, partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 90s. Saturday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 70s. Sunday, partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 90s. Sunday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 70s. Monday, mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 90s. Monday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 70s. Tuesday, partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 90s.

STATEWIDE

A few thunderstorms developed in the Gulf of Mexico off the upper Texas coast early Wednesday, with several storms moving onshore near the Houston area.

Early-morning temperatures were mostly in the 70s across the state, with high humidity, the National Weather Service said.

Extremes ranged from 63 degrees at Marfa to 83 at Galveston

to 75 at Dallas Love Field and Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport.

Skies were clear to partly cloudy across North Texas and partly to mostly cloudy in western regions of the state.

Only parts of the Texas Panhandle were reporting sunny conditions.

Winds were from the southeast to south at 15 to 25 mph with higher gusts.

Skies should remain partly

tered showers and a few thunderstorms possible from the Permian Basin into the Big Bend.

Afternoon highs were expected from the mid-80s to the mid-90s.

Lows overnight should be in the mid-60s to the mid-70s.

An upper-level low pressure system along the upper Texas coast has combined with an upper trough stretching across the Gulf to create widespread showers and thun-

Other readings included 70 to mostly cloudy statewide at Midlothian and Clarksville through Thursday, with scatderstorms onshore. Men's! . Womens! . Childrens! n-season styles for the whole family! 1,000s SHOES & SANDALS DRASTICALLY REDUCED! as low as 100s of Athletic Shoes now only

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FIRE

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

Tuesday, July 8

6:41 p.m. - One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist at Recreation

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POLICE

Pampa Police Department today reported the following incidents.

Tuesday, July 8

Books of checks were reported stolen in the 1300 block of Duncan.

An unattended death was reported in the 1000 block of Cinderella.

A roping dummy, trailer hitch cover, rake, two tires and wheels were reported stolen from a vehicle in the 2500 block of Mary Ellen.

A domestic quarrel was reported in the 700 block of North Roberta.

A wheel was reported taken from a vehicle in the 800 block of West Wilks.

A woman's wallet was reported to the Pampa Police Department as either being lost

A CD player was reported taken from an unlocked car with an open window in the 100 block of South Dwight.

A gas drive off was reported in the 2100 block of North Hobart.

Wednesday, July 9

Possession of drug paraphernalia was reported in the 1100 block of South Finley. A mirror was reported bent on a truck in the 800 block of Scott.

SHERIFF

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

Tuesday, July 8

Kyle B. Hogue, 33, White Deer, was arrested on a grand jury indictment for driv-

ing while intoxicated - enhanced.

Franklin Roosevelt Angton, 70, 204 Tuke, was arrested by the Pampa Police Department for driving while intoxicated second offense, no driver's license and no insurance.

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Dinosaur bones arrive at Dallas museum

DALLAS Dinosaur bones unearthed in northern Alaska have arrived Fiorillo, curator of Earth sciin North Texas for a joint study by Southern Methodist University and the Dallas Museum of Natural History.

The bones of a dinosaur pachyrhinosaurus, called which resembled the wellknown triceratops but without the horns, will be cleaned at the paleontology laboratory in the museum's basement, said Derek Main, the museum's fossil preparer.

University researchers, who do not have a public display area, will be working on the largest chunk of rock that may contain three pachyrhinosaurus skulls.

Staffers of the museum and SMU will work together to remove fossils from the 5,000

pounds of rock that arrived from Fairbanks. Anthony ences at the natural history museum, told The Dallas Morning News Wednesday's editions.

A team led by Dr. Fiorillo and Roland Gangloff from the University Alaska of unearthed the bones last July along the Colville River in northern Alaska.

The bones, about 70 million years old, belong to at least eight adolescent individuals. They may have been caught in a flood and drowned, Fiorillo said.

Eventually, researchers will University of Alaska. But before then, the museum and SMU will make detailed casts to keep for display and research.

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of ex-police chief

WACO, Texas (AP) - A judge upheld an arbitrator's ruling putting a former assistant police chief back in uniform more than two years after he was indefinitely suspended after a drunken-driving arrest.

In issuing a final judgment District Judge Alan Mayfield also awarded Larry Kelley \$12,500 in attorneys' fees for battling the city of Waco's NEARLY NEW 50% Off appeal of his reinstatement.

appeal.

Kelley, 53, pleaded no contest in October 2001, was placed on probation for a year and fined \$2,000 after his drunken-driving arrest in Austin while he was attending a law enforcement conference in January 2001. He was fired in April 2001.

Kelley appealed, and an arbitrator ruled that he should be reinstated with a two-rank demotion and back pay for all but 180 days. The city appealed that ruling, which Mayfield had tentatively upheld and finally affirmed Tuesday.

The Texas Commission on challenges.

Since that ruling in Austin, Kelley has been working out at the police department gym and studying to stay current with his law enforcement continuing education requirements, said his attorney LaNelle McNamara.

