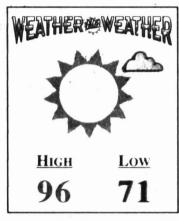
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LOCAL 'At The Bunkhouse' to benefit ACS

AMARILLO — The Big Texan Steak Ranch in Amarillo will be hosting "At The Bunkhouse" with national recording artist R.W. Hampton and local recording artist Palo Duro from 7- until 10 p.m., Friday, July 18. Proceeds from the event will benefit West Quest Cowboy Cancer Crusade for American Cancer Society. Reservations can be made by calling (806) 372-6000.

OTTERY

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Wednesday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 4-10-11-26-40. Bonus Ball: 44. Number matching five of

five, plus Bonus Ball: none. Number matching five of

five: 1. Prize: \$47,436. Number matching four of five, plus Bonus Ball: 37. Prize: \$1,163.

Number matching four of five: 920. Prize: \$100. Estimated Jackpo for

Bond set at \$500,000 in murder case

By DEE DEE LARAMORE Ridenour's apartment at 1031 EDITOR

wheels of justice begin to turn according to police reports. in the tragic death Tuesday of The gun failed to fire and after a 48-year-old Pampa woman. a brief stand-off and negotia-

66, remained in Gray County custody without further inci-Jail today after Justice of the dent, police said. Peace Joe Martinez set bond at \$500,000 on a charge of first was Fritz's boyfriend for the degree murder. Ridenour is past six months, today objectcharged in connection with the ed to Ridenour being characshooting death of Evarene terized as the woman's former "Eva" Williamson Fritz boyfriend. Tuesday night in her apartment at 1200 N. Wells.

cate Fritz died of two gunthe autopsy in Lubbock on ago Wednesday.

wounds.

time if the .357 revolver recovered when Ridenour was he said. "I had a key to her arrested was the weapon used apartment to check on her in the murder, Brown said. When officers entered

money scam.

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an area code of 215.

address and use the victim's

N. Sumner, the man was holding the gun to his head and As friends mourn, the repeatedly pulling the trigger, Joseph Landon Ridenour, tions, Ridenour was taken into

Jerry Rogers, who said he

"She shucked him a long time ago," Rogers said. "She Initial autopsy results indi- just couldn't get rid of him.

"I was with her the last shots, one to the neck, the time she told him to leave and other to the chest, Pampa never come back," he said, Police Det. Donny Brown said adding that that incident this morning. Brown attended occurred about two weeks

Rogers, who lives several "Either one could have apartments down from Fritz at been fatal." Brown said of the the complex, said he found her body Tuesday night when he Police do not know at this checked on her after work.

> "She was dying of cancer," because of her health."

(See MURDER, Page 3)



(Pampa News photo by David Bowser)

John R. Spearman, a member of the Panhandle Ground Water Conservation District board of directors, talks this morning about possible changes in the water district rules that might streamline the pumping application process in the future.

Water permits tabled Conservation District holds 133 individual applications while group gathers more info **By DAVID BOWSER**

STAFF WRITER

100 applications for high impact pumping permits

Panhandle Ground Water Conservation least a half mile from a property line. District, said the district had received 133 individual applications from landowners with smaller parcels of land, Williams explained. acreages ranging from 11 to 12,160 acres in could not meet the half mile offset requirement. Roberts and Gray counties.

requirements set down by state law and the rules of the water district

The basis of the those regulations is the WHITE DEER - Panhandle Ground Water 50/50 rule. Fifty percent of the water in storage Conservation District today tabled more than in the aquifer beneath the district as of 1998 must remain at the end of 50 years.

To help protect neighboring properties, the C.E. Williams, general manager of the district also insists that each well has to be at

Some of the individual applicants with Williams said, however, that if the smaller While a majority of the applications are for acreages could be combined, some of them

Saturday night drawing. \$32 million.

DEATHS

Ardie Pauline Martin, 96, homemaker.

Earl Lewis Musgrave, 69, Korean Conflict veteran.

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of possible money scam

Police advise residents

Det. Connie Lockridge of is owed and/or past due. Pampa Police Department This is an attempt to obtain advises residents to be money from an "unsuspectaware of, and to take pre- ing spouse" or other family cautions against, a possible member, police said.

The caller may also call Individuals involved in during late or early morning the scam know the resi- hours to further catch the dent's name, spouse's name, resident off guard.

People receiving such home phone number to calls are cautioned against sending any money until The calls may be placed obtaining confirmation that from a cellular phone with another family member has in fact agreed to an E-Bay The caller will claim that purchase.

the spouse of the person For more information, they contact has ordered contact the police departfrom E-Bay and the money ment at 669-5700.

property in Roberts County, about 20 sections lie in northern Gray County, east of Pampa.

The applicants are part of what has become landowners. known as the Nickum-Hale group, a collection of individual landowners who have expressed an interest in selling the water beneath their properties for export out of the district.

At the request of the group, the PGWCD board tabled the applications for 60 days, until the group could gather information to complete their applications.

applications.

At an informational meeting at the Miami school Wednesday night, Williams explained to information, he said. some 60 people who came that the water diswho want to sell their water have to meet

might be able to comply with the offset rule. but that would have to be the decision of the

Williams said that he had been told by several of the applicants that they want only what Mesa Water, the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority and the City of Amarillo have in the way of permits.

Those three entities which already hold high impact pumping permits from the water district, Williams said, have gone through the per-They also approved a request by Mike mitting process and provided required docu-Jackson, representing Mesa Water, to include mentation and information. Many of the 133 19 parcels of land to which Mesa holds options applicants, he said, had only provided their for review with the Nickum-Hale group's names and locations on their applications for pumping permits.

