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Lefors ISD board meeting set July 15

LEFORS — Lefors Independent School District Board of Education will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 15, in the high school library, 209 5th. Items listed on the agenda include oath of office for new board members and election of board officers. The board also plans to consider current billings and tax collections, hire a junior high girls coach/math teacher and hear the superintendent's report.

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Senate grapples with redistricting plan

AUSTIN (AP) — Drawing congressional districts that all 31 state senators can live with won't be easy. A House plan that would boost the GOP's strength in the Texas congressional delegation met sharp criticism from lawmakers in the upper chamber last week, and some of the harshest words came from Republicans. "I'm a 'no' on the House map I saw that map, and it stinks," said Sen. Kip Aventt, R-McGregor. "It decimates Central Texas ability to have congressional representation."

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Jury metes out 99-year sentence
DA says judgment sends 'clear message' to drug dealers

A seven-woman, five-man Gray County jury has sentenced a Pampa man to 99 years in prison as well as a \$10,000 fine for selling methamphetamine to an undercover officer. The only greater sentence that could have been assessed was life in prison, according to a news released from the 31st District Attorney Rick Roach. Monty Joe Kuykendall, 36, of Pampa, was charged by indictment in February 2002 with the first degree felony offense of delivery of methamphetamine over four grams but less than 200 grams. The charge was enhanced by a prior conviction of possession of a controlled substance out of

Potter County. He will be eligible for parole in 2028. "I am extremely pleased with the verdict," stated Roach. "I take no personal pleasure in a person being sent to the pen and their life being ruined. Nonetheless, we asked the jury for a severe sentence to send a clear message and they responded. "I believe the jury did the right and only appropriate action under the circumstances. They did what needed to be done to deter others from selling drugs and ruining lives. I believe the punishment fit the crime," he said in the release. Gray County Sheriff Don Copeland

and Chief Deputy Kelly Rushing today said that they took approximately 10 persons to court who decided to agree to plea bargains after hearing about the 99-year sentence. "One man agreed to a 25 year sentence," Sheriff Copeland said. Kuykendall was arrested shortly after the Gray County grand jury indicted him. The indictment resulted from an undercover operation by the Texas Department of Public Safety Narcotics Division headed by undercover operative Sgt. Joe Longway, now a lieutenant with the division stationed in Houston, according to the release. Lt. Longway testified in the trial

that he had learned through confidential sources that Kuykendall was selling large quantities of methamphetamine in the Pampa area. Longway met with Kuykendall and arranged to purchase the drug in a small amount at first and then progressively larger amounts, ultimately resulting in the purchase of three ounces of the drug for \$2,900 in Pampa. Kuykendall was not arrested at the time, according to the DVS office because the DPS narcotics division wanted to locate and arrest the main supplier. Longway arranged to purchase four ounces from Kuykendall who

County to meet Tuesday

On Tuesday, July 15, Gray County Commissioners plan to discuss the 2004 budget at their regular meeting in the county courtroom of the courthouse, 205 N. Russell. Commissioners also plan to hear an internal audit report and discuss the indigent burial policy at this meeting. Other items on the agenda include consideration of bids on tax property at 301-315 S. Ballard and 420 Lowry. The commission is scheduled to receive a report from the Personnel Policy Review Committee also. Financial matters to be covered in the meeting, in addition to the budget and internal audit report, are payment of bills and salaries, intrabudget transfer requests, and the county treasurer's

Lunchtime volunteers



Barry and Linda Haenisch, standing, and three Genesis House volunteers, seated left to right, Sam, Sharlie and Alice, serve lunches at the Pampa ISD Free Lunch in the Park Program. The Genesis House girls volunteer with the program twice a week. Haenisch is the new superintendent of schools and his wife Linda plans to teach Freshman English at Pampa High School this fall. Haenisch is to be guest speaker at the Pampa Chamber of Commerce July luncheon Tuesday at the Community Building, 200 N. Ballard. Reservations can be made by calling the Chamber, 669-3241.

Parade winners named

Here are the winners of the 2003 Pampa Texas Rodeo Parade Saturday. For photographs of the parade, see Page 8 of today's newspaper. Best Civic Club/Organization, Pampa High School Rodeo Club, first place, and Fellowship of Christian Cowboys, second place. Most Typical Ranch Entry, Larry Baker Carriage, first place, and GE Wagon & Pony, second place. Antique Tractor, Golden Spread Antique Machinery Club, first place, and Don Oltman of Amarillo, second place. Most Attractive Commercial Entry, Rheam's Diamond Shop, first place, and Jim's Tradin' City and Flea Market, second place. Best Riding Club, Khiva

Iraqi council to send delegation to U.N.
One U.S. soldier killed in rocket-propelled grenade attack

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — The new governing council voted Monday to send a delegation to the U.N. Security Council. Violence against U.S. forces erupted again in the capital, with one soldier killed in a rocket-propelled grenade attack. Thousands of people attended a ceremony in honor of the possible successor to the long-deposed Iraqi throne, Sharif Ali bin Hussein, who greeted well-wishers at his palatial headquarters.