Kelley returns to work, the city will owe him about \$100,000 in lost wages and benefits. Kelley has worked in law enforcement 29 years.

overstepped his authority by ordering that Kelley be put back to work as a sergeant. The two-rank demotion was not an option under the statute, Pertile said.

The city has 30 days to file notice of appeal.

Ruling in favor

Summer Clothing Clearance City Attorney Art Pertile said Tuesday that he will discuss the ruling with the city manager and police chief before deciding if the city will

Law Enforcement Standards and Education, the state commission that oversees police officer licensing, ruled last send the fossils to the month that Kelley's certification should not be suspended. The commission placed his license on probation for 20 years, allowing him to return to work, pending the legal

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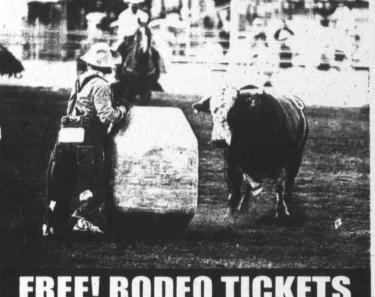
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ALLEGATIONS

accused of being accessories.

"We are prepared to pursue prosecution through every legal channel available," the letter read.

The citizens group said they expect a public confession from each of the parties and resignations on or before July 15.

The second letter claimed that a lawsuit was being filed against those named in the first missive for devaluating an asset of the taxpayers, namely property donated to the PEDC near the prison east of town. The city commission has exempted the property from being sold as part of the dissolution of the

The second letter demanded a front page story in The Pampa News and the Amarillo

Globe-News that the city was relinquishing any right, title, claim or interest in the land. for \$1 million in damages.

"The newspaper notices should appear on commission. or before July 10," the letter read.

"There will be no resignations," the commissioners said in a prepared statement.

Lane noted that with regard to the accusations against Dixon, the commissioner asked the city attorney, prior to Dixon's appointment as Gray County Veteran's Service Officer, if he could serve in both capacities.

Under an Attorney General's Opinion, Lane said, a veteran's county service officer does not hold a public office for profit and is not barred from serving as a compensated city councilman. Nor is there anything in the city charter that would disqualify Dixon from

being a city commissioner.

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The alternative, the letter said, was a lawsuit Dixon can not and does not receive the monthly fee paid to each member of the city

The charges against Curry, Lane said, are

He said he assumes the charge is based on the part of the city charter that says no person related to the mayor or a commissioner shall be appointed to a city office.

Bob Curry, Faustina Curry's father-in-law, was appointed to the Planning and Zoning Commission in 1998, Lane said, but members of the Planning and Zoning Commission receive no pay for their service and all their actions must be approved by the city commission.

Lane said there has been no violation of the city charter since the nepotism section was to prohibit relatives from being appointed to positions where they would have some financial gain.

With regard to the second letter. Lane said Lane said that under the city charter, the city's position is that there is an overriding public interest to retain the property.

To that end, the commission passed a resolution Tuesday night stating that it is in the public interest to delay the sale of the property for water supply and economic development purposes.

"Although the city is faced with significant budget problems and every dollar will be needed for on-going services, if any lawsuit is filed, the suit will be defended regardless of the expenses incurred," Lane said, reading the commission's statement. "The members of this commission believe that the allegations made in these two letters are an attempt to intimidate this commission on actions it may take which involve the political agenda of whomever is behind the organization who mailed these letters.'

In other business, the city commission appointed Darville Orr to fill an unexpired term on the Appraisal District Board.

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CUTS

EMTs, 18 basic EMTs and said. one Emergency Care Attendant.

"I don't want to touch the fire department," Lonny Robbins said. "I don't want to lay off nine people, but we're between a rock and

a hard place.' Powell said her proposed budget, which includes keeping the North Fire Station operating, is about the same as last year's budget, although there are increases in some

She said there is a proposed increase in some salaries as the department adjusts its compensation

areas at the expense of others.

packages.

"There is not any increase \$106,000. four paramedics, four in our overall budget," she

> also told commissioners there was little change in his proposed budget for fiscal year

Pitner proposed to move funds from some areas that in the past weren't being used to other areas where he felt they were needed?

"The big thing," he said, "is overtime.

While in the past, he said, it had been budgeted at \$50,000, it has always been

"It's never been that low,"

he said. In 2000, it turned out to be

\$81,000. In 2001, it was

Commissioner Jeff Andrews said that as the Police Chief Trevlyn Pitner police department, which has been undermanned for part of the past year, becomes fully staffed, overtime should go

> Pitner said that he had no capital expenditures in his budget for the next fiscal year, but he warned that some of the patrol cars would need to be replaced.

Another area that Pitner has budgeted for an increase is in training.

He said that increase includes training that has been established since the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center.

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WATER

Their purchase was followed by the City of Amarillo, which bought about 75,000 acres of water rights in the Roberts County.

Pickens, who owns a ranch

Poker run to benefit "Kids Club" July 19

P.K. & Y.C. Benefit Poker Run, Saturday, July 19, features a 106-mile ride for motorcyclist enthusiasts and will also help raise funds for "Kids Club."