The applications presently lack essential

CRMWA, which is already pumping in trict could not, and had no plans to, prevent Roberts County, and the City of Amarillo, landowners from selling their water, but those which is not expected to begin pumping for

(See WATER, Page 3)

Lake Meredith chloride levels highest ever

By BETSY BLANEY ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

to drink — unless it's blended.

Little rainfall and evaporation from couple of years. the heat and wind are the culprits for Canadian River Municipal Water per million. Authority.

coming into the lake, then you're lion, the level is not dangerous to conleaving the minerals and taking out of sumers, state environmental officials the water." Satterwhite said. "If we said; it only affects the taste. didn't have the groundwater project.

we'd be hurting."

Panhandle's Lake Meredith in its more than 80 feet, stretching the lake Levelland. nearly 40-year history is making the to about 10,000 acres. Currently, the

the bad lake water, said Kent per million, with the state limit for a bring the level to 259 parts per mil- spokeswoman for the lake. On Satterwhite, general manager for the superior water rating set at 300 parts lion.

"When you don't have anything slightly more than 300 parts per mil-

The water authority serves about

Plainview, which is near the end of equals 325.851 gallons. water brackish — too salty for many lake is about 7,500 acres with most of the water authority's pipeline, is the reduction happening in the past receiving water that contains a chlo- as 2 inches a day because of the windy ride level of 364 parts per million. It is and hot weather, said Rhonda Terry, a The chloride level is at 520 parts' blending in its own well water to National Park Service ranger and

> Even if drinking water contains plaints of a chloride or salty taste to 66.11, she said. our water," said Elizabeth Regner, Plainview's assistant city manager.

> > Since the well field in Roberts County tions than normal.

500,000 people in 11 member com- came online in December 2001, the The lake, completed in 1965, was munities in the Panhandle and South authority has used less of the lake designed to be 100 feet deep and has Plains - Pampa, Borger, Amarillo, water. In 2002, about 60,000 acre feet The water may be safe to drink, but reached that depth only once in 1973. Plainview, Lubbock, Slaton, Tahoka, were pulled from the lake. Before the highest chloride levels in the Occasionally, it has reached depths of O'Donnell, Lamesa, Brownfield and that, the authority took as many as 85,000 acre feet per year. An acre foot

> The lake's level can drop as much Tuesday, the lake's level was 65.51 "We have not received any com- feet, down from late June when it was

Rains during June helped some, Terry said, but she expects levels will Meredith Lake provides as much as continue to drop. The extended fore-60 percent of the authority's water. cast calls for hotter and drier condi-

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ON RECORD

POLICE

following arrests and incidents.

Wednesday, July 16

A 14-year-old runaway was reported in the driver's license. 200 block of Miami.

Harassment was reported in the 1800 block of arrested for criminal mischief. North Wells.

City of Pampa reported theft of water service in the 1400 block of South Barnes.

Possession of drug paraphernalia was reported in the 1300 block of Garland.

An information report was taken in the 600 block of North Dwight

Harassment was reported in the 800 block of North Nelson.

Someone punctured a pool in the 900 block of South Hobart

Bobby Ladell Dorsey, 40, 1041 Prairie Dr.,

Pampa Police Department today reported the was arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia. Kevin Dwayne Nickelberry, 34, 1140 Terrace, was arrested on a Carson County warrant for no

Jessica Kay Delatorre, 18, 1329 Garland, was

Thursday, July 17

Police investigated an unattended death in the 1000 block of North Sumner.

Aggravated assault with a deadly weapon was reported in the 600 block of North Dwight. Police are investigating. No arrests had been made by press time.

Kristi Michelle McDonald, 23, 628 N Dwight, was arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia, and Texas Department of Public Safety warrants for no driver's license, child not secure, and failure to appear.

OBITUARIES

SERVICES TOMORROW

MARTIN, Ardie Pauline — 2:30 p.m., Wheeler Church of Christ, Wheeler.

ARDIE PAULINE MARTIN

1907-2003

She was a member of Wheeler Church of WHEELER — Ardie Pauline Martin, 96, died Wednesday, July 16, 2003. Services will Christ. be at 2:30 p.m., Friday, in Wheeler Church of

son, Louis; a great-grandson; a great-granddaughter; four brothers; and three sisters.

of Farmington, N.M., Bob Martin of Wheeler; a daughter, Ida Mae Goad of Wheeler; eight grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Parkview Assisted Living Center in Wheeler or to High Plains Childrens Home in Amarillo.

EARL LEWIS MUSGRAVE

Earl Lewis Musgrave, 69. of Pampa, Texas, died Thursday, July 17, 2003, at Pampa. Services are pending under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Christ with Dr. Shawn Johnson, minister, offi-

clating. Burial will be in Wheeler Cemetery

Mrs. Martin was born May 4, 1907, at

Morgan Mill, Texas, to Louis and Annie Miller

Sivage. Her family moved to Wheeler County

by covered wagon in 1922 and attended Corn

She married Pyrmon A. Martin on Aug. 7,

Valley School.

1925, at Corn Valley.

under the direction of Wright Funeral Home.

Mr. Musgrave was born Jan. 28, 1934, in Skellytown and was a 1952 graduate of Pampa High School. He worked for Cabot, IRI, and National Oilwell for 32 years. Since retiring. he had been a part-time employee at Wal-Mart.

He married Melba Maynard on Dec. 11, 1953. in Pampa.

She was preceded in death by husband; a

Survivors include two sons, Happy Martin

1934-2003

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving during the Korean Conflict.