The occasion was Revolution Day, the 45th anniversary of a bloody coup in 1958 when nationalists killed King Faisal II, Iraq's last monarch, provoking years of political unrest. The day had been celebrated under Saddam Hussein, but Monday was the first time monarchists in Baghdad were able to gather to mourn the king's assassination. In west Baghdad, one American soldier was killed and six wounded in the attack by insurgents who fired several

rocket-propelled grenades at the military convoy early Monday, said Spe. Giovanni I. Lorente, a military spokesman. Also Monday, the military said a marine in southern Iraq died in a non-hostile incident. The death brought to 32 the number of American soldiers killed in hostile action since President Bush declared an end to major fighting on May 1. Later Monday, an explosion destroyed an empty car in a parking lot used primarily by journalists to cover

events at the Baghdad Convention Center, near where the council had met earlier in the day and the site of most press conferences given by coalition officials. The car, a black four-wheel drive vehicle belonging to Tunisian embassy officials, was not occupied at the time, and there were no injuries, witnesses said. Security was tight after the blast. "I think it was a bomb," said Iraqi policeman Qasim Mohammed. "The

Tropical Storm Claudette heads for Texas coast

SOUTH PADRE ISLAND (AP) — Campers packed up to go inland. Surfiers headed out to ride the waves. All forecasters could do was simply keep watch on Tropical Storm Claudette as it lumbered toward Texas. The state coast from Port O'Connor, about 70 miles northeast of Corpus Christi, to Brownsville and south along

the Mexican coast to Rio San Fernando was under a hurricane watch early Monday. Landfall was projected in Willacy County, north of Brownsville, by late Tuesday afternoon. Early Monday, the center of Claudette was about 310 miles east-southeast of Corpus Christi, with maximum sustained wind blowing at 65

mph, 9 mph shy of hurricane strength. Some wind gusts, primarily to the east of the center, were up to 140 mph. Slow strengthening was expected and the storm had drifted to the northwest early Monday. It was moving about 6 mph. "The circulation is strengthening," meteorologist Jesse Haro said Sunday at the

National Weather Service in Brownsville. "That doesn't mean it's going to move any faster toward us, it simply means that it's becoming a stronger storm." Owners of about 900 recreational vehicles parked for the summer on South Padre Island were warned over the weekend that winds of more than 25 mph would mean they would not be allowed to drive their rigs across the sole bridge to the mainland. By Sunday, most of the campers had packed up voluntarily and left. Workers on South Padre, along the coast a few miles from Brownsville, piled sand into berms at beach accesses, and Mayor Bob Pinkerton said the resort community was



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Business Expo winner



(Courtesy photo)

Shirley Jernigan of the Chamber of Commerce presents Bob Moore of Waddell & Reed with \$500 in Pampa Bucks that he won during the Business Expo on Saturday, June 21st.

Business Expo PPD booth



(Courtesy photo)

The Pampa Police Department's baseball throwing booth was a big hit with the kids at the Business Expo on Saturday, June 21st.

Dear Members,

We are now into the second half of the year. Hard to believe! So far 2003 has been extremely active with a number of successful events.

Looking back to March we had a great chamber banquet with Thelma Bray and Mike Porter being named Citizens of the Year for 2002. The nearly 200 in attendance enjoyed an entertaining program from "The Cellular Cowboy," Kenneth Chambers, as well as an excellent meal at the Pampa Country Club.

The Chamber Retail Committee had another fantastic Pampa Partnership Golf tournament with more than 60 sponsors participating. This participation is great advertisement for the sponsors and is a big help to the Retail Committee in their efforts to promote many of our special events including the Business Expo, Christmas parade and additional retail oriented promotions. As always, the more than 100 golfers playing in the tournament enjoyed playing Saturday at Hidden Hills Golf Course and Sunday at Pampa Country Club Golf Course.

The next big event to roll around was the Chamber "Business Expo," held in June at the M.K. Brown Auditorium. What a success it was with more than 100 vendors and an estimated crowd of 3,000-plus in attendance. It's always great fun and gives everyone in Pampa and surrounding communities an opportunity to see much of what we have to offer in our local Pampa area. We can hardly wait until next year's Expo; it was that much fun and so needed.

The filming of the Travel Channel television program

"Discover America" could not have gone any better. We look forward to seeing the program in its finished state and feel strongly that it will open many eyes around the world to the beauty, history and almost infinite possibilities available in the Pampa area.

One of our favorite events is coming up this month, the Tri-State Seniors Golf Tournament. We will be greeting the golfers and their wives on Sunday, July 20, at the reception we hold for them each year. They enjoy their week in Pampa almost as much as we enjoy having them here each July. Please keep in mind that the "Country Fair" is coming up on Saturday, Oct. 18. We are already beginning to work on this great event and it will be here before we know it. If you can help in any way, please come by the office or give us a call. The "Country Fair" keeps your Chamber operating from year to year, so please help us make this year's the best ever. This year's "Country Fair" will be chaired by Chamber Chairman-elect Gladys Vanderpool of National Bank of Commerce.

December is only five months away, so start making plans for your entry in the Chamber Christmas Parade. It is always great to end the year with this community favorite.

There's still lots of fun work to do, so let's continue rolling.

Sincerely,

Clay Rice

Clay Rice
Executive Director
Pampa Chamber of Commerce

Upcoming Events

Be sure to attend these special upcoming events.

Saturday, July 19th

Las Pampas Koi and Water Garden Society Tour

Tickets will be available at the Pampa Chamber of

Commerce, 200 N. Ballard, and other locations around town.

Saturday & Sunday, August 2nd & 3rd

The Top of Texas Sheep Dog Trials at the Top O' Texas Rodeo Arena

For more information, call George Wallace at 665-5516 or Arnel Bryan at 665-354.

Saturday, July 26th
High Plains International Youth Art Festival

Venues:
The festival is from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the following

locations:
Woody Guthrie Music Center, 320 Cuyler, downtown Pampa; Art exhibits Miami Community Center, Main Street, downtown Miami; Art exhibits

More than \$1,000 in cash prizes for four judged categories:
age 5 and under, age 6-10, age 11-14, age 15-18

For more information or to register, visit http://www.pampastrIBUTE.org/art_festival.htm

Re-enactment at Stokes Ranch



(Courtesy photo)

Larry Ritter of Hereford, Texas, and Jesse Comacho of Pampa get ready for the Red River Indian War re-enactment at Stokes Ranch on Saturday, June 7th.