The run starts and finishes at Hobart Street Park with the first motorcycle out at noon and the last one out at 2 p.m. Cost is \$10 a hand with proceeds going to "Kids Club."

Fun and games are planned throughout the day including a 50/50 drawing, door prizes, a motorcycle show for American, Classics, Imports, and Sports. Also planned are various motor games and foot games and a concession stand serving hot dogs, soft drinks, chips, popcorn and candy.

For more information, contact Chad Clancy at (806) 665-7674 or (806) 595-0147.

in Roberts County along the Canadian River, then put together Mesa Water, Inc., with other Roberts County landowners as a way to realize underground water resources beneath their land.

Pickens' stated purpose rejected by each.

was to market the water from the some 150,000 acres held by the landowners to a municipality down state. Pickens he had said approached both CRMWA and Amarillo and had been

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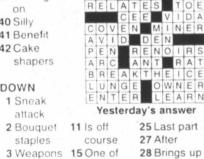
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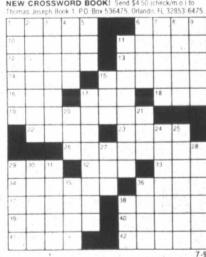
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Woman's 'Best Friend' May Not Be Marriage Material

DEAR ABBY: I have had an exclusive relationship with "Brad" for almost four years. We love each other dearly. We will soon be seniors in college and spend a lot of time together, including holidays, vacations and family functions. He is my best friend, and it's hard to imagine life without him.

Lately, however, as I think about our future more seriously, I am beginning to question whether Brad and I are right for each other. We do not see eye-to-eye on some important issues - including politics, religion and having kids. It also concerns me that he's not as ambitious as I am when it comes to career goals and opportunities. Brad has never been one to plan very far into the future, whereas stability and security are important

When I try to discuss my concerns, Brad claims I'm being hysterical and says, "Here we go again!" If I pursue it, we end up arguing and nothing gets resolved.

Should I break up with Brad now so that we can both meet other people in our senior year - or am I

being unreasonable?
LOVESICK IN ILLINOIS

DEAR LOVESICK: Not at all. You are asking intelligent and mature questions about a decision that will affect the rest of your lives. I commend you for it.

Do not allow Brad to minimize your concerns and your differences. He needs to do some growing up before he makes a lifetime commitment to anyone - including you. Some time apart would benefit both of you.

DEAR ABBY: I was with my boyfriend, "Marty," for six years. before we had our daughter. She is now 3 years old. On Valentine's Day, Marty finally gave me an engagement ring. I couldn't have been happier - until the other day when someone asked Marty what kind of ring it was. He said it was a "friend-ship ring." Can you believe this?

Abby, I am a person who believes in family values. I want my daughter to have a full-time father. I am thinking it might be time for me to

are ever going to be married, or are we just going to continue to play

NOT LAUGHING IN MARYLAND

DEAR NOT LAUGHING: There is a big difference between friendship and engagement. Of course you should ask him. But before you do, tell him why you're asking. If he can't bring himself to set a wedding date, the family YOU value will have to include someone other than Marty.

DEAR ABBY: I'm an attractive 18-year-old single female from a good family. I enjoy wonderful friendships and am about to begin my first year of college. I was wondering if you could figure out what my problem is, because nobody else can.

Whenever I like a guy, I make it clear with friendly, "interested" actions. (But believe me, I'm not too forward.)

At first, guys seem to like me, too. But then they quickly become uninterested and end up never asking me out - or even talking to me again! This has happened sooo many times.

Please help. What am I doing wrong

DATELESS ON SATURDAY NIGHTS IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR DATELESS: Your friendliness and "interest" may be being interpreted as needy and desperate. This is a huge turn-off for members of both sexes. Tone it down a little, and see if you get better results.

P.S. You might more closely observe what your girlfriends do.

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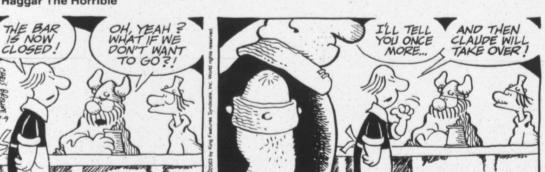


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Hidden Hills Jr. Clinic set for July 17 and 18

Hidden Hills Golf Course will host a junior clinic July 17 and 18 for ages 7 through 16. The clinic will meet from 8;30 a.m. to 11 p.m. each day. A \$20 fee includes snack; refreshments and prizes. The clinic will be taught by David Teichmann, golf pro. and staff at Hidden Hills.

BASKETBALL

EAGLE, Colo. (AP) -The sexual assault allegations against Los Angeles Lakers guard Kobe Bryant were made by a 19-year-old Colorado woman.

Eagle County Sheriff Joe confirmed woman's age and said she has left on vacation with her family. He also said investigators have sent unspecified evidence to the state Bureau of Investigation for analysis, but refused to discuss other details of the case.