Survivors include his wife, Melba Musgrave, of the home; a son, Tony Musgrave of New Braunfels; his mother, Mary Musgrave of Pampa; a sister, Jean Sperry of Pampa; two brothers, Paul Musgrave and Howard Musgrave, both of Pampa; and a granddaughter, Raelyn Musgrave of New Braunfels.

-Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichael-whatley.com.

FIRE

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

Wednesday, July 16

9:13 a.m. - One unit and three firefighters presented a fire safety program at Gymnastics of Pampa.

3:04 p.m. - A booster and three firefighters responded to a vehicle fire 9-miles east on Highway 60. The call was canceled en route.

Thursday, July 17

2:14 a.m. - One unit and three firefighters responded to the 1000 block of Sumner on a call for medical assistance.

AMBULANCE

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

Wednesday, July 16

3:30 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1400 block of West Somerville and transported a patient to BSA Hospice in Amarillo. 4:14 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to

the 600 block of North Christy and transported one to Pampa Regional Medical Center. 6:51 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1600 block of Somerville and transported

Thursday, July 17

The forecast today is calling

for mostly sunny skies, highs

in the mid 90s and light and

variable winds, shifting to the

south 10 to 20 mph in the after-

noon. Tonight should see clear

skies with lows in the lower

70s and southwest winds 5 to

15 mph. Friday should be

mostly sunny. Highs in the

upper 90s. Southwest winds 5

to 15 mph. Friday night, clear.

Lows in the lower 70s.

one to PRMC.

2:08 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1000 block of North Sumner. No transport.

WEATHER FOCUS

PAMPA

Southwest winds 5 to 15 mph. Saturday, mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 90s. Northwest winds 5 to 15 mph becoming light and variable. Saturday night, clear. Lows in the upper 60s. Sunday, mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 90s. Sunday night, partly cloudy. Slight chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 70s. Chance of rain 20 percent. Monday, partly cloudy. Slight Highs in the upper 80s.

In West Texas, rain is possi-

STATEWIDE

The state will be clear to partover an inch and a half. ly cloudy and hot through the weekend, with chances of rain ble today in the Trans Pecos and

SHERIFF

Gray County Sheriff's Office today reported the following arrests.

Wednesday, July 16

Jeffrey Paul Gugenheim, 36, Amarillo, was arrested on grand jury indictments for possession or transport of certain chemicals with intent to manufacture a controlled substance - enhanced, and a bond surrender for tampering or forgery of a government record.

Valerie C. Cole, 43, Amarillo, was taken into custody to serve a prison sentence for aggravated robbery.

Tighe Allen Brown, 19, Odessa, was arrested on a violation of probation for forgery.

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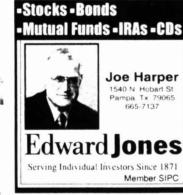
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in north and south Texas. The further east, generally south of Ifar west may also see rain.

High temperatures will be mostly in the low to mid 90s in South Texas and mid to upper 90s elsewhere. North Texas and southern West Texas may top 00 this weekend.

Houston recorded over an nch and a half of rain to lead the state Tuesday. Dryden, in southern West Texas, also recorded



except the west, where some areas will only see highs in the 80s. This weekend the far west may see isolated storms, but the rest of the region should be free of rain. Highs this weekend will be in the mid to upper 90s, slightly cooler on Monday.

The South Texas forecast calls for possible scattered and isolated rain through early next week. South Central Texas should be free of rain by Saturday, however. Storms may be severe, with brief heavy downpours. Rains today may create isolated flash flooding due to saturated ground. Partly cloudy skies are forecast through the weekend, with highs in the low to mid 90s

Briefs 20. Highs will be in the low to mid 90s over the region today

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DANCE, MOOSE Lodge, Sat., July 19th, 9 p.m. "Indian Summer Dance Band."

KAREN'S KITCHEN, 716 W. Foster, Thurs. 5-8 p.m. Mexican casserole, chicken enchiladas, ch. fr. steak, fried Polish.

OPEN HOUSE - Genesis House Residential Adolescent Treatment Facility, 615 W. Buckler Ave., Tues., July 22, 3 p.m.-5p.m.

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Morales pleads guilty to two federal charges

BY KELLEY SHANNON ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

AUSTIN (AP) - Former Texas Attorney cursed him. General Dan Morales entered a guilty plea in federal court Thursday to two counts including mail fraud and a tax-related charge.

Morales, 46, had pleaded innocent in April to charges that he and Marc Murr, a friend, tried to obtain hundreds of millions of dollars in legal fees for Murr resulting from the state's industry in 1998.

Attorney Johnny Sutton.

dismissed, Fields said.

release Morales on bond pending sentencing.

"It has been a difficult three weeks." Morales said as he emerged from the federal to appoint a public defender. He had previouscourthouse. "It's been horrible for me to be ly been free on a personal recognizance bond. away from my wife and kids."

court in October.

well as can be expected."

As he was getting into a car to drive away

with his lawyers, a passer-by shouted and Morales pleaded guilty to filing a false income tax return for 1998 that understated

his income. He also pleaded guilty to mail fraud in connection with documents he shipped to San Francisco related to arbitration over legal fees in the state's tobacco case.

A 12-count indictment also had alleged that \$17.3 billion settlement with the tobacco in 1998 Morales contracted to buy a \$775.000 house in Travis County and used \$400,000 in Morales has agreed to a four-year prison campaign funds for the purchase and home term, which has to be accepted by a federal improvements. He was accused of making judge, said Daryl Fields, a spokesman for U.S. false statements to get a \$600,000 mortgage.

Morales did not enter a plea on that charge, All other counts against Morales would be which is one of those that is to be dismissed.

