



Staples unveils two more maps

Perry threatens to hold another special session if redistricting isn't decided

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AUSTIN (AP) — The Senate's top architect of new congressional boundaries unveiled two more proposed maps Monday while a Democratic senator said the issue of redistricting is finished this special legislative session.

while, sounded more firm in his comments that he would call another special session if lawmakers do not approve a congressional redistricting plan before this session ends July 29. When asked when he would call another session if no map is approved, Perry said: "I would suspect it would be relatively soon. I think we've got work to do." Last week, Perry said only that he would not rule out a special session.

two new maps for the Senate Jurisprudence Committee on Monday in addition to the proposal he presented last week that could give Texas Republicans as much as a 22-10 advantage in Congress. Projections under the new maps appear similar, though Staples, R-Palestine, would not say how the Texas GOP would fare under the proposals.

Republicans, led by U.S. House Majority Leader Tom DeLay of Sugar Land, are leading the charge to redraw the congressional boundaries. Lawmakers failed to draw the districts during the 2001 legislative session, leaving federal judges to create the current plan. Democrats hold a 17-15 margin in the delegation. The GOP says that recent voting trends show Republicans should have more representation in the Texas congressional delegation.

U.S. forces search for Saddam's relatives

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — A firefight erupted when U.S. forces surrounded the home of a cousin of Saddam Hussein in the northern city of Mosul on Tuesday, apparently searching for the deposed dictator's sons. The building later burned to the ground.

A U.S. soldier was killed and another injured in an ambush along a dangerous road north of Baghdad in the so-called "Sunni Triangle," a center of anti-American resistance.

In the northern city of Mosul, troops from the 101st Airborne Division traded fire with gunmen holed up in a house belonging a cousin of Saddam who is a key tribal leader in the region. Mosul residents claimed U.S. soldiers were searching for Saddam's sons Qusai and Uday, said an Associated Press Television News cameraman at the scene.

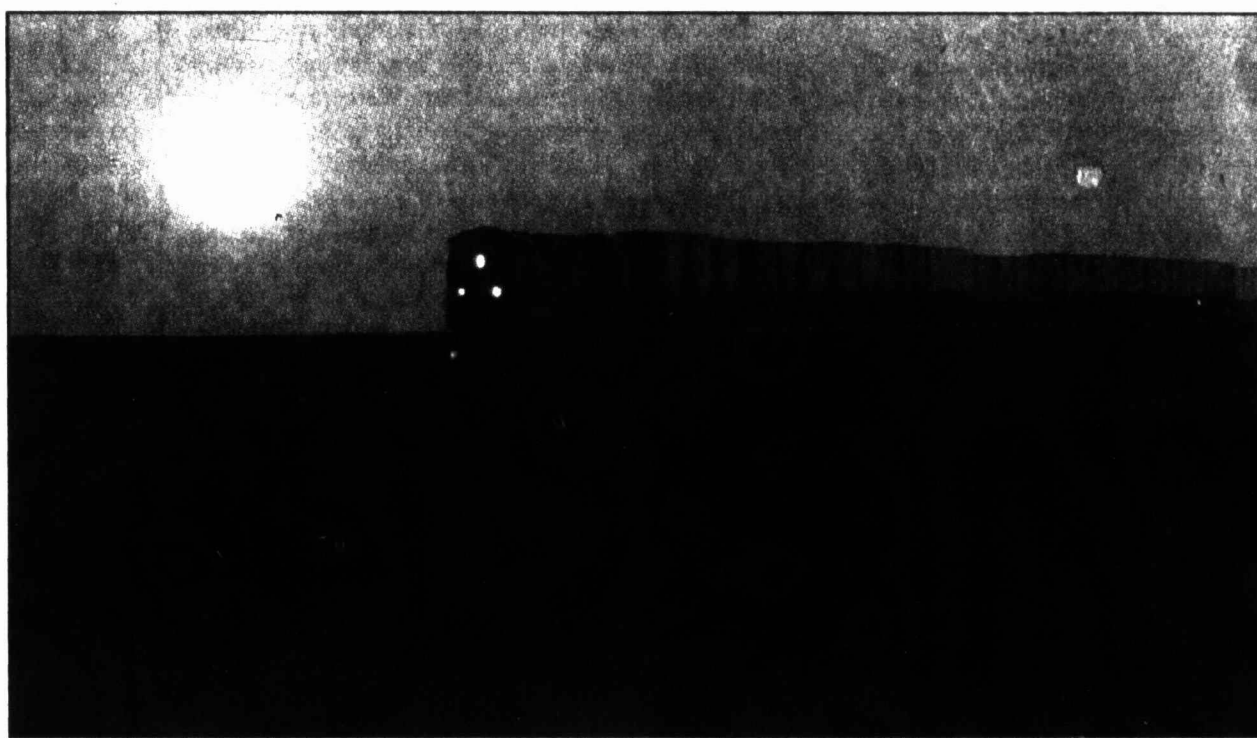
The U.S. military, reporting communications problems, said it had no information yet on the fighting in Mosul, 280 miles north of Baghdad.

It was not immediately clear if anyone was apprehended in the fight or how the house burned. The United States has offered a \$25 million reward for information leading to Saddam's capture and \$15 million each for his sons.

The soldier's death in Tuesday's ambush brought to 153 the number of U.S. troops killed in action since the March 20 start of war — six more than during the 1991 Gulf War.

U.S. Central Command in Tampa, Fla., said the attackers used rocket-propelled grenades (See IRAQ, Page 3)

Just traveling through ...



A lone westbound freight train travels through Pampa early on a recent summer morning. (Pampa News photo by David Bowers)

Bush faces calls for action

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WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush faces appeals from Palestinian and Israeli leaders to come down on their side as Middle East peacemaking drifts into a crucial but indecisive phase.

Palestinian Prime Minister Mahmoud Abbas, due to call at the White House on Friday, wants Jewish settlers to start clearing out of the West Bank to make way for a Palestinian state.

Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, who sees Bush next Tuesday, is seeking U.S. help in pressuring Abbas to begin dismantling Palestinian militant groups.