The 24-year-old Bryant is accused of sexual assault, and prosecutors are expected to decide by the end of the week whether to charge him. Bryant's attorney, Pamela Mackey, says he is innocent and expects to be exonerated.

Cal Ripkin Tourney: Why baseball is played

BY JOHN W. WARNER FOR THE PAMPA NEWS

game is played.

North Randall had opened lead. the first inning by scoring four an improbable 8-7 win.

with them to crank out 19 hits to receive credit for the win. in a 23-0 blanking of Canyon in the nightcap.

had relieved starter Trevor brought in four runs. Gustin in the bottom of the

a day earlier. A bunt by Frankie batters made outs. Trevino followed. Cross fielded it and threw home, but first batter walked and was making the score 7-3.

to left field to bring in Cedillio, the runner at second was to lead North Randall. making it 7-4. Trevino stopped caught in a run down between Pampa sent 14 batters to the at third. Sanders alertly took second and third and tagged plate in the top of the first second when the throw into the out at third. The batter was inning to score nine times and infield went to third.

bunt in front of the plate. Again play. Cross fielded the ball and

two bunts and a dramatic three- inning. He came back out for North Randall led 5-2. run homer climaxed a six-run the top of the sixth, went

> North Randall looked as double by Hooker. though it were on its way to

Careless base running came

In the second inning, the innings. then thrown out trying to take put the controls on automatic Luis Martinez laid down a second for a 5-6-5-4 double pilot the rest of the game.

threw home. This time Trevino bottom of the first when throw a no-hit shutout at and two RBI. Brandon McBee The game between the Tulia slid in safely to make the score Sanders scored on a bases Canyon. Dominguez walked knocked in two runs and All Stars and the North Randall 7-5. After a strikeout for the loaded walk. North Randall two and struck out four in two scored twice on one hit. Chris County All Stars in the District second out, D-Ray Macias made it 5-1 in the top of the innings to be the winning Benge had a hit and a run. Ripken 11-12 slainmed an 0-1 pitch deep third on a single by Dalton pitcher. Wilson walked four Craig Conner tallied once as Tournament here Tuesday is a over the right center field wall, Randall, a walk, a passed ball and struck out two in two every Pampa player scored at prime example of why the sending the Tulia team and and a fielder's choice. Tulia got innings. crowd into delirium and the another run in the bottom of D-Ray Macias was not popped a bunt into the air with runs scored and one RBi to Skinner, who caught a fly ball runs and was sitting comfort- through with his heroics. He the bases loaded. The pitcher lead Pampa's hitting. Heath at shortstop and beat the runner ably with a 7-2 lead in the bot- had relieved starting pitcher, made a diving try but was not. Skinner and Wilson also had trying to get back to second for tom of the fifth inning when Louie Macias, in the fourth able to come up with the catch, three hits. Skinner scored three the twin killing.

uprising and propelled Tulia to through the heart of the North two runs in the top of the John Luke Covalt tripled home today at Optimist Park. The Randall batting order and got fourth. Shane Wieck was safe two runs and tallied twice, winner will play Tulia at 6 Pampa brought their bats them three up and three down on an error cross was hit by a Hayden Skinner made three p.m., tomorrow with a second

That set the stage for Tulia's and a hit. The bottom of the fifth another lopsided win after the end six-run fifth inning. Tulia had Tulia with a 5-3 ground out. Awalk two hit batters and hits by runners left on. North Randall hone hit and had one RBI. United Way. Pitcher Kameron Hooker, who Cross, Hooker and Jacob Burton scored seven runs on seven hits with six left on.

Louie Macias started for fourth, hit Zach Maestas and back to haunt North Randall. Tulia, He allowed five runs and uncorked two wild pitches on In the first inning, two runners five hits in the first three his way to walking Claudio were returned to base after innings. He hit two batters, scoring on a single by Jackie walked three and struck out North Randall responded by Black when the runner at third, three. D-Ray Macias gave up bringing in their ace, Cody base left too soon. They were two unearned runs and two Cross, who had beaten Pampa left on base when the next two hits. He hit a batter, walked one and struck out four in three

Tulia's Sasnders with two Maestas slid under the throw, caught off first after a strikeout doubles, a single, two runs for a most unusual 2-3-6-3 scored and one RBI, was the Trevino was permitted to double play. In the fourth game's leading hitter. Hooker take second without a throw, inning, North Randall scored a had two hits, including a dou-Levi Sanders cracked a single run on a fielder's choice, but ble, a run scored and three RBI

Tulia got one run back in the Madison Wilson combined to sacrifice fly, one run scored

Alex Torres was three for the inning when Maestas three including a triple, two sisted double play by Hayden times with two RBI. Wilson North Randall came up with had two runs and two RBI. square off again at 7 p.m. pitch. Both trotted home on a runs on two hits and two RBI. game to follow 30 minutes Casey Trimble had two runs later if needed.