Chamber Monthly Luncheon

Tuesday, July 15, 2003 @ 11:45 a.m.

Speaker: Barry Haenisch, PISD Superintendent.

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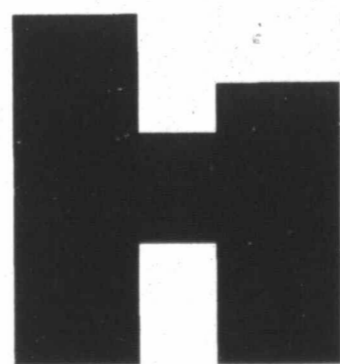
We had more than 100 exhibitors and approximately 3,000 visitors at the M.K. Brown Auditorium on Saturday, June 21, for the 4th annual Chamber of Commerce Business Expo.

We'd like to thank these businesses and individuals for their special help in making the Expo such a great success.

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DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

Girl Seeks A Way To Stay Stepfather's Heavy Hand

DEAR ABBY: How can I get my stepfather to stop hitting me? He's never caused permanent damage, but it hurts! I don't want my mom to know about it because she loves my stepdad. Plus, he supports my mother and me financially. Before Mom married him four years ago, we had to live with my grandparents because we had no money. Everything would be OK now if I could just find a way of making him stop hitting me. Do you have any suggestions?

SAD GIRL IN DENVER

DEAR SAD GIRL: Your stepfather should not be hitting you. Please tell your mother ASAP. You are being physically abused, and it must be stopped.

If your mother is unable to stop the abuse, call the Child-help USA National Child Abuse Hotline at (800) 422-4453 (800) 4-A-CHILD. Also, there is the Girls and Boys Town National Hotline at (800) 448-3000. Tell the counselor you talk to what you have written to me. All calls are confidential.

DEAR ABBY: After reading the letter from "Heartbroken in Texas," whose 16-year-old son committed suicide, I would like to share a story with a happier ending. "Heartbroken" couldn't understand why her son's friends didn't alert her.

Three years ago, when my son, "John," and his best friend, "Mike," were young teenagers, I overheard a disturbing phone conversation. My son was saying, "Mike, don't do this! In five or six years none of this stuff will mean anything to you. It will just be a memory!" Later, John came to me and said, "Mom, you have to help Mike. He's talking about committing suicide, and nothing I say seems to help. Last night, he put a rope around his neck to see how it feels."

Although my son had been "sworn to secrecy," he realized someone had to alert Mike's parents. I did — and soon Mike was in counseling and on anti-depressants. Mike is now a happy teenager with a bright future, and he and my son have an even stronger friendship.

I'm proud of my son for trusting me enough to confide in me so I could intervene. Troubled young

people tell their friends because they are reaching out for help. As long as parents have a history of trust and communication with their children, we will have more "happier endings."

THANKFUL MOM
IN MASSACHUSETTS

DEAR THANKFUL MOM: Congratulations on raising a son who knew that saving a life was more important than keeping a secret.

DEAR ABBY: I have seen articles that list questions a person should ask his or her partner before becoming engaged, to ensure a happy marriage.

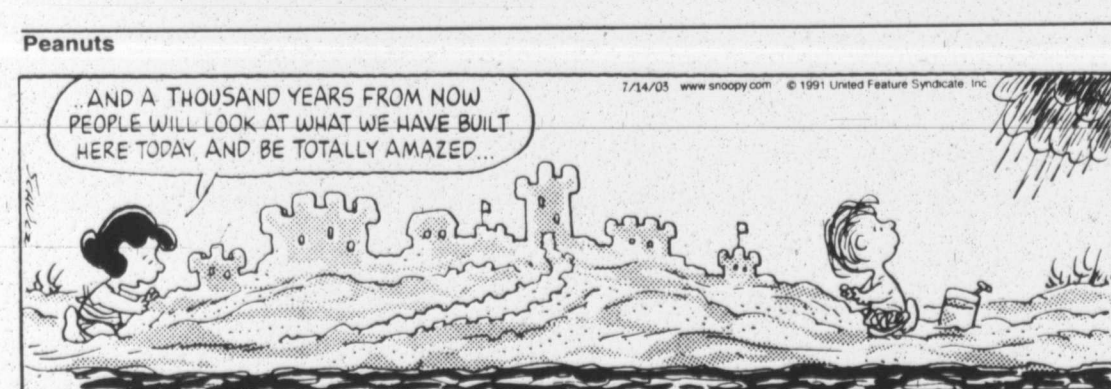
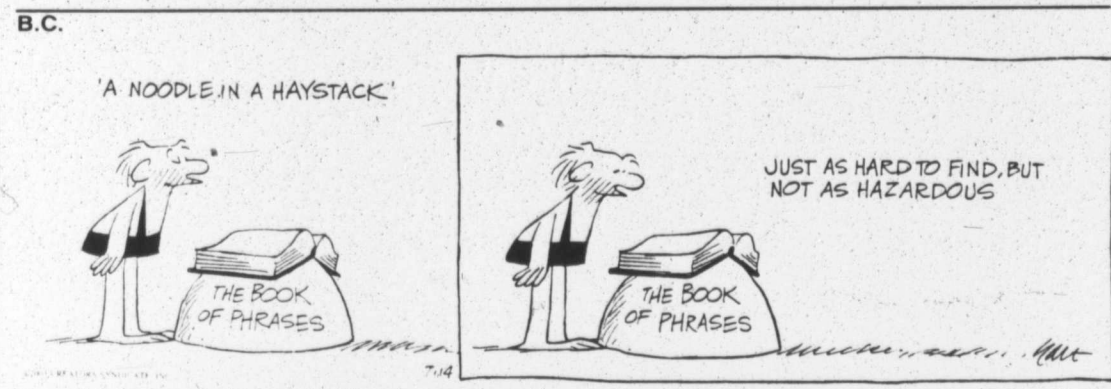
What do you think the most important questions are, Abby? YOUNG LADY WHO NEEDS TO KNOW IN MEMPHIS