Morales was jailed in June while awaiting U.S. District Judge Sam Sparks agreed to trial after prosecutors said he gave conflicting information on car applications and sworn financial statements when he asked the court "This is beyond stupidity," Sparks said

Morales was elected attorney general in

South, North Korean soldiers exchange fire

soldiers briefly mism about diplomatic efforts

heavily the Demilitarized Zone, or DMZ,

tapered off in recent years. The

THE PAMPA NEWS - THURSDAY, JULY 17, 2003 - 3 **Texans clean up after Claudette**

SURFSIDE BEACH (AP) decades-old bulkhead that prefor a ladder so they could get high tide, it's maybe 20-25 suffered severe, perhaps perback into the beach house to yards." retrieve their belongings and a refrigerator full of food, items tinued to lap at the bulkhead they had stowed the day before Hurricane Claudette

forced their evacuation and began. The ladder was needed to normal.

because Claudette decimated the stairway on the house, which like all the homes along the event of high surf such as shelter in Port Lavaca, the 9-foot waves that accom-

that was missing.

Smith said, peering over the residents Wednesday night.

As he spoke, the Gulf con-West Texas, and he wondered

storm zone for the first time

Officials worried that - Dr. Hubert Smith and his vented crashing waves from beaches far from where wife, Leanne, waited patiently doing even more damage. "At Claudette's eye came ashore manent, erosion damage from jackhammering waves. Surfside Beach is 60 miles up even though Claudette was the coast from Palacios, drifting over Mexico and far approximately where the storm center first touched another 60 miles northward to

> Unlike most of the Texas ties are lined with front-row years.



ended their vacation as it how much beach would land, and further beach damremain once the seas returned age might have happened Gov. Rick Perry visited the Bolivar Peninsula. Thursday, stopping at an ele- coastline, many beaches of the beach is built on piers in mentary school serving as a Brazoria and Galveston coun-

"I'm committed to doing homes just behind the dunes. panied the hurricane Tuesday. everything we can to provide Under the recently modified As the 65-year-old Houston the resources, first and fore- Texas Open Beaches Act, physician waited for his step- most to clean up and then to once the vegetation line at the son to bring the ladder, he rebuild and make a full recov- back of a beach moves behind pointed out something else ery," Perry said, surrounded a structure because of erosion, by state officials and relief the General Land Office con-"At low tide, the beach workers, at Jackson-Roosevelt demns the property if dune goes out about 50 yards. Elementary School, which grasses don't start returning in About half a football field," housed 68 Port Lavaca-area the front of it within two

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TEXAS EDITORIAL Partisan politics place rural areas concerns at risk

From the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal:

After observing what has taken place in the state capitol in Austin since June 30, it's not an overstatement to say that the future of the rural areas, including West Texas, is at stake.

Gov. Rick Perry, a Republican who was thought to have deep roots in West Texas, called the Texas Legislature back into special session on June 30 with specific instructions to redraw the lines for the 32 Texas congressional districts in the United States House of Representatives.

A three-judge federal panel had drawn the current mapbeing used to determine the Texas districts because the Legislature in 2001 had not been able to reach an agreement on how to redistrict the state following the 2000 Census.

While most Texans don't approve of federal judges telling them how to run their business, there had been little concern from the public about how the court had drawn the map.

The only people visibly upset were a few Republicans

THE Pampa Don't bulldoze ethics, beliefs

"Ultra-conservative lawmakers are now trying to use the current special session of the Texas legislature to attack the LGBT community," so says a press release furnished to The News by Lesbian/Gay Rights Lobby of Texas.

The lawmaker LGRL refers to, of course, is State Rep. Warren Chisum and his efforts in filing House Resolution 6 (HRC 6), a resolution imploring Congress to construct laws to protect the universally-accepted union between a man and a woman.

LGBT evidently perceives any opposition to the gay/lesbian worldview as "discrimination" and views mainstream Christianity with contempt.

"The religious right is reacting to the monumental Supreme Court decision at the end of June. The government can no longer use sodomy laws to justify discrimination against LGBT," the press release quotes Randall Ellis, executive director of LGRL of Texas, as saying. "This resolution is nothing more than an



attempt to scare Texans with anti-gay rhetoric."

And this quote is obviously nothing more than an attempt to scare those Texans who still hold the age-old institution of marriage dear into kowtowing to LGBT's single-minded agenda.

With the Canadian government's recent decision to recognize gay/lesbian unions, LGBT is experiencing the heady rush of victory and senses the United States will be the next to topple to overwhelming pressure applied by it and similar groups. Thus the dumbing-down of standards continues in the name of "tolerance" and "sensitivity."

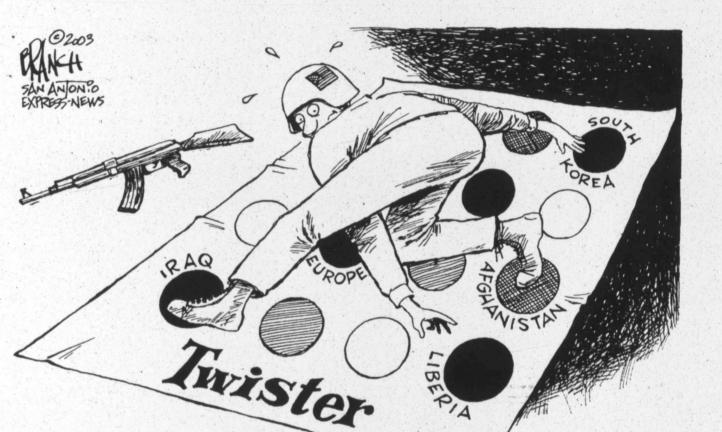
"Surely Texas lawmakers have better basic truths.

things to do than waste their time with this resolution," another quote by Ellis. lifted from the release said. "We are all aware of Mr. Chisum's stance on equality and fairness. We do not need this resolution to clarify his position. The only thing this resolution does is to perpetuate, homophobia in Texas."