Gerado Dominguez and Lane Douglass had a double, a least one run in the game,

The game ended on an unas-

Pampa and North Randall

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South Korea accuses North of reprocessing fuel rods

BY CHRISTOPHER TORCHIA ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — South Korea said Wednesday it believes North Korea has taken a key step toward making nuclear weapons even as the North's envoys pledged reconciliation in talks in

South Korea's National Intelligence Service, or NIS, said the communist North had reprocessed a small number of 8,000 spent nuclear fuel rods that were stored at its nuclear facilities at Yongbyon.

Reprocessing all the rods could yield enough plutonium for several atomic bombs within months, adding to a suspected arsenal of one or two nuclear bombs, experts say.

Since April, North Korea has claimed that it had all but finished reprocessing the rods. Until now, both U.S. and South Korean officials have expressed doubt about the North Korean claim, but the statement from the South Korean intelligence agency is likely to heighten tension over the North's suspected development of atomic bombs.

"We believe that North Korea has reprocessed a small portion of the 8,000

spent rods," the NIS said in a report to the National Assembly. South Korea receives much of its intelligence on North Korea from the United States, which spies on the North with satellites and surveillance air-

Ko Young-koo, NIS director, also said North Korea conducted nuclear-related tests of high explosives at Yongduk-dong, a site west of the Yongbyon nuclear complex. It was unclear whether the tests were recent. South Korea has been aware of similar tests over the past decade.

Arriving in Seoul, a high-level North Korean delegation said Wednesday it was willing to work for reconciliation with South Korea despite the approach of "the black clouds of a nuclear war."

The trademark North Korean rhetoric came on the first of four days of talks in Seoul between Cabinet-level delegations. The meetings are to promote inter-Korean projects, but South Korean officials plan to press North Korea to agree to multilateral talks on nuclear development.

"Our nation faces a stark situation as the black clouds of a nuclear war are coming toward the Korean Peninsula minute by minute," the North Koreans said in a reference to the nuclear dispute.

"No one can fathom the calamitous consequences if the crisis situation crosses the critical point and ignites a war," they said in a statement. "Neither the North nor the South would be free from them."

North Korea has used harsh rhetoric for decades, and U.S. and South Korean officials believe it's a tactic designed to escalate tension and pressure negotiating partners into making concessions.

In an apparent reference to the U.S.-led victory in the Iraq war, the statement said "the aggressive forces are getting more frantic with war fevers as a result of a war in a different region."

At the same time, the North Korean delegates said they arrived "with the sacred willingness for national reconciliation, peace and reunification."

South Korean President Roh Moo-hyun is visiting China to try to enlist Beijing's help in peacefully resolving the nuclear standoff. China, which has leverage over North Korea because it is a major source of food and fuel for its destitute neighbor, has said it wants a Korean Peninsula free of nuclear weapons.

North Korea "has to choose the path of peace and coexistence with others," Roh

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said in Beijing on Wednesday. "No nation in the international community believes that the nuclear project will assure its future."

Tensions flared last October when U.S. officials said Pyongyang admitted having's a secret nuclear program, in violation of international agreements.

North Korea says it's willing to resolve U.S. security concerns if Washington provides security guarantees. The North is also desperate for economic aid.

U.S. envoy meets Palestinian officials to ease crisis in peace process

BY JILL LAWLESS

ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

JERUSALEM (AP) — U.S. Middle East envoy John Wolf met with a top Palestinian official Wednesday to try to ease a crisis within the Palestinian leadership that prompted Prime Minister Mahmoud Abbas to threaten to quit, a diplomat said.

Israeli media reports said Wolf would also meet with Israeli Defense Minister Shaul Mofaz and urge Israel to release more Palestinian prisoners and dismantle more illegal settlement outposts, moves that Palestinians have been demanding and which would bolster Abbas' position.

Raanan Gissin, an adviser to Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, said Wolf was "exploring ways of how to advance the peace process, how to speed it up, how to move it along.

A diplomat confirmed the meeting with Palestinian security chief Mohammed Dahlan and indicated that meetings. with Israeli officials were also planned.

On Tuesday, Abbas threatened to resign unless his party acked his tactics in talks with Israelis Palestinian officials

The three largest Palestinian militant groups declared a unilateral cease-fire June 29, but say it will collapse unless Israel releases the bulk of thousands of Palestinian prison-

ers it holds. They have criticized Abbas for not pressing Israel harder on this issue.

The United States, which pushed for Abbas' appointment in April, gave its backing to the embattled prime minister. White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said President Bush "is confident" in Abbas.

"The Palestinian Authority still has responsibilities. Internal Palestinian politics is complicated for Palestinians, let alone outside observers," Fleischer told reporters in South Africa, the latest stop on Bush's African trip this

Underscoring the fragile state of Israeli-Palestinian peace moves, Palestinian sources said Israeli soldiers overnight shot and killed a 27-year-old Palestinian man, Iyad Halanesh, and wounded his 26-year-old wife near the West Bank town of Jenin during an operation to arrest the man's brother, a member of Yasser Arafat's Fatah movement.