DEAR YOUNG LADY: Topics to discuss should include:

1. Are you ready for a monogamous relationship?
 2. Are you both ready to establish a family independent of your parents?
 3. Are you both self-supporting and capable of supporting each other and any children that come along should the need arise?
 4. Are your philosophies about child-rearing and discipline similar?
 5. Are your career goals compatible?
 6. Do you think alike about sex, religion and politics?
- If the answers to the majority of these questions are "yes," then your marriage will probably endure with little conflict.

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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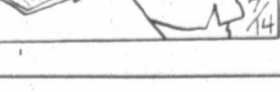
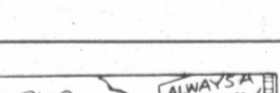
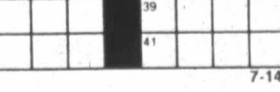
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explosion was very loud, and had it been a grenade, it wouldn't have been that powerful."

Mohammed said he believed the explosive device was thrown under the car shortly before it exploded.

The parking lot is about a quarter-mile from the site of the council meeting, which is in the same compound as the convention center.

The violence followed an apparent failed car-bombing Sunday night on a police station full of U.S. soldiers and Iraqi police, local police said.

A white Volkswagen was destroyed and a badly mangled and headless body lay nearby, said police Sgt. Adel Shakir. He said the body was thought to have been one of two men who were attempting to get the explosive-packed car near the station.

Also Sunday, at least one Iraqi was killed and five wounded in a shooting incident involving U.S. troops in Baqouba, north of the capital. The U.S. military said Monday that American soldiers opened fire after the car turned off its headlights and tried to run a checkpoint at about 11:20 p.m.

The Arabic-language Al-Jazeera television network quoted witnesses as saying the car was filled with a family on its way to a hospital. It said one child and an adult were killed in the shooting, and several others were wounded.

In Cairo, the Arab League chief showed little eagerness to embrace the new U.S.-backed governing council, reflecting wider Arab wariness about America's intentions in Iraq.

If the new council had been elected, Arab League Secretary-General Amr Moussa said in a statement released by the league Sunday night, "it would have gained much power and credibility."

The council, which was announced to the world on Sunday, will have real political muscle with the power to name ministers and approve the 2004 budget. Final control of Iraq still rests with L. Paul Bremer — the U.S. administrator of Iraq and a major architect of the council.

At the close of its first full day of business, the council voted to send a delegation to the U.N. Security Council that would "assert and emphasize the role of the governing council as a legitimate Iraqi body during this transitional period."

The governing council also formed three committees to outline an order of business for the coming weeks and work out organizational issues, said Hoshiyar Zebari, a spokesman for the council.

The council had planned to select a leader during Monday's session, but Zebari said that would be done later.

In a deeply symbolic first public action during its inaugural session Sunday, the governing council set April 9 as a national holiday and banned celebrations of six dates important to Saddam and his Baath Party.

The act was announced, significantly, by a prominent Shiite cleric. Shiites, long oppressed by Saddam, now dominate the 25-member council.

"The establishment of this council represents the Iraqi national will after the collapse of the dictatorial regime," said the cleric, Mohammed Bahr al-Uloum from the holy southern city of Najaf.

On the same day as the inauguration, U.S. forces launched their latest sweep in cities and towns of central Iraq, hunting for Saddam loyalists amid expectations of anti-U.S. attacks to mark a number of Baathist holidays this week.

The military on Monday said 226 people had been captured in the sweep, dubbed Operation Ivy Serpent. It said six former regime leaders were among them. None, however, appeared to be part of a list of 55 most wanted fugitives from the old regime. No Iraqi civilians or coalition troops have been killed in the operation.

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld warned Sunday that attacks on U.S. troops in Iraq may worsen this summer but he insisted that occupation forces there are making progress.

With the U.S. military still struggling on the security front, establishment of the council was a major political step, giving an Iraqi face to the U.S.-led occupation of the country. American administrators had changed plans several times in the past months; wavering over how much authority to give the new body, which fueled a feeling among many Iraqis that the Americans had come as colonizers, not liberators.

As the new members were introduced to the world at the Baghdad Convention Center, Bremer stood and applauded from the front row. But he made no comment, a move designed to lower the American profile.

Council member Adnan Pachachi, a former foreign minister, said he does not expect Bremer to veto council decisions and believed negotiations would settle all disputes.

Still to be seen is whether the council can convince the Iraqi people that it represents them, even though they never had a chance to vote on its members. Coalition leaders say an election in Iraq is not yet practical.

Images of the inauguration were broadcast live by Western and Arab satellite television, received in about 40 percent of homes in Baghdad. Council members sat in a semicircle of chairs on a stage before an audience of dignitaries.

Palestinian prisoners ask for release of taxi driver

JERUSALEM (AP) — Representatives of Palestinian prisoners jailed by Israel called for the release of an Israeli taxi driver feared kidnapped by militants, a gesture that could help shore up fragile peace moves.

Also Monday, a top leader of the Islamic militant group Hamas warned that any attempts to disarm it would bring a return to violent attacks on Israelis.