In other words, if you or your legislator disagree with LGBT's stance on what exactly constitutes "marriage," LGBT takes it as a personal attack and not as a genuine difference in ideology.

It is heresy and "persecution" for any individual to hold moral convictions as espoused by the Bible, a text viewed, no doubt, by LGBT members as so much out-dated propaganda.

The ethics and beliefs that founded this nation are being bulldozed in the mad rush to an anything-goes-society where tolerance and sensitivity exist for everyone except for those who still believe in the Ten Commandments and a few other





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Washington, mainly House Majority Leader Tom DeLay of Sugar Land, and Texas House Speaker Tom Craddick, R-Midland, and Mr. Perry.

It seems that Texans are not sending enough Republicans to Washington to satisfy Mr. DeLay. In May, Mr. DeLay tried to work his will on the Texas Legislature, but most Democrat members of the House bolted to Ardmore, Okla., until it was too late to redistrict during the regular session.

In late June, members of the Texas House and Senate held hearings across the state, including Lubbock, in preparation for the called session.

What they heard overwhelmingly was, "Leave the map alone."

Sadly, most Republicans in the Texas House have decided that they represent their party first and that doing the dirty work of Messrs. DeLay, Perry and Craddick is more important than serving the interests of their constituents.

The plan put forward by the Texas House and now on its way to the Senate for consideration places newly elected U.S. Rep. Randy Neugebauer of Lubbock, a Republican, against House veteran Charlie Stenholm of Stamford, the ranking Democrat on the important House Agriculture Committee.

If the Senate doesn't kill this bill, the future of agriculture, one of the key elements in our economy, will be at risk.

The good news for Texas is that Sen. Robert Duncan, R-Lubbock, is chairing the Senate committee charged with developing a redistricting plan. He knows the value of having both Neugebauer and Stenholm represent West Texas and of treating all Texans fairly.

Another bit of good fortune is that Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst has demonstrated that he is his own man and is interested in the Senate developing a plan that will be fair to Texans and not just fair to a political party. He now has an opportunity to succeed President Bush as the most bipartisan leader in Austin.

With these two statesmen at the helm in the Senate, we hold out hope that the West Texas area, as well as other rural areas, will not be put at risk by the partisan politics of Messrs. DeLay, Perry and Craddick.

The governor and lieutenant governor need to know immediately that West Texas supports Mr. Duncan in his efforts to develop a congressional map that will represent all Texans equally and preserve the political influence of this area in Washington.

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Liberia could be a bridge too far

The Bush administration is showing signs of all of the vices of successful foreign policies - arrogance, overreaching, elitism, and messianic zeal in its decision to enter the Liberian quagmire.

Americans will gladly support their president when he attacks nations that sponsor or harbor terrorists. We will even back him in a preemptive war against a country that might attack us. But when we start sending troops around the world to stabilize nations that, if left to disintegrate, might become breeding grounds for terror, it's a step too far for most Americans.

Why are we suddenly sending troops to Africa?

Is it because President Bush is touring the continent and wants to have something to offer the leaders he meets?

Is it in response to importuning from U.N General Secretary Kofi Annan or other world leaders who are asking for a quid-pro-quo for sending troops to Iraq?

Does the desire to satisfy global public opinion play a role?

Or do his nostrils smell oil in West Africa?

None of the above is justification for sending American troops to yet another foreign venue. Bush will need all the patience we can extend to him as he asks us to put up with troops dying in Iraq while other units fight in Afghanistan, the Philippines and other places where terrorism threatens. It is foolish to use up our tolerance with an

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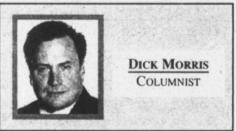
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History:



adventure in Liberia.

Nor should Bush put his trust in limitations on the mission in Liberia. One good firefight and the United States is committed. Remember the reply of French Marshal Foch to the British general who asked, in 1914, what was the minimum British military contribution that could effectively assist France at the start of World War I.

"One British soldier," he is reputed to have answered.

"And we will see to it that he is killed."

Africa is a quagmire if ever there was one. The civil wars there are eternal and unending. They have no start and no finish. The cycles of revenge make any assessment of right and wrong, good or evil, almost naïve.

It is not our fight, and we are unwise to, in the words of John Quincy Adams, 'go abroad in search of dragons to destroy."

Besides, the U.S. Army is not the only force in the world. We should let the African nations and European powers take the lead while we husband our resources to fight in heavy combat or where our presence alone

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can do the trick.

The growing potential of West Africa as a source of oil should not tempt us into military action. We must make sure never to do what the left accuses us of doing each day - trading blood for oil. The sudden interest in this oil-producing region might leave many skeptical and troubled.

Bush must remember that a large minority of Americans, on both the left and right, are isolationists. In a survey for President Clinton, I found the exact percentage to be upwards of 35, evenly divided between the two parties.

Those America-firsters have suspended their criticism of Bush (at least those on the right) because of the unique circumstances of the Sept. 11 attacks and the global threat that terrorism represents. But it is unwise to tempt them into political alienation.

Idealism that makes no distinction between areas where our national interest lies and those from which it is remote does no good for America. The weariness of the post-Versailles, post-Korea, post-Vietnam eras is never far from the national mood.

Bush will need Americans to stay focused and alert as we face the common danger of terror and work together in far flung corners of the globe to counter it.

He does himself and his cause no service by asking us to invest in conflicts remote from our vital interests and far from our national mission.