The Israeli army said soldiers during an arrest operation near Jenin returned fire, hitting the gunman. The army said the militant they arrested had planned to carry out a shooting attack Wednesday. They could not confirm the name or condition of the man who was shot.

On Tuesday, as internal tensions rose in the Palestinian leadership, Abbas called off a meeting with Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon set for Wednesday. Some officials blamed Israel's refusal to release more prisoners and others

cite 'a lack of support for Abbas from fellow political lead-

Also Tuesday, in a largely symbolic gesture, Abbas resigned from Fatah's central committee, Fatah officials said. In his decades as Arafat's deputy in Fatah and the PLO, Abbas has resigned or threatened to resign many times. Fatah insiders said this time, too, it was a ploy to force Fatah to back him. Sakher Habash, an Arafat loyalist on the central committee, said Wednesday that the committee had rejected the resignation

"Abu Mazen (Abbas) will not be able to continue as prime minister if he is not a member of the central committee. That's why we have rejected his resignation," he said.

Fatah has been in turmoil over the declaration of the cease-fire 10 days ago, which also obligates its affiliated militia, the Al Aqsa Martyrs' Brigades, to honor it. Militant groups, with backing from some Fatah activists, criticized Abbas for not pressing Israel harder for release of Palestinian prisoners.

In a letter to Arafat, Abbas said he would step down as prime minister unless he received clear instructions from Fatah over how to handle contacts with Israel

Fatah officials said Abbas' move might be a pressure tactic aimed at forcing Fatah members to give him greater flexibility in the talks.

Israel refuses to free detainees involved directly in terror attacks, including members of the violent Islamic groups Hamas and Islamic Jihad. Abbas is said to be concerned that if Israel sticks by its refusal, the two groups might cancel their three-month truce. Fatah called a six-month cease-fire.

Israel is holding about 7,000 Palestinian prisoners, most of them rounded up during the current 33-month conflict.

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Several hundred people missing after ferry in Bangladesh sinks

DHAKA, Bangladesh (AP) - An overcrowded ferry sank in southern Bangladesh, and about 600 people were feared to be trapped inside the boat at the bottom of a river, rescue officials said Wednesday.

Local fishermen were using their boats to desperately search for survivors and a salvage ship with cranes had arrived at the scene to try to lift the ferry from under 200 feet of water, officials

The ferry was carrying 750 people when it capsized late Tuesday at the meeting point of the Padma, Meghna and Dakatia rivers as it approached a ferry terminal at the town of Chandpurabout 40 miles south of the capital, Dhaka.

About 150 people swam to shore or were rescued by local fishermen, said Manzoor-e-er survivor. Elahi, the area's administrator. Sujan, a 7-year-old boy, saved himself by holding on to a small piece of wood.

Sujan, a 7-year-old boy. "I held on to a small piece of

Among the survivors was

wood," said the boy, who was traveling with his father. "Please find my father," he cried at Chandpur's ferry terminal.

Two bodies have so far been found, police official Abu Rahat said. The rest are feared to be still inside the ferry.

Many of the passengers were asleep or preparing to go to bed when the ferry hit turbulent waters, survivors said.

Some Dhaka newspapers said the ferry was carrying more than 1,000 passengers - nearly three times its legal capacity.

The ferry was "extremely overcrowded" because about 400 passengers boarded at the last moment after another ferry canceled its scheduled trip, south, Dhaka's Ittefaq newspa-

Rina Begum, 25, was anoth-

"I was sitting on the upper deck with my three-year-old daughter," said Begum, who was rescued by fishermen. "There was a big jolt and the ferry started going down." Her daughter was missing.

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10, 2003:

Don't waste time debating the pros and cons of issues. Work on the facts. Your mation might become a key feature in your success. Often, a well-meaning partner or associate puts a haze onto what he or she sees. Use your ability to organize and execute plans to add to the quality of your day-to-day life. You will produce more money this year, if you don't lose your focus. If you are single, make an effort to get out more often after the summer. Through this process you will meet many new people, allowing exercise. more social opportunities. If you are LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) attached, your relationship will grow if

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

through some travel brochures. Hop on LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) the Internet and see where you might like

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

moving a project to the finish line. You ly. Tonight: Find your friends. know what you want; therefore, you need SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) to take charge. Tonight: A cozy dinner

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

*** * Others know what they point of view on how to make this goal a expect, and they let you know it, perhaps reality. Remember, many paths can get to in a tone you would prefer not to hear. the same point. Don't worry so much. You have a way of detaching that helps Tonight: Your treat. ability to sift through a myriad of infor- others get the gist of what you're saying SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) and helps them verbalize more of what **** Your personality emerges as they want. Tonight: A must show. CANCER (June 21-July 22)

weekend is nearly upon you. News or an unusually vague statement. You might information could force you to revamp be wearing rose-colored glasses. your schedule with an eye to completion. Tonight: It's your call. Sometimes others don't agree, and they let you know it. Incorporate different ** Dig into your resources before ideas. Tonight: Work off stress with some responding to someone's offer. Your