Two weeks of relative quiet have brought hopes that the 33-month Palestinian uprising may be winding down. But efforts to implement the U.S.-backed "road map" to peace and Palestinian statehood by 2005 are still mired in disagreements.

In London, British Foreign Secretary Jack Straw told Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon that Britain would continue to work with Yasser Arafat, despite Sharon's contention that Arafat should be removed from power, a British official said.

Sharon had been expected to urge Britain to sever ties with Arafat, whom Israel accuses of fomenting terrorism and impeding the efforts of his moderate premier, Mahmoud Abbas, to end the violence.

"Arafat should be removed from any position of influence," Sharon told the Fox News Network, blaming the longtime Palestinian leader for

the nearly three years of Mideast bloodshed.

Violence has decreased markedly since the main Palestinian militant groups declared a unilateral cease-fire on June 29, and Israel scaled back military action. But the militants warn the truce will collapse if Israel does not release some 7,000 Palestinian prisoners; Israel has agreed to free only several hundred.

Israeli officials have suggested that they are looking for ways to ease the prisoner crisis, and the statement by the prisoners was viewed as a gesture of good faith.

Orit Messer-Harel, spokeswoman for Israel's prison service, said the statement was released on Sunday by prisoner representative committees at the Ashkelon and Shatah prisons, which together contain hundreds of Palestinian inmates.

"We allowed the dissemination of this call because it helps peace," she said.

The statement calls for the release of 61-year-old Eliyahu Goral, whose cab was found abandoned and idling in an Arab section of Jerusalem on Friday.

No one has claimed responsibility for abducting Goral. Israeli officials fear he was kidnapped by militants hoping for a prisoner exchange. Palestinian security forces are helping Israeli troops search for the man.

On Monday, Israeli soldiers imposed a curfew in the West Bank city of Ramallah, which has been at the center of the search for Goral.

The prisoners' statement, which was issued by telephone to the media and other organizations, did not confirm that Goral was kidnapped.

Palestinian Minister for Prisoner Affairs Hisham Abdal Raziq said the statement "confirms the prisoners' belief that such actions (as kidnapping) only hurt the issue of releasing prisoners," and "confirms the firm commitment that prisoners have to

abiding by the cease-fire agreement."

He said the declaration was issued on behalf of prisoners from all political factions.

Since the truce was declared, Israel pulled out troops from parts of Gaza and the West Bank town of Bethlehem. It refuses to hand over more towns until the Palestinian Authority disarms militant groups.

Recent days have seen some signs of a nascent weapons-collection effort.

In Gaza, Palestinian security forces have confiscated illegal weapons and arrested several people in possession of unlicensed guns, a Palestinian security source said. The source said no particular militant group was targeted.

Abdel Aziz Rantisi, a top Hamas leader, said any attempts to disarm the group would scupper the truce.

"This is just a warning message to the Palestinian Authority that disarming the Palestinian fighters will lead to the end of the initiative declared," he said Monday in Gaza. "There is no one from the fighters of Hamas who has yet been disarmed."

On Sunday, Hamas and Islamic Jihad — the groups responsible for the majority of bombing and shooting attacks on Israelis — issued a joint statement that also warned that attempts to disarm the militants "might lead us to think seriously about going back on our initiative to suspend military operations."

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COUNTY

report. Possible consolidation of voting precincts and appointment of election judges are among the items listed on Tuesday's agenda.

Commissioners will also consider declaring the tire changing machine in Precinct 2 as surplus property and replacing the ice machine in Precinct 3.

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PARADE

Mule Skinners, first place; Hutchinson County Sheriff Posse, second place; and Sand & Sage Riding Club, Lefors, third place.

Classic Cars. Joan Smith, Pampa, first place; Danny Martin, Pampa, second place; and Kyle Hefner, White Deer, third place.

Winners may pick up trophies from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, at the rodeo office, 200 N. Ballard.

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STORM

bracing for high water. He said there were no plans yet to evacuate.

"We're scared of the storm surge," Joe Ramirez of Port Isabel told The Brownsville Herald in Monday's online edition. He had just brought a load of plywood to his home east of Brownsville, near South Padre Island.

Jim Campbell, a forecaster with the National Weather Service, said data buoys 200 miles offshore were picking up 10 feet swells occurring 11 seconds apart with swells closer to shore of 6 feet at 10 seconds apart Sunday night.

Campbell said the swells could lead to beach flooding and beach erosion. Forecasters warned about the rip currents, which could be dangerous for those trying to surf or swim. Advisories were already out to warn of dangerous surf conditions.

The U.S. Coast Guard said it was called in to search for 10 to 12 people who went out into the high seas at South Padre Island and got caught in strong currents. All were accounted for, including an 8-year-old girl on a boogie board who was carried down the beach more than a mile, said Petty Officer Third Class Andrew Kendrick.

He said beaches on the popular resort island were closed.

Kendrick said several of the Coast Guard's smaller boats, which can't handle the high seas, had been removed from the water in preparation for the storm.

Farther up the coast, lifeguards on Mustang Island near Corpus Christi were expected to be out earlier and stay later Monday. Police were to help make sure beachgoers knew of the dangers.

In the Corpus Christi area, city officials were concerned

with the potential for coastal and inland flooding. An extra highway lane was being opened on a causeway from Padre Island to Corpus Christi to speed up voluntary evacuations from the island.

The tropical storm swept over Mexico's resort city of Cancun early Friday, battering high-rise hotels with high wind, flooding several streets and closing the international airport for several hours.

Claudette is the third tropical storm of the Atlantic hurricane season. It developed Tuesday in the Caribbean, brushing Jamaica's southern coast with heavy rain and rough surf, battering the Cayman Islands with waves and above-normal tides and scattering rain over parts of Cuba before reaching Mexico.