So far, the two sides have walked some way down the road to peacemaking, but big moves laid out in a U.S.-backed blueprint have been deferred. Highest immediate priority was given to restoring order.

Abbas and Sharon are looking for more as they prepare to see the president, his top advisers and senior members of Congress.

Abbas, also known as Abu Mazen, will get the red-carpet treatment that Bush has denied Yasser Arafat, who remains recognized by the Palestinians and most other governments as the movement's leader.

Bush concluded early in his presidency that Arafat was a failed

leader and denied him a White House invitation. Abbas, on the other hand, has won praise as a reformer.

His popularity among the Palestinians could depend on whether he enlists Bush's support in pressuring Sharon, who has moved to dismantle some unauthorized outposts but says established settlements are a different matter entirely.

Abbas, arriving late Wednesday, will get the full treatment from the administration and Congress. Thursday he will see Condoleezza Rice, the national security adviser. And after lunch with Bush at the White House on Friday, Abbas has

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Liberians forage for food as death toll rises

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MONROVIA, Liberia (AP) — Rebels and government forces battled on Tuesday for control of two strategic bridges connecting Monrovia's port and downtown — the symbolic heart of the country and the site of President Charles Taylor's offices.

Liberians hunted for food and water one day after a thunderous barrage of shells rained down on the capital. Defense Minister Daniel Chea said Monday's death toll was well over 600 people, after what appeared to be the bloodiest clashes in the past two months of the rebel push to oust Taylor.

Aid groups and hospitals gave a lower death toll saying about 90 were confirmed killed. They said they expected the figure to rise, but that the

toll would not be known until fighting stops.

Covered by blue and gray plastic, bodies lay in the rain Tuesday outside the U.S. Embassy compound in Monrovia, dragged there by Liberians furious that American forces have not come to their rescue.

After a shell hit the embassy Monday, U.S. Marines evacuated one group of foreigners and aid workers in a helicopter. There was no indication when more helicopters would come to bring additional Marines to protect the embassy and carry out further evacuations, U.S. officials said they were assessing the situation.

Nigerian army Col. Chukwuemeka Onwuamaegbu said West African chiefs of defense staff were meeting in Dakar, Senegal on Tuesday to finalize the composition and deployment

schedule of a possible West African peacekeeping force.

One "possible option," he said, was to divert to Liberia's capital a Nigerian mechanized infantry battalion of some 700 to 1,000 troops from Sierra Leone, where the soldiers have taken part in a 3,000-strong Nigerian deployment to the U.N.'s Sierra Leone peacekeeping force.

Onwuamaegbu added that Nigeria-based troops could also be sent, stressing that "no final decision has been taken yet."

In a telephone interview with The Associated Press, Liberia's embattled president said the best way to ensure stability was through American troops on the ground, in addition to the Marines guarding the U.S. Embassy. "An American contingent would be excellent."

His defense minister said that if international community did not swiftly deploy peacekeepers then a U.N. arms embargo should be lifted. The embargo was imposed to punish Taylor's regime for trading guns for diamonds with rebels in Sierra Leone.

Taylor said if the government could freely get arms, the international community "would not have to deploy anybody. We are quite capable of defending our own people," he said.

Tuesday's fighting was focused in the port area, where the sides exchanged heavy fire. The two bridges cross a narrow point and connect the port and northern Monrovia with downtown, which lies on a strip of land between a river and the Atlantic Ocean.

Repeated rebel attempts to seize the capital's downtown have been stopped (See LIBERIA, Page 3)

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STATE
Aircraft warned away from ranch airspace

WACO (AP) — Private aircraft straying into restricted airspace around President Bush's Crawford ranch were warned away by jet fighters releasing flares, military officials say. The latest warnings occurred while Bush hosted Italian Premier Silvio Berlusconi at the 1,600-acre ranch west of Waco over the weekend. Two F-16 jet fighters released flares over Central Texas just after noon on Sunday to warn a private plane of the restricted area surrounding the Western White House, the Air Force said.

DEATHS

- Wayne DeWitt, 52, oil-field service coordinator.
Carolyn "Carrie" Horner, 85, homemaker.
Bernard Blane Lowe, retired copper worker.
Thera Warner Scott, 63, librarian.

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SENATE

All but one of the Democrats in the Senate have signed a letter saying they are opposed to passing a new redistricting plan.

Sen. Bill Ratliff of Mount Pleasant is the only Republican who has signed the letter. He and the 11 Democrats are enough to block the bill as long as a rule stays in place requiring support from two-thirds of the chamber's 31 members before a measure can be debated on the floor.

West said he believed that some senators now were trying to develop a map that 16 Republican senators, a majority of the Senate, could support.

Democratic senators say they are weighing their options, including boycotting the Senate, if a special session is called and Dewhurst does away with the rule.

"I can stay out for as many days as it takes. I don't know about my colleagues," said Sen. Mario Gallegos, D-Houston.

One of Staples' new maps keeps all of Webb County in one district, which is currently represented by U.S. Rep. Henry Bonilla, R-San Antonio. But the map breaks Hidalgo County into three districts.

Both maps pair four sets of congressional incumbents: Reps. Gene Green, D-Houston, and Nick Lampson, D-Beaumont; Kevin Brady, R-The Woodlands, and Jim Turner, D-Crockett; Lloyd

Doggett, D-Austin, and Lamar Smith, R-San Antonio; and Chris Bell, D-Houston, and DeLay.

"Pairing" means forcing two incumbents into the same district so that they would run against each other in a bid for re-election.

Both maps keep Bell, McLennan and Coryell counties in one district and combine Victoria County with Brazoria and Galveston counties in another district.

Staples said he has not decided which map he most supports and said he may have more revisions.

West said the maps do away with Democratic districts and disenfranchises some minority voters. He noted that the percentage of minorities in the district currently represented by Rep. Martin Frost, D-Dallas, would be greatly reduced.

Republican state Sen. Robert Duncan, chairman of the jurisprudence committee, set Wednesday as the target date for the committee to vote on a plan.