you understand how well-intended your forth, but remember that how you partner is SAGITTARIUS makes a great express them is up to you. Flirtation ing. Tonight: Get a good night's sleep. might get you in trouble, especially if AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) you're attached. Why not use some of *** Though some might find you your imagination to create more of what vague, you are most definitely goal-5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; you want? Tonight: Kick up your heels. directed. Because someone doesn't see Start the weekend early, if you can.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) **** Reach out for others, but carefully to another's sharing, even if choose your words carefully. Your imag- there is a quality of ranting involved. ination helps you research and sort Stay cool. Look at the big picture. Your through information. Your creativity intuitive ways help complete a job as it be unique. Convincing a boss or someemerges around a friendship and/or a should be. Tonight: Head on home, per- one else about the rightness of your ways meeting. Think "vacation." Tonight: Flip haps stopping to pick up a favorite snack. could be difficult and unnecessary.

*** Your budget could go out of involving someone in charge. Tonight: A whack, especially if you're not looking at must show. the whole picture. Try to step back and *★★★★ Deal with the people in your take an overview. Keep communications BORN TODAY fife individually, and you'll get the type open, demonstrating your willingness to Singer Jessica Simpson (1980), musician of responses you seek. Others feel flat- talk, What you see as a conversation, Arlo Guthrie (1947), tennis player Arthur tered by your attention. Stay in charge, another person might interpret different- Ashe (1943)

> * * What you want could be manage- Jacqueline Bigar is on the Internet at able as long as you quit risking and http://www.jacquelinebigar.com. become more realistic. Get another's

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family member pushes very hard to have *** Dig in, understanding that the his or her way. You might want to discuss CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

finances might be impacted. Someone might not be able to gain the type of * * Your libido energies spring insight you can. In fact, he or she might become quite defensive to your question-

eye to eye with you about funds, refuse to spend until you have a solid plan that * * You might want to listen more makes you comfortable. Tonight: Start your weekend early, if possible.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ** You get a perspective that could Assume a low profile, especially when

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Police seek vice principal in multiple shooting case

(AP) — A nationwide manhunt was under way for an elementary school vice principal considered a possible suspect in the shooting deaths of five people, including his children.

The FBI and law enforcement agencies across the country were asked to help search for Vincent Brothers, 41, after police discovered the three children, their mother grandmother dead Tuesday morning in their Bakersfield home.

Police Capt. Neil Mahan said Wednesday that Brothers became a possible suspect based on witness statements, crime scene information and details about his prior behavior. He said more information would be released later in the

"That does not mean we are not looking at other angles," Mahan told ABC's "Good Morning America." Asked whether Brothers had fled, Mahan said "Mr. Brothers did have travel plans during this time frame.'

Brothers' blue pickup was would not say where.

The victims were identified by the Kern County coroner as Joanie Harper, 39; Harper's three children, Marques Harper, 4, Lindsey

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#6037 Humphreys, 467' from

North & 700' from East line,

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CAT & S.W. MORSE Brown

Dolomite) Ovation Energy,

L.P., PD 4000', for the fol-

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11,4,AB&M, PD 12250'

HEMPHILL (BUFFALO

DRILLING INTENTIONS

BAKERSFIELD, Calif. Harper, 23- months, and Marshall Harper, 1 1/2 months; and Harper's mother, Earnestine Harper, 70.

Police described Brothers and Harper as married but separated. The two were seeking an annulment, but it was unclear Tuesday whether a judge had approved it.

Brothers is the father of the children and had periodically lived with the family, said Darren Dixon, 22, a nephew of Earnestine Harper.

Police were called to the home at 6:55 a.m. Tuesday by a friend who had gone to check on the family. The bodies of Joanie Harper and her three children were found in a bedroom; Earnestine Harper was in another room.

Neighbors said the streets have been noisy with firecrackers for days because of the July 4 holiday so gunshots might have gone unnoticed.

The neighborhood has a reputation for gang activity, but friends and family described the family as active in the community and very religious.

The family was last seen found Tuesday, but police alive Sunday morning at church. They ordinarily attended both morning and afternoon services at the local Church of Christ, but didn't show up in the afternoon, Dixon said.

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Sec. 6,1,BBB&C.

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PD 9300'.

Democrats targeting GOP malpractice bill for defeat

WASHINGTON (AP) — White Housebacked legislation to put caps on damage awards in medical malpractice cases hangs in the balance in the Senate, targeted for defeat by a Democratic filibuster.

"It's absurd to suggest that \$250,000 is adequate for someone who is paralyzed for life," Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., said Tuesday on the eve of a showdown on

"This is the bill that the president will sign and will begin to make a difference in getting medical liability premiums down" countered Sen. Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., "which means that health care professionals will be available to provide health care for American citi-

The bill's supporters needed 60 votes to prevail, and GOP and Democratic aides alike predicted that wouldn't happen. Republicans also said they expected Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn., to remove the measure from the floor if it failed to overcome the Democratic delaying tactics.