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS World War II. On this date: Today is Thursday, July 17, In 1821, Spain ceded the 198th day of 2003. There Florida to the United States. are 167 days left in the year. In 1898, Today's Highlight in

Spanish-American War, Spanish troops in Santiago, Cuba, surrendered to U.S. forces.

In 1917, the British royal family adopted the name "Windsor."

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trade publication Variety ran its famous headline, "Sticks Nix Hick Pix" - which might be translated as "Rural America rejects rural-themed movies."

In 1944, 322 people were killed when a pair of ammunition ships exploded in Port Chicago, Calif.

In 1955, Disneyland debuted in Anaheim, Calif. In 1975, an Apollo space-

ship docked with a Soyuz spacecraft in orbit in the first superpower link-up of its kind. In 1979, Nicaraguan President Anastasio Somoza resigned and fled into exile in: Miami.

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SPORTS

Homefield advantage, which team benefits?

CHICAGO (AP) - Now that the American League has home-field advantage in the World Series, the question is which team will benefit.

At the start of the second half, the upstart Kansas City Royals have the biggest lead in the league, a seven-game advantage over All-Star host Chicago in the AL Central.

"It's awesome. Who would have thought it?" Royals pitcher Darrell May said of the big margin. "We've still got a lot of games left, but we're definitely more comfortable to be in this position than chasing."

The New York Yankees, chasing their sixth straight AL East title, are two games ahead of second-place Boston. If the Yankees are home for the World Series opener on Oct. 18, they'll thank Hank Blalock, whose goahead, two-run homer off Eric Gagne in the eighth inning provided the winning All-Star mar-

gin Tuesday night.

something like that will send him a 12-pack of something," said the Yankees' Jason Giambi, who also homered in the AL's 7-6 victory.

Blalock's Texas Rangers aren't likely to benefit: They're last in the AL West, 20 games behind Seattle, which at 58-35 has the league's best record. The defending World Series champion Anaheim Angels, who beat visiting San Francisco in Game 7 last year, are 8 1/2 games back of the Mariners.

It was the eighth straight Game 7 win since 1979 for the Series team opening and closing in its home ballpark.

"Home-field advantage is an advantage because you play more games in your park," said Garret Anderson, selected MVP of the All-Star game after singling, doubling and hitting a two-run homer.

In the National League, "I'm sure whoever reaches Atlanta looks like a runaway

title, compiling a major leaguebest 61-32 record in the first half to take an 8 1/2-game lead over second-place Philadelphia in the East.

Houston leads the Central, one game ahead of St. Louis and three in front of the Chicago Cubs. San Francisco heads the West, five games in front of Arizona.

"I think everybody is going to be excited to show up in San Diego ready to go for the second half, to make our push," the Diamondbacks' Luis Gonzalez said.

Teams spent part of the threeday All-Star break contemplating what moves they want to make before July 31, the last day to trade players without putting them through waivers.

Los Angeles, seeking pop for the sorriest offense in the NL, acquired outfielder Jeromy Burnitz from the New York Mets on Monday and signed 44-year-old Rickey Henderson.

their bullpen, got Armando Benitez from the Mets on Wednesday and Minnesota obtained Shannon Stewart from Toronto,

Juan Gonzalez could be had from Texas - if he's willing to waive his no-trade clause. Look for all the top teams to prey on the weak as the deadline approaches.

Teams also are looking to get back injured players.

Randy Johnson, sidelined since arthroscopic surgery May 1 to remove bone chips and loose cartilage from his right knee, hopes to rejoin the Diamondbacks' rotation July 20 against San Diego. Nick Johnson, out for two months because of a stress fracture in his right hand, thinks he can rejoin the Yankees by the end of the month.

Louis Cardinals, seeking his have a lot of emotions at that first batting title, leads the point, knowing that this will major leagues at .368.

the World Series in a Game 7 or for its 12th straight division The Yankees, hoping to boost Seattle's Ichiro Suzuki, trying for his second AL batting title in three seasons, leads his league with a .352 average.

San Francisco's Barry Bonds (30) and Toronto's Carlos Delgado (28) top their leagues in homers, while Delgado's 97 RBIs are the third-most ever at the break. Colorado's Preston Wilson tops the NL with 91.

Toronto's Roy Halladay tops the AL with 13 wins, while Woody Williams of the Cardinals and Russ Ortiz of the Braves share the NL lead at 12.

Fans also will be getting their final look at Roger Clemens, who says he will retire at the end of the season, his 20th in the major leagues.

"My work's not done, and it won't be done until I've pitched my final game," he said. "And at that point, I will Albert Pujols of the St. be sad, I will be happy. I'll be it for me."

Six-man games this weekend LUBBOCK - The Texas Sixlast season.

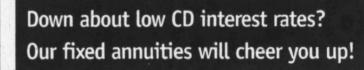
Man Coaches Association all-star football and basketball games will Elliott, will be playing in the allbe played this weekend in Lubbock.

Fort Elliott has two players on the West football squad, which takes on the East at 7:30 Saturday night at Lowrey Field. Quarterback Jason Hathaway and running back Larry Lee Horn will represent the Cougars on the football field.