Experts have predicted a busy Atlantic hurricane season, which began June 1 and ends Nov. 30.

Search continues for missing children

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — A man suspected of abducting his two children, who authorities now fear are dead, told his ex-wife shortly before they disappeared that he would not abide by a new custody arrangement, his ex-wife said in court records.

Authorities say accountant Manuel Gehring, 44, drove across the country starting July 4 or 5, possibly with his children. Court records say 14-year-old Sarah and 11-year-old Philip were in tears when they were last seen with their father leaving a July 4 fireworks show in Concord.

FBI agents and officials searched for the children Sunday without success and again Monday at points along Gehring's route between Concord and Gilroy, Calif., where Gehring was arrested Thursday.

New Hampshire Attorney

General Peter Heed declined to release further details about the search Monday, but in a brief interview, he said he held out little hope that Sarah and Philip would be found alive.

"Until we find bodies, you never say never. But, based on everything we know, our level of confidence that they are dead is very high," he said.

Prosecutors have said Gehring is the sole focus of the investigation.

Gehring, a naturalized citizen from Nicaragua, was out of work after finishing a year-and-a-half contract job with a Nashua firm last month, according to a petition for emergency custody of the children filed by his ex-wife, Teresa Knight, on July 7.

Gehring and Knight signed a mediated agreement on June 24 — the day they were supposed to go to trial over custody — that said Sarah and Philip would go to school in Concord, where their

father lived, but would spend two or three days and nights each week with their mother in Hillsboro.

After signing the agreement, Gehring "called (Knight) and advised her that he had no intention of following the agreement," according to her July 7 petition in Merrimack County Superior Court in Concord. Gehring "was very agitated and angry in his last telephone call with (Knight)."

Gehring was being held in California and was scheduled to appear in court Tuesday on charges of being a fugitive from justice. He was charged in New Hampshire last week with interference with child custody.

A woman who considered Gehring her closest friend and spoke to him every day said he was thrilled when Knight signed the agreement allowing Philip to go to school in Concord and spend about 60 percent of his time at his father's.

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SENTENCE

stated that that was not a problem because his supplier was selling pounds of the drug every week.

At the time of the last purchase in November 2001, Longway was directed to meet Kuykendall at Kuykendall's residence at 401 Hill in Pampa. Kuykendall delivered the drug to Longway who was parked in the street outside the residence in his undercover vehicle. When Longway weighed the baggie containing the meth, it was determined to be four grams less than three ounces, not the agreed-upon four ounces.

Kuykendall told Longway that all his sup-

plier had was three ounces. Longway agreed to purchase the three ounces, but said the weight must be correct. Kuykendall then took the baggie back into the house.

Prior to the transaction, an individual, later identified by Gwen Horton, Kuykendall's girlfriend, as Jarett Helton, arrived at the residence on a motorcycle and left after the drug deal was finished.

According to Horton's affidavit, Helton was the supplier of the drugs and had added a cutting agent to the drug to increase the weight to three ounces when it was brought back into the house by Kuykendall. Helton was never observed by undercover agents in possession of the drugs, according to Roach's release.

In a plea bargain arrangement, necessitated by the refusal of Kuykendall and Horton to testify regarding Helton's role in the transaction, Helton pleaded guilty to first degree felony delivery and was placed on 10 years probation.

Approximately 37 days after entering the guilty plea, Helton was arrested in Wheeler County for selling an automatic weapon and a stolen motorcycle to an undercover agent for \$3,700. He has since pleaded guilty to federal weapons charges and is currently awaiting sentencing by Judge Mary Lou Robinson in United States District Court, Roach said in the release.