Making a difference



(Courtesy photo)

Albertson's employees, from left, Joel Arguello, Isaac Silva, Delynn Garnett, Kim Tatum and Tonya DeArman served hot dogs, chips and cokes recently for the Thursday Outreach luncheon at Harvest House. In addition to Albertson's donations, donations for the meal for the needy were received from Frito Lay, Coca-Cola and Coney Island Cafe, said Carolyn Stroud of Harvest House. Other Albertson employees have volunteered to help at the Harvest House clothing warehouse, she said. Albertson's Manager Joel Arguello told Stroud his employees were doing these charitable acts because, "we want to make a difference in Pampa."

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LIBERIA

at the bridges, and the defense minister said government troops were holding them back again Tuesday.

Residents reported intense looting by fighters during the night. Sporadic gunfire continued early Tuesday, but people took advantage of a lull in fighting to go to streams and draw water and scout for food.

Monday's 2 1/2-hour-long hail of mortars rocked residential neighborhoods along with two U.S. Embassy compounds in the rebels' third attempt to take Monrovia — Taylor's last stronghold, as insurgents control about 60 percent of the country. An American journalist was among the injured.

One of the shells slammed into a U.S. diplomatic residential compound where some 10,000 terrified Liberians had

taken refuge, killing 25 people and wounding many more, aid workers said.

Enraged Liberians dragged bodies from the residential compound and lined them up outside the embassy, next to a wall emblazoned with the American seal. The group demanded to know why Washington has not sent troops to end more than a decade of strife in the West African nation.

"We're dying here,"

screamed some in the crowd, as two American servicemen in camouflage watched from behind bulletproof glass.

One man held up a hastily scrawled sign: "Today G. Bush kill Liberia people."

Some 65 others were killed in other strikes.

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IRAQ

and small arms in the assault staged along the road between Balad, 50 miles north of Baghdad, and Ramadi, 60 miles west of the capital. It gave no other details.

Both towns lie within the "Sunni Triangle," home to much of the remaining support for Saddam, a Sunni Muslim who used his Baathist Party to oppress the country's Shiite Muslim majority.

The U.S.-led coalition's military occupation of Iraq has been met by constant armed Iraqi resistance, resulting in almost daily deaths of American troops. Many recent assaults have been

staged with remote-controlled roadside explosions.

While the military has not released figures on the number of attacks on American forces each day, a senior officer told reporters last week that the attacks were averaging 12 a day.

Also Tuesday, seeking to ease fears among exporters to Iraq, the U.S. occupation administration announced it was setting up a trading bank to guarantee payment for imported goods and services, especially food and materials needed in reconstruction.

The U.S. administration said it established the bank "to bolster confidence between trading partners that funds

will be received in exchange for goods delivered."

Outside firms have been hesitant to do business with Iraq, which had been under stiff U.N. economic sanctions since invading Kuwait in 1990, out of worries about being paid.

The New Trade Bank of Iraq, the coalition civilian administration said, will have a pool of \$100 million to draw from, with an initial capitalization of \$5 million. The bank president will be the finance minister once one is named by the Iraqi Governing Council, hand-picked by L. Paul Bremer, the top U.S. civilian authority in the country.

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MIDEAST

separate meetings set with Vice President Dick Cheney and Secretary of State Colin Powell.

Senior members of Congress will meet Thursday morning with the Palestinian prime minister.

More than 70 House members signed and sent to the White House on Monday a letter approving Bush's decision to deliver \$20 million in U.S. assistance directly to the Palestinian Authority.

Rep. Howard Berman, D-Calif., a signer, said, "To win public support for dismantling the terrorist infrastructure, Abu Mazen must be able to show the Palestinian people that his government can deliver essential social services that are now provided only by Hamas and

other radical groups."

With the approval of Congress, U.S. aid has been distributed among the Palestinians for more than a year without going to the Palestinian Authority. Allegations of corruption prompted the move.

Bush ordered a shift this month to dramatize that he has confidence in Abbas and the Palestinians' finance minister, Salam Fayad.

Sharon, who also enjoys strong White House support, sent his foreign minister, Silvan Shalom, ahead to Washington for meetings with congressional leaders Tuesday and with Cheney, Rice and Powell on Wednesday.

In Brussels, Shalom told European Union officials Monday he would welcome greater European involvement in Middle East peacemaking.

Advertisement for Pampa restaurant featuring a Wednesday special: Chicken Fried Steak Dinner for \$12.99 (plus tax, no substitutes). The ad lists the meal includes chicken fried steak with white gravy, individual mashed potatoes with gravy, individual cole slaw, and 1 baked biscuit. It also promotes a 50% off Ultra Plus laundry detergent and a 399.88 closeout on a Kenmore Super Capacity Plus washer.

Large advertisement for Sears featuring 0% financing until January 2004 or free delivery with mail-in rebate on all home appliances over \$399. The ad highlights a Kenmore Super Capacity Plus washer for \$399.88 (closeout) and a Kenmore 18.2-cu. ft. refrigerator for \$479.99 (sale). It also lists other appliances like TVs, camcorders, tractors, and mowers. The ad includes the Sears logo and the slogan 'Good life. Great price.'

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TEXAS EDITORIAL

Quality of CIA intelligence

From the Houston Chronicle:

Long after the world knew that Iraq had not tried to purchase uranium from the African nation of Niger, the Bush administration admitted its error. Now comes the unsightly exercise of choosing a scapegoat.

In his State of the Union address in January, citing British intelligence sources, President Bush inaccurately accused Saddam Hussein of trying to acquire uranium with which to make nuclear weapons. The mistake was repeated by national security adviser Condoleezza Rice and Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld.

CIA Director George Tenet on Friday took responsibility for letting President Bush make the erroneous claim in his speech to Congress and the nation. But the disturbing questions raised by the incident do not end there.

If Bush, Rice and Rumsfeld did not know the truth, U.S. credibility still suffers. The top of the U.S. military chain of command now claims it was misinformed and ignorant about one of the most important national security questions facing the nation: Was Iraq trying to acquire nuclear weapons?