The legislation proposed limiting non-economic damages, commonly known as pain and suffering, to \$250,000. Punitive damages would be capped at the greater of \$250,000 or twice the amount of economic damages, which cover medical expenses, loss of wages, funeral expenses and similar costs. States would be permitted to enact higher limits.

Additionally, the measure called for limit-

ing the amount of money attorneys could pocket if they work on a case on a contin-

From the start, the bill seemed unlikely to advance far.

Frist brought it to the floor without any committee hearings or debate — the type of tactic that Republicans sharply criticized when Democrats employed it in the 18 months they recently held the majority.

At its core, the bill marked a clash of special interests. The American Medical Association, American Insurers Association and the American Hospital Association, all of which donate millions to Republican causes, supported the measure.

Additionally, some Republican aides, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the party was hoping that advancing the legislation in Congress would repair relations with the AMA, frayed during a prolonged debate over patients rights legislation.

The Association of Trial Lawyers of America, which gives to Democrats, worked to defeat the measure.

The House passed similar legislation earlier this year, on a largely party-line vote.

McConnell and other Republicans relied repeatedly on AMA material during debate on the measure, using a map of the United States to identify states that the doctors' organization said were at or near a malpractice crisis.

Food labeling to encompass trans fat info

WASHINGTON (AP) -Until now, trans fat didn't get the attention its infamous cousin, saturated fat, earned through govemment warnings and labels.

That's about to change, now that the government is requiring food labels to reveal exact levels of the artery clogger.

Doughnuts, french fries, crackers and fried chicken are just some of the tasty foods that include trans fat. It's at least as dangerous to the heart as saturated fat.

Food and Drug Administration regulations to be unveiled Wednesday will require nutrition labels to include a new line listing the amount of trans fat in each food right under the amount of saturated fat, say consumer advocates and industry representatives familiar with FDA's decision.

Add the two lines together to learn the total of heart-risky fats in every serving.

"We're trying to make the consumer a lot smarter when they go and purchase foods to make sure that they look at the label and find foods that will not contribute to heart disease," Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson said Wednesday.

Food companies have begun reducing the amount of trans fat in foods and "the lower amount is just that much better," Thompson said on CBS's "The Early Show." He said 13 million Americans have heart disease and trans fat contributes to the

"It's a good first step," said Margo Wootan of the Center for Science in the Public Interest, which petitioned FDA 10 years ago to make the change. "People will be able to compare different products and determine which ones are worse for their hearts."

Wootan said the comparisons won't be easy: The labels won't tell consumers how much a candy bar or doughnut counts against their daily allotment of total unhealthy fat. Nor will they bear a message FDA debated this spring that trans fat consumption should be as low as possible.

In recent weeks, FDA Commissioner Mark McClellan has promised the change, first proposed in 1999. Agency offiwouldn't comment Tuesday.

The FDA has estimated that merely revealing trans fat content on labels would save between 2,000 and 5,600 lives a year, as people either chose healthier foods or manufacturers changed their recipes to leave out the damaging ingredient.

Food companies already are preparing. Frito-Lay has announced it is eliminating trans fat from its popular Doritos, Tostitos and Cheetos, and became the first major manufacturer to voluntarily begin adding trans fat content to the labels of other brands earlier this year.

Altrusa officers



Altrusa International Inc., of Pampa recently installed the following officers: (Left-right) Terri Williams, corresponding secretary; Billie Dixon, vice president; Darlene Birkes, director; Billie Sue Evans, president; Sue Baker, director; Chleo Worley, director; and Terry Gamblin, treasurer. Not pictured: Maxine Watson, recording secretary; Joan Gray, director, Anne Stobbe, immediate past president; Jeannie Mitchell, assistant treasurer; and Kadda Schale, parliamentarian.

Arizona raids put heat to motorcycle gangs

PHOENIX (AP) Hundreds of law enforcement officers fanned out across the state and arrested 30 people, including several associated with the Hells Angels motorcycle gang, authorities said. Charges included murder-forhire, drug trafficking and

weapons violations. Tuesday's raids yielded 560 illegal weapons, including silencers, pipe bombs, sawedoff shotguns and machine guns, along with ammunition, \$50,000 in cash and drugs, authorities said.

Officials declined to say whether those arrested were

 connected to a brawl more than a year ago at a casino in Laughlin, Nev. Two Hell's Angels and one Mongols motorcycle gang member were killed and at least 12 were hurt in the fight, which

remains under investigation. Agents with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms and a Phoenix police detective who infiltrated the Hells Angels motorcycle gang posing as recruits from Mexico took part in the twoyear investigation, said U.S. Attorney Paul Charlton.

More than 500 local and federal law enforcement offi-

cers executed 40 search warrants and had arrest warrants for 36 people, including 18 people associated with the Hells Angeles. Six remained at

Authorities conducted synchronized raids throughout the state as part of two separate investigations, said Harriet Bernick, spokeswoman for the U.S. Attorney's office. One involved members of the Hells Angels and their associates; the other focused on people suspected of firearms, explosives and narcotics violations and murder-for-hire, Bernick

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