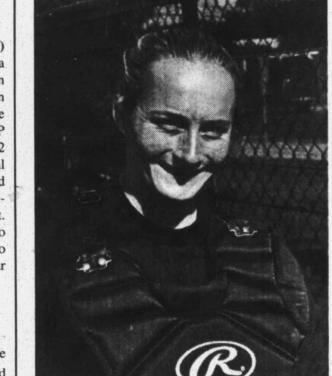
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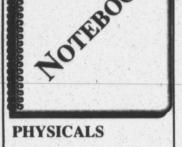
Kade Zybach, also of Fort star boys' basketball games. Zybach's North squad plays the South at 8:30 Friday night at the Rip Griffin Center at Lubbock Christian University

Fort Elliott's Tamara Hartline will be playing for North squad in the all-star girls' basketball games. The North meets the South at 7 Friday night at the Rip Griffin Center at Lubbock Christian University,



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PAMPA — Pampa athletic physicals will be given Saturday, July 26, starting at 8 a.m. at Pampa Middle School.

Cost is \$10.

Physicals are required for both male and female athletes entering the 7th, 9th and 11th grades if they wish to participate in high school and middle school athletics.

Each athlete must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.

Athletes are responsible for their own physicals if they don't attend the July 26 physical exams.

BASKETBALL

SAN ANTONIO (AP) - Tim Duncan signed a long-term deal to remain with the NBA champion San Antonio Spurs. The two-time league MVP reportedly received a \$122 million, seven-year deal - the largest allowed under the NBA's collective bargaining agreement. San Antonio also signed 7-foot center Rasho Nesterovic to a six-year deal.

HOCKEY

DALLAS (AP) - The Dallas Stars said



Pampa Elite catcher Jenny Rogers (left) threw out two baserunners and had two hits in the Elites' 7-6 win over the BadCats last weekend in Amarillo.

The Elite is a member of the High Plans Fastball Softball League this summer.

The team is scheduled to play in a league tournament this weekend in Amarillo.

The league is made of high school players 18 years of age or younger.

Thursday that right wing David Oliver, center Jarrod Skalde, defensemen Bubba Berenzweig and Jeff MacMillan have been signed to one-year contracts.

Financial terms were not disclosed.

Oliver, 32, appeared in six games with the Stars last season, posting three assists. He also appeared in six playoff games with the Stars, going scoreless.

Skalde, 32, appeared in 23 games last season with Lausanne of the Swiss National League, posting seven goals and eight assists for 15 points with 30 penalty minutes.

Berenzweig, 25, was acquired by the Stars from the Nashville Predators with a conditional draft pick in exchange for Jon Sim on Feb. 17. He split last season between Milwaukee and the Utah Grizzlies of the AHL. He went scoreless in four appearances with Nashville.

MacMillan, 24. appeared in 78 games with Utah last season, tallying eight goals and seven assists for 15 points with 132 penalty minutes.

Flashback

1988: Yolanda Brown scored 26 points and pulled down 16 rebounds to lead Pampa past Randall in high school girls basketball action.

Armstrong still overall leader

TOULOUSE, France (AP) - Lance Armstrong clung to his fragile lead after the 11th stage of the Tour de France on Thursday, though he finished the relatively flat route in 29th place.

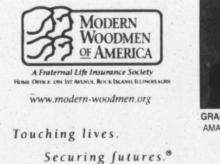
Keeping the overall lead means Armstrong will wear the yellow jersey in the crucial individual time trial Friday, when riders race against the clock

The 95.2 mile stage, a short trajectory along southern France from Narbonne to Toulouse, was one of the least punishing in the Tour and gave Armstrong a chance to conserve his forces ahead of the time trial.



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Reports: Missing player's cell phone used after disappearance

DALLAS (AP) - Missing Baylor University basketball player Patrick Dennehy's cell phone was used to call a limousine driver in the New York area. three days after he vanished last month, published reports say.

Dennehy's girlfriend, Jessica De La Rosa, told The Dallas Morning News in Thursday's editions that his phone bill shows that the one minute call to the driver was one of two outgoing.

calls made from his phone after his disappearance June 12.

"One call was made to New York City and then two or three minutes later, another was made to a number in Waco," Daniel Okopnyi of Arlington, a friend of Dennehy's, told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram after talking with De La Rosa. "Those were the only calls made on that phone that day."

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The Morning News she did not

recall getting a call, was

unaware of the Dennehy case

and had not been contacted by

The limousine driver, who

anything," Okopnyi said.

Winning boxer

Jose Venegas (right) of the Pampa Boxing Club defeated Ricky Trevino of the Lubbock Gladiators at last weekend's Lubbock Boxing Tournament.

Venegas won a threeround decision over Trevino, who had defeated him in an earlier tournament.

The Pampa Boxing Club is sponsored by Rick's Body Shop, Jiffy Cleaners and Allison Agency.

Woods lost in rough at British Open

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ball, but all he could do was

hack it through the fairway.

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Woods finally reached the

green with a wedge, but an 18-

foot putt came up short. He

"On a golf course like this,

with the wind blowing as

hard as it is, it really tests

you," Woods said. "You just

have to stay calm, bear down

His score soared as high as

"If I can drive it a little bit

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putts at 15 and 16 kept him

better, I like the way I'm

playing overall," Woods said.

"I hit some good drives com-

ing in. That's a good sign.

within sight of the leaders.

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SANDWICH, England (AP) - Tiger Woods was lost in the rough. Greg Norman was lost in time.

Woods couldn't find his ball Thursday after his very first shot of the British Open, winding up with a triple-bogey. Not exactly the way to start when you're trying to break an 0-for-4 slump in the majors, but the world's best player managed to

pull himself together. "I had 17 holes to get it back," said Woods, who controlled the damage with a 2over-par 73. "At least I got one back.'

He was five strokes behind the surprising early leader. South African Hennie Otto, a qualifier playing in the first group of the day, made several long putts on the way to a 68 at blustery Royal St. George's. Then came Norman, who

played as if it was 1993 all over again. The 48-year-old Shark, bothered most of the year by a back injury, turned in a 69 on the same course where he won

since Tom Watson in 1982-83. The Big Easy teed off into the rough at treacherous No. 1, but at least he could find the ball. Not so for Woods, who doesn't have possession of any major title for the first time since 1999.