The most important duty of the director of central intelligence is to advise the president. Before allowing the president to make an erroneous claim, Tenet first must have failed to tell the president what was really going on, assuming Tenet knew.

Early on, State Department analysts correctly concluded that the Niger documents were bogus and that Iraq was not making nuclear weapons. So did United Nations nuclear inspectors. Their conclusions were widely circulated. On some crucial matters, the State Department's powers of discernment apparently are better than the those of the CIA and Pentagon.

In the world of espionage, the truth is hazy. People make mistakes. Spies deceive and are deceived. The Bush administration's mistake was to pass off errors and suspicions as facts and certainties.

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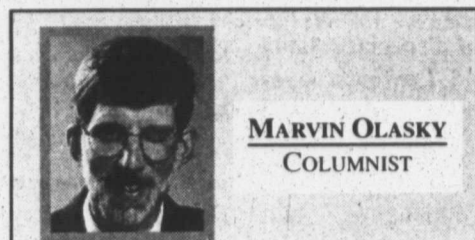
ATLANTA - President Lyndon Johnson nearly four decades ago said that government programs would make the long-improverished Summerhill neighborhood here a place of "spacious beauty and lively promise." Instead, it's become a place of boondoggles.

One of the latest is FanPlex, a state government-funded arcade/minature golf course/fast food joint located at 768 Hank Aaron Dr. near the stadium where the Atlanta Braves play - but pressure is growing on local politicians to give up on FanPlex within the next several weeks.

The entertainment center came into being last year as well-connected officials decided they could justify their salaries by saying they were giving poor "chilluns" recreational opportunities. The chilluns, though, have decided to do other things. On the Saturday afternoon I visited, with a Braves game three hours away, a total of four children were playing videogames; about 70 videogames were unused. The miniature golf course was deserted.

The Taco Bell a block away had a line at its counter and its tables filled, but the FanPlex staffer on duty had time for contemplation and no need to wipe down his unused outside tables. As the Atlanta Journal and Constitution commented, "Taxpayers would have been better off if the \$2.5 million" spent on Fanplex "had been tossed into a bonfire. At least taxpayers could have kept warm for an hour. Instead, they're going to get burned for years."

That's nothing new. For years, govern-



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 COLUMNIST

ment dollars have led to waste, and wasted lives. Lyndon Johnson's appointees boasted that "the most modern federal-state-city planning, housing, training and social welfare techniques" would "transform the slum core into a modern area." Tens of millions of governmental dollars flowed into the pockets of middle-class officials, contractors and social workers. Over 10,000 residents - one-third of Summerhill's population - left, as welfare dependency and crime increased, and those who could afford to move out did so.

Community political power has also created messes. Atlanta's Bob Lupton, president of FCS Urban Ministries, helped Summerhill's community development corporation harvest cash and commitment from foundations and corporations, but the project "absolutely crashed on the rocks" as immediate political and financial gratification came to outweigh the long-range vision. After his Christian group handed over land, houses and money to the Summerhill CDC, Lupton said, "we ended up with no capacity to deliver on our commitments. We were rightly motivated but very unwise."

Lupton noted that the Summerhill experience pushed his organization to

develop a new rule when working in other neighborhoods: "Don't subordinate to community politics your ability to fulfill commitments. ... In subsequent neighborhoods, we've established a true partnership. When we make an agreement, we have the legal capacity to fulfill it. We'll be the land assemblage entity, we'll buy the land, we'll hold the land in accordance with the agreed-upon plan, it won't be reliant on subsequent political intrigue. The partnership has clearly defined roles."

Where politics failed, market forces have taken command. On some better Summerhill blocks, homes priced at \$269,000 boast "new construction with downtown skyline views." On other blocks, older homes have been rehabbed, but with crime still a problem, many broken-down houses show huge bags of dog chow on sagging porches. Others, not so subtle, display large dogs tethered by long chains.

As affluent urban villagers move in and land values increase, some Summerhill residents may be priced out. Markets can be brutal; as Wilhelm Roepke wrote in "A Humane Economy," capitalism works best with a Christian sensibility. FCS Urban Ministries tried to bring that but failed in this instance; it's doing better elsewhere.

Yet one lesson is clear: Government initiatives have repeatedly failed, with politicians who use taxpayers' money for follies like FanPlex showing themselves to be not public servants but public exploiters.



Dean may hurt, not help Democrats

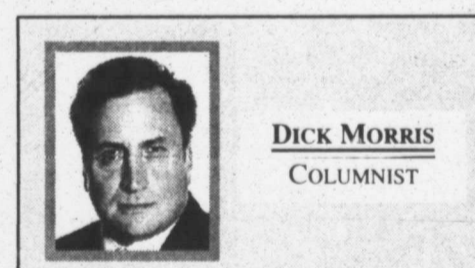
Dr. Howard Dean, the former Vermont governor now rallying liberals in the nation's Democratic primaries, is forcing the party into a potentially lethal march to the left.

Animating the Dean surge are groups favoring gay marriage and those opposing further military action against other terror-sponsoring or -harboring nations - formidable forces pushing the Democrats away from the country's center.

Dean's recent startling success in fundraising - he raised more money in the last quarter than any other Democratic candidate - propels him into the top tier of candidates and gives him the means to promote his agenda.

Yet Dean is to the Democratic Party what the Christian Right is to the Republicans - a force moving the party into territory which offends the values and views of the mainstream of America's voters. He threatens to make the Democratic primaries a killing ground where any candidate who can win nationally is eradicated.

The signer of the civil union (aka gay marriage) law and a resolute pacifist in the face of terrorism, Dean will drive the rest of the Democratic field to the left as they struggle to match his program and rhetoric. He may bring about a new McGovernization of the Democratic Party. (My apologies to George McGovern, who led the national battle to reform the nomi-



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nating process and, in doing so, contributed a singular service to us all).

In forcing the party left, Dean is picking up where Jesse Jackson left off, creating a gantlet of liberal litmus tests that a nominee must pass to win the nomination - locking him into positions that invite certain defeat in November. No candidate can win a presidential race advocating gay marriage and opposing the military action in Iraq.