A motion to revoke Helton's probation has

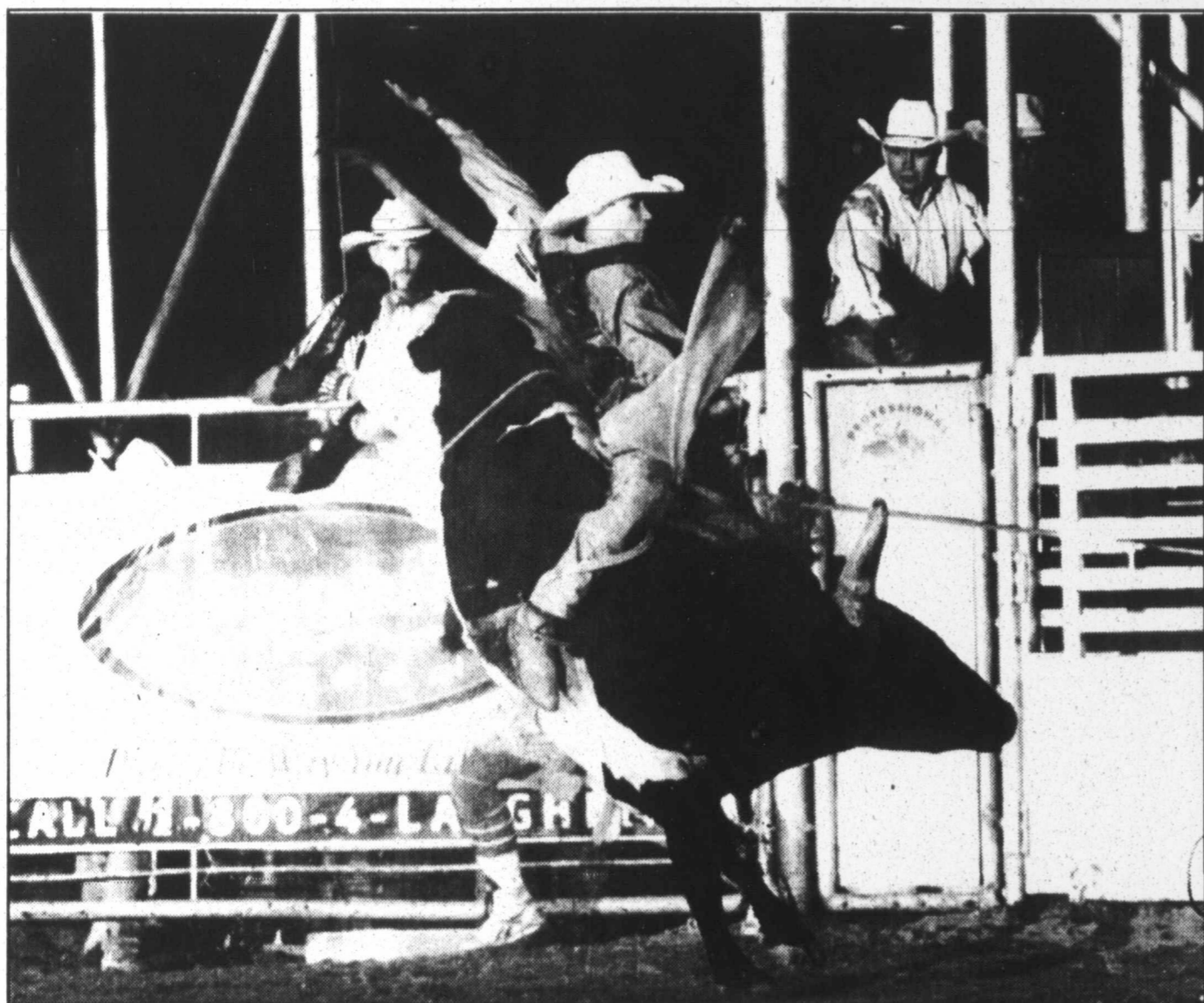
been filed by the 31st District Attorney's office and is pending. If Helton's probation is revoked, he could be sentenced by 31st District Judge Steven R. Emmert to any punishment within the penalty range of between five and 99 years or life in the penitentiary and a fine not to exceed \$10,000.

"I hope and pray that young people who are contemplating dealing or manufacturing drugs in the 31st District will take a stern warning from this," Roach said of Kuykendall's 99-year sentence. "If you deal or manufacture drugs in the 31st District, you will be caught and you will be sent to the penitentiary for a long time. It's that simple. Just don't do it."

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SPORTS

Winning ride



(Dudley Barker Photography)

Wheeler's Layne McCasland (above) won the bull riding event at the recent Reno Rodeo in Nevada to earn \$12,255. He rode Western Rodeo Company's Louisville Slugger for 87 points in the championship go-round. McCasland was the only bull rider to make a successful ride in the finals. It was the first pro rodeo victory for the 23-year old McCasland, who also received a set of Silver Spurs, the trophy presented to Reno Rodeo champions.

Phenoms, flops, fast starts highlight first half

CHICAGO (AP) — Bobby Cox was breezing out of town, and the Atlanta manager didn't mind leaving behind a bunch of his players.

Cox was headed for a three-day break. A half-dozen Braves were going crosstown for the All-Star game.

"The first part of the season has been terrific," Cox said Sunday night after the Braves boosted baseball's best record to 61-32 with a 7-2 win over Chicago at Wrigley Field.

All across the majors, there's been a lot to cheer so far. And along with those highlights, a fair amount of low points, too.

While fans have gotten to

see plenty of history — Roger Clemens earning his 300th win, Sammy Sosa and Rafael Palmeiro hitting their 500th home runs, six Houston pitchers combining on the first no-hitter against the Yankees since 1958 — no one has been as fun to watch as Dontrelle Willis.

The Florida phenom known for his unusual windup high-kicked his way out at Olympic Stadium right after beating Montreal on Sunday.

At 9-1 with a 2.08 ERA, the 21-year-old lefty had a place to be — his first All-Star game.

"Dontrelle is a great pitcher," said his catcher, 10-time All-Star Ivan Rodriguez. "He got his ninth

win of the first half and that's why he's in Chicago."

Seeing a rookie who was in Double-A only two months ago climb so fast has been among the most surprising stories this year. So was the fast start by the Kansas City Royals.

And so was the emergence of journeyman Esteban Loaiza. He's already matched his career high with 11 wins for White Sox and is a good bet to start at his home park against San Francisco's Jason Schmidt in the showcase Tuesday night.

"I never thought I would make it," Loaiza said.

Clemens, Sosa and Palmeiro will be absent, however. Sosa, the most popular player in Chicago and

perhaps in the majors, didn't win a starting spot in fan voting and his fellow ballplayers didn't pick him, either.

Chances are, a corked bat cost him. Slammin' Sammy was suspended for seven games after getting caught — since returning June 18, he's gone wild in hitting 12 home runs.

The episode was among many things fans probably never thought they'd see.

An umpire attacked at U.S. Cellular Field, site of the All-Star game. A camera — part of the Questec system that many umpires and pitchers dislike — clubbed by Curt Schilling. Then, that Italian sausage toppled by Randall Simon's two-handed chop.

Royals complete sweep of Rangers

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Darrell May didn't have a win to show for his first 16 appearances this season. Now the left-hander has won four straight starts for first-place Kansas City.

May pitched five innings as Kansas City beat the Rangers 8-2 Sunday night, completing its first three-game sweep at Texas since 1980 in the final game before the All-Star break.

"I kept saying that's just the way baseball is, things will turn around sooner or later," said May, 0-4 with a 4.18 ERA in his first 16 games. "You've just got to have faith to do it, and sure enough it has."