He pushed his opening tee shot into the ankle-deep rough along the right side of the fairway. About 25 people including playing partners Sergio Garcia and Luke Donald — poked through the grass, but they couldn't find the ball.

"Did you guys see where it went?" Woods asked futilely. When the five-minute time limit expired, he pulled his driver out of the bag again, unleashed an expletive and hopped in a cart for the long, lonely ride back to the tee.

His next shot — actually, his third after taking a onestroke penalty --- wasn't much better, sailing into the same rough where marshals were



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Yankees acquire Benitez from Mets for prospects

wait until he blows a save and has to deal with George Steinbrenner.

N.Y. Mets (Trachsel 8-6) at Atlanta (Maddux 7-8), 7:35 p.m

Benitez, the Mets' closer since 1999 and the team's only All-Star this year, was dealt across town Wednesday and will become the setup man for Mariano Rivera.

The Yankees will pay the remainder of Benitez's \$6.75 million salary this; year, which comes to \$2,729,508, plus \$456,434 in additional luxury tax. The Mets get right-handed pitchers Jason Anderson, Anderson Garcia and Ryan Bicondoa.

Benitez became the target of boos at Shea Stadium, blamed for his central role in the team's collapse.

"I know in this town some failures get magnified and talked about," Yankees general manager Brian Cashman said. "I think a change of scenery will do him good. ... Armando has the opportunity to show the New York scene he can be successful in tough spots, like he has been most of the time with the Mets. Armando has a fresh start to prove here, in the same city, that some of this stuff might be more overblown than it is."

The 30-year-old right-hander, eligi-

NEW YORK (AP) - If Armando ble for free agency after the season, is Benitez thinks Mets' fans were tough, 3-3 with a 3.10 ERA in 45 games this season, blowing seven of his 28 save chances. Benitez, who has 197 career saves with Baltimore and the Mets, told Cashman he's willing to become a setup man

> "If there's an ego there, he's going to check it at the door," Cashman said. "He's willing to make the adjustment here for a short period of time."

The Yankees lead Boston by two games in the AL East. While Rivera has converted 16 of 17 save chances, the rest of the bullpen has been shaky in the absence of injured Steve Karsay.

Juan Acevedo was released after struggling, and Antonio Osuna was sidelined from June 14 until last weekend by a strained groin. Chris Hammond, who replaced Mike Stanton as the top left-hander in the bullpen, has been inconsistent. Stanton, unwanted by the Yankees, signed with the Mets.

Cashman said Steinbrenner, his always-demanding boss, and manager Joe Torre favored for the trade.

"George is supportive of this. I've talked to him and explained my rationale," Cashman said. "He's a man among boys in terms of available players on the market. He stood out without question.'

the British Open a decade ago. Norman hasn't won a tour-

nament since 1998 and he's played just two PGA Tour events this year. He was feeling no pain, making an eagle at No. 4 and scrambling to keep his score low.

"I am very relaxed and putting well, considering this is only the third golf tournament in a year," Norman said. "I'm very satisfied."

Norman was joined at 69 by Davis Love III. Defending champion Ernie Els, playing in the afternoon, was 1 over through five holes as he tried to become the first repeat winner

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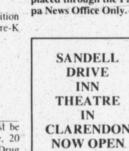
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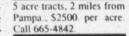
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DEAR ABBY: We recently learned that our daughter was molested at a very early age in the 1970s. It went on for nearly a year. We never realized how profoundly molestation affects a child. I had heard it was an awful thing, but I never knew the secrecy, the pain, the shame, the guilt, and how the victims are groomed by their predators. They live in a secret world by themselves - brokenhearted, in loneliness and fear. They try to run faster than their pain - and some don't know why because it has been

blocked from their memory. I have heard that four out of 10 women have been molested as children. This is a huge number. There are plenty of victims, but guess what? No predators! They are all "innocent," and protected by fami-lies who hide it because they don't know how to handle the problem. They are protected by a gray area of "uncertainty." It remains that way because the authorities are never called to investigate. The parents of the molested child are threatened with a nasty lawsuit. Then the whole family turns against the parents and the victim in order to protect the "sick" one and their own reputations.

Everyone - individually and collectively - sticks their head in the sand and refuses to deal with it. Statutes of limitations run out. An unbelievable amount of pressure is put on the parents by the family. Then it is dismissed because "it happened a long time ago."

Meanwhile, as the years pass, the victim becomes progressively more mentally, physically and emotionally sick. She's in and out of hospitals and always on medication. Because now the victim has been rejected and betrayed all over again. If he is "innocent," then she

medicines she must take are depressants themselves. Abby, we struggle every day. I

know of four other families where similar molestation, rejection and denial have occurred. Families should wake up to the problem. It's time to bring it out of the closet. I hope you will print some of this letter.

I sign for her.... I DO HAVE A FACE, I DO HAVE A NAME, EVERY CITY, U.S.A.

DEAR I DO: You have written eloquently of a problem that, according to my mail, is widespread and often covered up. I hope your letter will encourage more victims of molestation to pick up the phone and report the crime. And to their extended families: As much as you might be appalled at the charges, molestation — regardless of when it occurred - is a serious crime. The victims need all the support they can be given.

DEAR ABBY: Please settle a bet between my mother and me. I say the engagement ring should be worn at the base of the finger, with the wedding band on the outside. Mom says it's the other way around. Who is right? A \$5 bill is riding on your answer. Thanks, Abby. MOTHER/DAUGHTER DUO

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