Dean's financial edge is likely even greater than the initial numbers for the second quarter of 2003 indicate. He raised \$6.5 million, more than the \$5 million Dick Gephardt, John Kerry and Joe Lieberman managed to garner. But since much of his fund-raising was online, Dean has two added key advantages: 1) Most of his donors are probably not maxed out and can be re-solicited down the road for more money. 2) He probably did not have to spend as much as the others did to raise their funds.

Short term, Dean is a threat to Kerry. Just as Missouri's Gephardt needs to win his neighboring Iowa and North Carolina's

John Edwards has to carry his next-door early primary in South Carolina, so must Massachusetts' Kerry prevail in New Hampshire to stay in the race.

But the Vermont move is a major obstacle there. As Kerry moves to the center to position himself to win the large primaries down the road, and to have a shot at Bush in November, he opens himself up to a left-wing assault by Dean that might cream off enough liberals to carry the New Hampshire primary.

For Lieberman, Dean's rise opens an important opportunity. The Connecticut senator should attack the former Vermont governor, oppose gay civil unions, reiterate his support for the war in Iraq and roll up the center in the primaries. By doing so, Lieberman can make it a two-man race - left against right - and edge Gephardt and Edwards out of contention.

Because independents can vote in most Democratic primaries, there are more than enough moderate voters to give Lieberman traction and a good hope of winning.

And if somebody doesn't stop Howard Dean, he and his ideas will be permanent plagues on the Democratic Party, forcing nominees to toe a line that so offends traditional values as to make its candidates unlectable. Just as the Christian right created a gender gap by its opposition to abortion, so Dean will trigger a values gap that will send moderate voters flocking in droves to the Republicans.

TODAY IN HISTORY

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Tuesday, July 22, the 203rd day of 2003. There are 162 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 22, 1933, American

aviator Wiley Post completed the first solo flight around the world in seven days and 18 3/4 hours.

On this date: In 1796, Cleveland was founded by Gen. Moses

Cleveland.

In 1916, a bomb went off during a Preparedness Day parade in San Francisco, killing 10 people.

In 1934, a man identified as bank robber John Dillinger was

shot to death by federal agents outside Chicago's Biograph Theater.

In 1937, the Senate rejected President Roosevelt's proposal to add more justices to the Supreme Court.

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By THOMAS J

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DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

Harassed Female Office Worker Should Start Taking Names

DEAR ABBY: I'm writing in response to the letter from "Sick of Being Cupid," the Manhattan, N.Y., office worker who was required to provide female dates to her bosses. As someone who has committed sexual harassment against co-workers in the past, I feel compelled to comment.

If ever there was a case of sexual harassment, this is it. However, Abby, although I agree with your reply, it did not go far enough. "Sick of Being Cupid" should do the following:

(1) In addition to documenting the times and places where she was asked to provide her bosses with "dates" or escorts, she must also document to whom she spoke and what was discussed in terms of what would happen on the date(s) and what, if any, compensation "Sick" was due.

(2) Research the company to see if her bosses have bosses of their own to whom they are accountable.

(3) Find and hire an attorney who specializes in employment law to represent her interests.

(4) Contact the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) offices in the jurisdiction where she works, and file a sexual harassment claim. (The address and phone number should be in the government pages at the front of her telephone directory.)

By punishing her for her inability to provide them with dates, "Sick's" bosses are creating a hostile work environment. Not only is their behavior contemptible, it is also a violation of federal and New York state law. She should not have her job placed in jeopardy by a couple of idiots who can't find dates for themselves. I urge "Sick" to follow my suggestions so that she may receive justice.

OTHER SIDE OF THE FENCE IN OREGON

DEAR OTHER SIDE: It seems you learned these lessons the hard way. I'm sure that "Sick" — and many other employees — will find your letter useful. Thank you for writing and welcome back to the human race.

DEAR ABBY: I have a dance recital coming up, and I'm afraid the other girls in my troupe will forget what to do. Can you help?

WORRIED IN THE NORTHEAST

DEAR WORRIED: Nervousness before a performance is normal. However, the most important thing is to enjoy your time on stage. The way to prevent an embarrassing lapse of memory during a performance is to practice, practice, practice until the routine is second nature to all of you.

DEAR ABBY: My father died a few months ago. Mother is suffering and clearly distraught. They were married 44 years. I love my mom and want to help her, but she is constantly telling me how much "torturous pain" she's in. She has always had a martyr complex and has been needy, dependent and childlike. My mother is healthy and works full time, yet I can't help feeling she is somehow using Dad's death to manipulate me into filling her emotional needs and placing me in the role of parent. (I already have three young children.)

I have suggested to Mom that she go to a bereavement group or see an individual therapist. She heard me, but has done nothing about it. Is there anything else I can do?

CONCERNED DAUGHTER IN NEW YORK

DEAR CONCERNED: Yes. Take your mother by the hand to some bereavement group sessions. It will give both of you a chance to bring your issues out into the open. Also, if your mother's "pain" (translation: depression) does not begin to abate, inform her doctor. She may need anti-depressant medication to help her through this difficult period.