May (4-4) gave up one run on seven hits over five innings. The left-hander has a 1.61 ERA, allowing just five runs over 28 innings during his winning streak.

The Royals (51-41) are the first team to follow a 100-loss season with 50 wins by the break. They lead the AL Central by seven games over the Chicago White Sox, their largest division lead since 1980, when they won the West by 13 games.

"We had a good spring training and we felt good

coming into the season, but who would have thought this," May said. "It hasn't been one person, it's been everybody."

Seldom-used infielder, Julis Matos was 3-for-5, including a two-run homer that started the scoring. Angel Berroa had a two-run homer and Carlos Beltran had two RBI singles.

Matos homered with one out in the third. Beltran followed with a single and scored on Ken Harvey's single one out later. Berroa then hit a liner that just cleared the wall in left for his ninth homer, giving Kansas City a 5-0 lead.

Manager Tony Pena put Matos in the starting lineup for only the third time since he was recalled from the minors July 3. Then Pena half-jokingly predicted that the third baseman would get three hits.

"He must know what he's doing," said Matos, who didn't know of the prediction until after the game. "I knew I was just going to try to help my team win."

Tony Mounce (1-3), one of six rookies on Texas' roster, gave up six runs on eight hits in four innings.

Stone claims Pampa Country Club Men's Golf Championship

PAMPA — Cory Stone shot a two-round score of 140 to win this year's Pampa Country Club Men's Championship.

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1. J.C. Beyer 170; 2. Ronnie Loter 174.

Low Net
1. Richard Stowers 179; 2. Pete Denney 202.

Ladies Club championship

Low Gross
Joyce Swope 166.

Low Net
Sue Winborn 175.

Astros' Wagner picks up 25th save in win over Pirates

HOUSTON (AP) — Billy Wagner thinks someone might be tinkering with Minute Maid Park's radar gun.

The Houston closer was clocked at 101 mph as he struck out Reggie Sanders to start a perfect ninth inning Sunday in the Astros' 5-2 victory over the Pittsburgh Pirates.

"I don't know about that meter," Wagner said. "I think the thing is turned up when I come in. It doesn't feel like I'm

throwing that hard. I know a few hitters certainly have managed to time it this year."

Not on Sunday, Wagner retired the side on just eight pitches for his 25th save, the most he's ever had at the All-Star break.

His single-season high is 39, in 1999 and 2001.

Starter Tim Lincecum (6-8) scattered five hits in winning his second straight start.

Redding left after a leadoff

single by Randall Simon in the seventh, and the bullpen took it from there. Brad Lidge pitched a scoreless seventh, and Octavio Dotel gave up a two-run homer to Aramis Ramirez in the eighth.

Once Wagner took the mound in the ninth, with Houston up 5-2, Redding figured the win was secure.

"He sure makes it easier for starters like me," Redding said. "You just know that 99.9 per-

cent of the time you have a chance of winning when he comes in behind you."

Flashback

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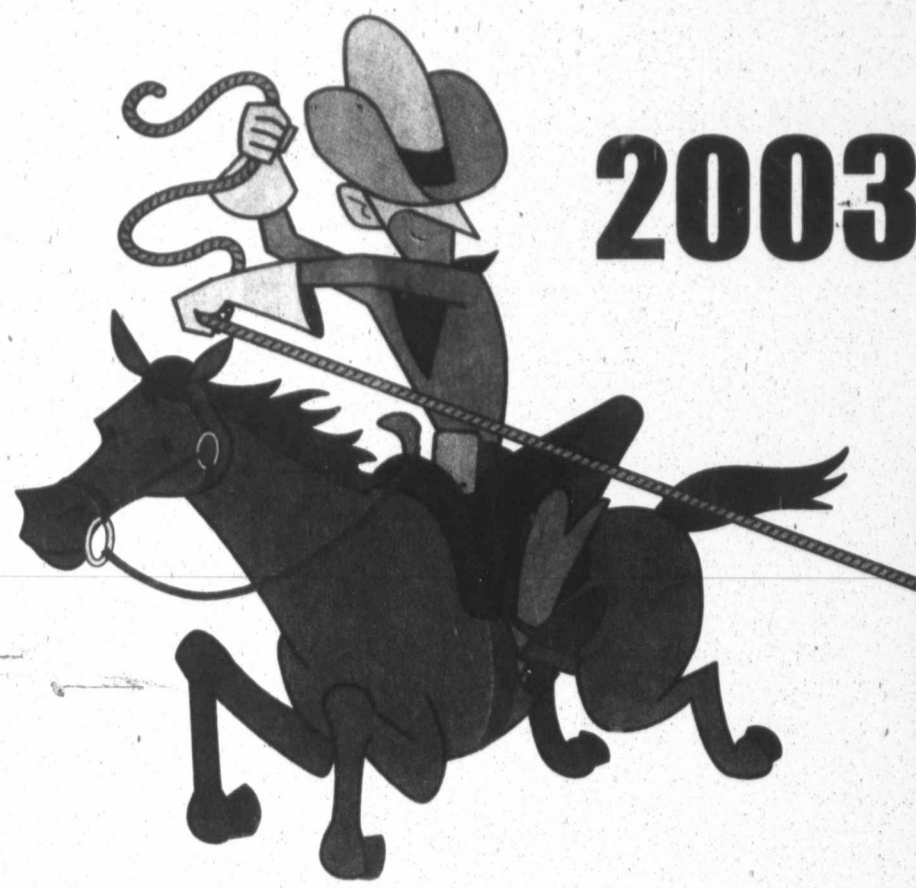
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