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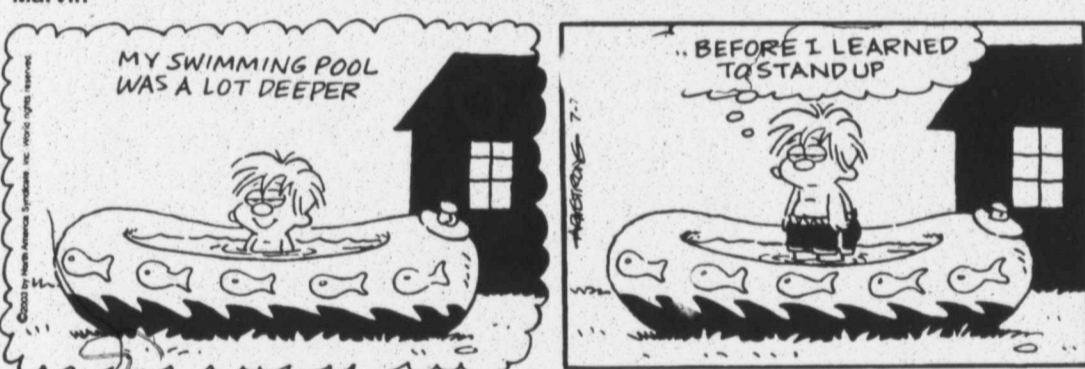
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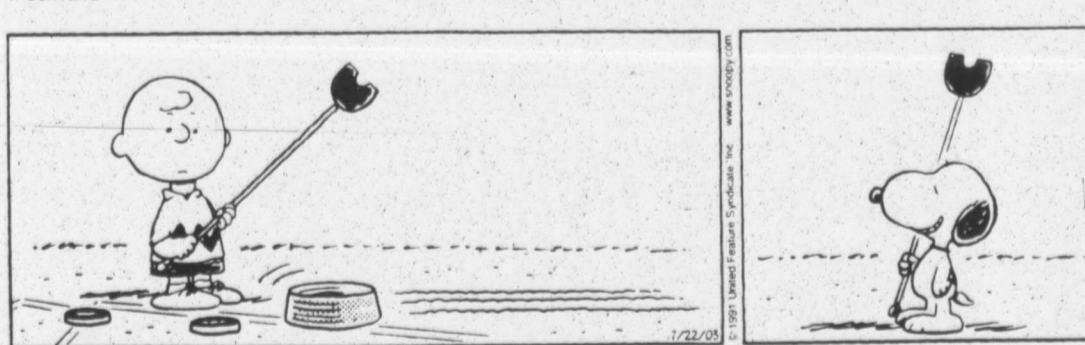
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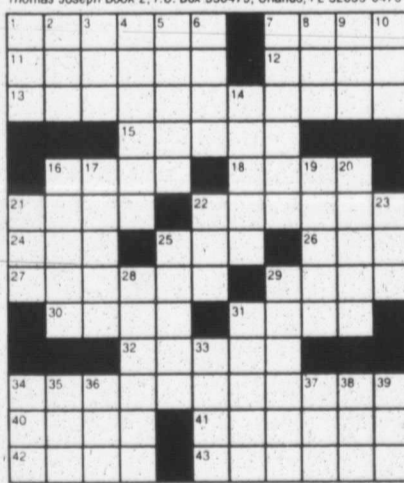
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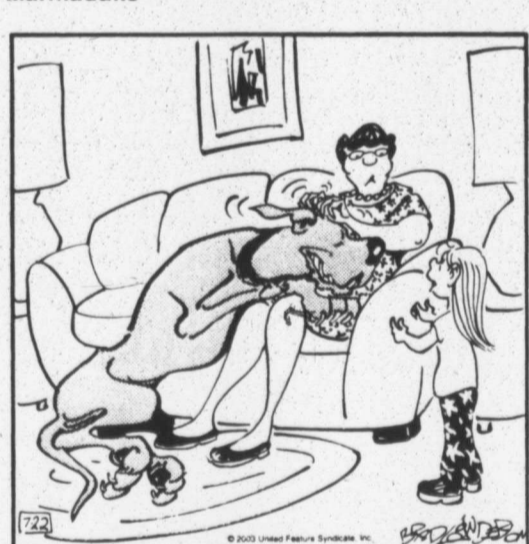
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SPORTS

Tri-State tourney has pair of aces

PAMPA - If the Monday men's scramble is any indication, the Tri-State seniors are going to have an outstanding week at the Pampa Country Club.

Yesterday's four-man scramble produced hole-in-ones by Merle Terrell of Whitney and Don Riffe of Stratford, with both aces coming on the 150-yard, No. 7. It was Terrell's fifth career hole-in-one, including three on No. 7.

Terrell, a former Pampa native, used a 7-iron for the ace. Witnesses were Cagel Kendrick of Stratford, Mart Tomlinson of Meadow Lakes and Dan Steen of Conroe.

Riffe, playing in the group right behind Terrell, also used a 7-iron for his hole-in-one. Witnesses were Ray Morgan of Lead Hill, Gladwin Gillispie of

Dumas and James Cunningham of Spearman. It was Riffe's first hole-in-one.

Tri-State Men's Scramble
1. Joe Gonzales, Norman Sublett, Larry Freeman and Dick Stowers, 56.
2-3* (tie) LaWayne Hogan, Elmer Wilson, Bill Scholz and Charlie Swearingen, 57; Miles Childers, Horace Gonzales, Vance Reed and Bill Riffe, 57.

Tri-State Senior Wives held a putting contest Monday at the Pampa Country Club.

Results are as follows:
Overall winner: Judy Rice, Sunray; **Fighting Heart award:** Marge Penn, Pampa.

First Flight
1. Faye Cunningham, Spearman; 2. Delores Cornell, Georgetown; 3. Sweetie Scholz, Del City, Okla.

Second Flight
1. Jane Creasy, Panorama Village; 2. Ruth De Loach, Granbury; 3. Barbara Goodwin, Georgetown.

Senior Wives Scramble (at Pampa Country Club)
1. Judy Rice, Sunray and Piggie Steen, Conroe.

2. Joan Terrell, Whitney and Jane Creasy, Panorama Village.
3. Mary Johnston, Clovis, N.M. and Elnora Haynes, Pampa.



Miles Childers of Amarillo tees off in the men's scramble on Monday. (Pampa News photo)

Orioles slip by Rangers for fifth straight victory

BALTIMORE (AP) — Pat Hentgen wasn't about to be outdone by the other four guys in the Baltimore Orioles' starting rotation.

The right-hander allowed six hits in 6 1-3 innings to earn his first win since May 17, and Baltimore won its fifth straight, 3-2 over the Texas Rangers on Monday night.

Jay Gibbons and Jeff Conine also drove in runs for the Orioles, whose winning streak is their longest since a

five-game run in May 2001.

"With five starters, you don't want to end a streak like that," Hentgen said. "I think that competitiveness between the five of us is a great thing. Everyone's throwing the ball real well right now, and we just want to keep the train moving."

Hentgen (2-5), who allowed two runs, snapped a career-high five-game skid thanks heavily to a bullpen that bounced back after allowing five runs in the ninth

Sunday against Anaheim.

After Texas chased Hentgen in the seventh, the Orioles' one-run lead remained intact. With two on and one out, B.J. Ryan struck out Hank Blalock before Hector Carrasco fanned Alex Rodriguez on a 3-2 pitch.

"Carrasco and Ryan are the story of tonight's game, coming in with runners on first and second and facing their 3-4 guys," Hentgen said.

Jorge Julio worked the ninth for his 22nd save, the

fourth during the Orioles' current streak. Four of the five wins have been by one run.

Hentgen outpitched R.A. Dickey (4-5), who allowed three runs and six hits over six innings in his second major league start.

"You hate to have that type of pitching performance and not take advantage of it," Texas manager Buck Showalter said.

Texas used successive two-out RBI singles by Einar Diaz and Michael Young to take a

2-0 lead in the second, but it turned out to be the Rangers' lone offensive salvo.

"Hentgen is the type of guy that may give up a couple early," Showalter said, "but you look around the sixth or seventh inning and he's still out there, giving his team a chance to win."

Surhoff led off the third inning with his third homer, the first since June 12. It was only the fifth allowed by Dickey in 48 innings this season.

NOTEBOOK

PHYSICALS

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

LUBBOCK — Fort Elliott's Kade Zybach was on the winning team as the North breezed by the South 52-29 in the Texas Six-man Coaches Association all-star boys basketball game last weekend.

Zybach contributed 5 points to the winning effort. Caleb Henson of Ropes led the North with 9 points.

The North led 26-12 at halftime.

Junior Benitez of Iredell had 10 for the South.

RACING

LUZ-ARDIDEN, France (AP) — After another scary moment at the Tour de France, Lance Armstrong summed up his experience so far this year.

"There have been a lot of strange things happening," Armstrong said. "It's been a very odd, crisis-filled Tour."

Following a crash in Monday's 15th stage, a shaken Armstrong powered to his first stage win this year — in by far his best performance yet.

For the second time this Tour, Armstrong hit the tarmac — when a spectator's bag wrapped around his bike's handlebars and upset his balance, sending him tumbling.

In the Tour's first stage, on July 6, Armstrong was caught in a pileup involving around 35 riders — emerging from the carnage with a sore back that required a special massage to be flown in from Italy to treat him.

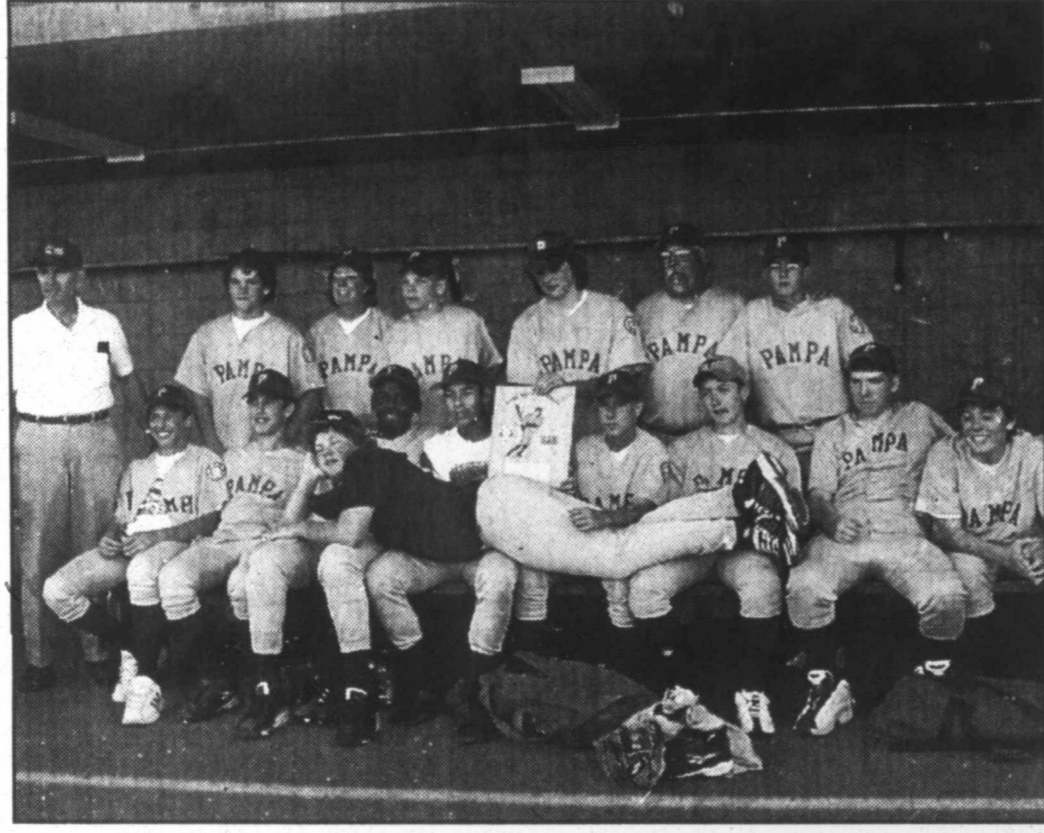
Since then, the Texan has suffered from technical problems with his bike, ill-fitting shoes, dehydration, and the unremitting sun gripping France in a heat wave.

Armstrong, who earned the 16th stage win of his Tour career Monday — his first came at Verdun in 1993 — has lamented his ill luck of late.

"After the fall, I had a rush of adrenaline, and I said one more time, 'Lance, if you'd like to win the Tour de France, it's today,'" he said.

"That's sometimes the best way for me to ride — angry," Armstrong said.

West Texas champs



(Courtesy photo)

The Pampa All-Stars (above) gather for a team photo after winning the West Texas Babe Ruth championship. Pampa meets the South Texas champions at 10 a.m. Friday in the regional tournament in Nederland. Team members are (front row, l-r) Tyson Hickman, Robbie Dixon, Sameer Kelley, Ryan Torres, Jonathan Carr, Jarred Moles, Bradley Johnson, Jargon Clark and Jake Craig (prone); (back row, l-r) Rex Black, District 3-4 Babe Ruth Commissioner; Keenan Davis, manager Marie Hickman, Brady Eakin, Eric Kingcade, coach Robert Dixon and Matthew Trusty.

BCS committee won't consider college football playoff

By JOSH DUBOW

AP Sports Writer

Forget about a college football playoff for now.

The committee overseeing changes to the Bowl Championship Series won't consider using a tournament to determine the national champion despite pleas to open up the post-season to more schools.

The BCS Presidential Oversight Committee on Monday directed the six conference commissioners to come up with proposals for changing the BCS without a playoff.

"I'm skeptical a national champion could be determined in a play-

off without infringing on a student athlete's welfare," said Penn State president Graham Spanier, a member of the committee.

The panel also said it would meet with representatives from the other five Division I-A conferences Sept. 8 in Chicago to hear their concerns about the current system.

Tulane president Scott Cowen, who is holding a teleconference with 44 other university presidents from non-BCS schools on Tuesday, said the invitation was a positive step.

But he was disappointed that the committee refused to consider a playoff, which the NCAA has in all other divisions and sports and which would improve

access for schools from non-power conferences.

"If we're going to have a dialogue, all options have to be open," Cowen said. "If they are eliminating options before the dialogue, then what are we talking about?"

"No matter how good we are, we can't get into BCS bowls. The rankings are biased against non-BCS schools."

In 1998, Tulane went undefeated but could only play in the Liberty Bowl because it was ranked 11th in the BCS standings. Teams from non-BCS conferences are guaranteed a bid to one of the four bowl games if they are ranked in the top six.

But in the 20 years before the

BCS started, only one school other than Notre Dame that is not currently in those six conferences played in one of the series' four bowls.

"The trend in the BCS is not very different than what existed in the decades before the BCS," Big Ten commissioner Jim Delany said. "The only thing that really has changed is we've created a 1 vs. 2 game."

Money is a major issue. The Rose, Fiesta, Sugar and Orange bowls generate more than \$100 million a year for the BCS conferences. The BCS gives about \$8 million a year to the schools from the other five conferences.

The BCS was formed in 1998 in an effort to match the top two

teams in a national title game. The system takes the champions from the six major conferences — Pac-10, Big 12, Big Ten, ACC, SEC and Big East — and two at-large teams to play in the BCS bowls.

The system worked perfectly last season when it paired Ohio State against Miami in the Fiesta Bowl in a matchup of the only undefeated teams — a matchup that couldn't have happened under the old system of conference tie-ins.

"Since we reorganized a little bit to allow for No. 1 vs. No. 2 game, there really has been no change in the schools that would have qualified before and that qualify now," Spanier said.

Major League Standings

American League					National League				
East Division					West Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	W	L	Pct	GB		
New York ^a	61	37	.622	—	Atlanta	65	33	.663	
Boston	58	40	.592	3	Philadelphia	55	42	.567 9 1/2	
Toronto	52	48	.520	10	Florida	51	48	.515 14 1/2	
Baltimore	46	50	.479	14	Montreal	50	49	.505 15 1/2	
Tampa Bay	35	62	.361 25 1/2	New York	41	57	.418 24		

Central Division					West Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	W	L	Pct	GB		
Kansas City	54	43	.557	—	Houston	54	45	.545 —	
Minnesota	49	49	.500 5 1/2	Chicago	50	48	.515 3		
Chicago	49	50	.495 6	Pittsburgh	44	52	.458 8 1/2		
Cleveland	41	58	.414 14	Cincinnati	44	54	.449 9 1/2		
Detroit	26	71	.268 28	Milwaukee	39	59	.398 14 1/2		

Monday's Games					Tuesday's Games					
Boston 14, Detroit 5	Baltimore 3, Texas 2	Toronto 8, N.Y. Yankees 0, 7 1/2	innings, rain	Anaheim (Ra. Ortiz 11-7) at Tampa Bay (Kennedy 3-6), 12:15 p.m.	Texas (Thomson 7-9) at Baltimore (Lopez 3-5), 12:35 p.m.	Oakland (Hudson 7-4) at Kansas City (K. Wilson 5-0), 2:05 p.m.	Cleveland (Ja. Davis 7-7) at Chicago White Sox (Colon 6-9), 2:05 p.m.	Detroit (Maroth 5-13) at Boston (Lowe 10-4), 7:05 p.m.	Toronto (Halladay 14-2) at N.Y. Yankees (Pettite 11-6), 7:05 p.m.	Seattle (Garcia 9-9) at Minnesota (Reed 5-9), 8:05 p.m.

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BUSINESS REVIEW

A new day is dawning at Pampa Nursing Center

Can you believe it's been 40 years Pampa Nursing Center has been involved in this community and the surrounding areas, providing excellent care? The year 2003 and beyond will be no different. However, the difference will be Pampa Nursing Center has a new administrator.

Janice Cunningham comes to the facility from Levelland Nursing Home where she served as Social Service Director for five years. She graduated from the University of Texas at Arlington with a master's degree in social work. She is a veteran of the U.S. Army where she served as a Criminal Investigator. Janice and her husband Pete are in the process of relocating to Pampa. They have a son attending South Plains College in Levelland. "I am impressed with the friendliness of the community and the quality of care given by the staff."

The main focus of Pampa Nursing Center will be on the care that is given to those entrusted in their care. "I believe that the care of a loved one and the care giver should be a partnership." Another focus will be on family and community involvement with the staff at Pampa Nursing Center. "Since arriving at Pampa Nursing Center, I have seen some exciting activities going on in the center for the residents." There is excitement in the air about what is going to be

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Janice Cunningham, Administrator at Pampa Nursing Center.



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Fannie West at "Mother's Day Tea and Music Show 2003."



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Residents enjoy refreshments during St. Patrick's Day festivities at Pampa Nursing Center.

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