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Lefors VFD plans annual BBQ, dance

LEFORS — Lefors Volunteer Fire Department is gearing up for the Third Annual Firefighter's Fund-raiser Friday, July 25, in Lefors with all-you-can-eat barbecue at 6:30 p.m. to the sounds of "Texas Crossroads" followed at 8 p.m. by a street dance with Magic City Boys.

Proceeds from the benefit will be divided between Shamrock, McLean and Lefors volunteer fire departments.

Tickets will be available at the door or may be purchased in advance by calling Lefors City Hall at 835-2200 or by contacting any volunteer firefighter in Shamrock, McLean and Lefors. Cost of the tickets is \$10. Children 12 and under get in free. Corporate and private donations to the departments are also welcome.

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No lay-offs

Officials: Revised city budget won't include employee cuts

By DEE DEE LARAMORE
 EDITOR

City Commissioners in a work session Tuesday reviewed a revised 2003-2004 budget proposal that does not include any personnel layoffs and comes close to being balanced with anticipated revenue.

"Am I right in this? You've taken employee lay-offs off the table," asked Commissioner Jeff Andrews. City Manager Mitch Grant affirmed this.

Grant said he plans to file the proposed budget next week.

City Secretary Phyllis Jeffers said a public hearing on the proposed budget is set for Aug. 19. First reading is to be heard at the Aug. 26 city commission meeting and second reading is scheduled for Sept. 1, she said.

Grant's original budget proposal showed a \$380,000 shortfall between revenues and expenditures. The budget commissioners viewed at the Tuesday work session was

balanced using revenue figures from 2002-2003.

"Each director went through their departments and started cutting. They really tightened this thing down," Grant told commissioners.

"I'm not proposing any increase in tax revenue," he said.

However, it came out in the meeting that because of an approximate \$6 million decline in property values, the city would have to increase the tax rate by about one cent to generate the same amount of revenue as from the previous year.

Grant also said he would like to lower the water rate minimum from 2,000 gallons to 1,000 gallons. He said the temporary summer increase would revert back to the water rate as it was in June.

"I appreciate how the staff has worked hard to balance this budget, but it still doesn't solve all the problems," Commissioner Faustina Curry commented.

"This is patch work," Grant said. (See CITY, Page 3)

Big break



(Pampa News photo by Dee Dee Laramore)

City of Pampa workers, from left, Ron Parnell, Andy Werner and Michael Campos, repair a four-inch water main that burst Tuesday between Lefors and Magnolia streets. When city employees arrived at the break, a stream of water was shooting high into the air and gallons of water rushed down Magnolia and continued down Browning Street. Parnell said this is the fifth water main that's broken in the city in the past three days. Residents on the north end of the two residential streets were without water until workers could repair the line.

U.S. captures senior Republican Guard

Two soldiers die in attacks after U.S. forces kill two of Saddam's sons

By NIKO PRICE
 ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

MOSUL, Iraq (AP) — U.S. forces captured a senior Republican Guard official Wednesday, a day after killing Saddam Hussein's sons Odai and Qusai in a four-hour gunbattle. But the bloody insurgency showed no signs of letting up, as attacks claimed the lives of two more American soldiers.

The commander of coalition forces in Iraq, Lt. Gen. Ricardo Sanchez, said the deaths of the two sons "is definitely going to be a turning point for the

resistance and the subversive elements that we are encountering." He warned in an interview with CNN, however, that there may be "a spike" in attacks on U.S. forces.

President Bush said Iraqis can gain comfort from knowing that "the careers of two of the regime's chief henchmen came to an end."

"Saddam Hussein's sons were responsible for torture, maiming and murder of countless Iraqis," Bush said at the White House. "Now more than ever, Iraqis can know that the former regime is gone and will never come

back."

Bush added, though, that "a few remaining holdouts" loyal to Saddam's government are complicating efforts to stabilize Iraq and advance freedom.

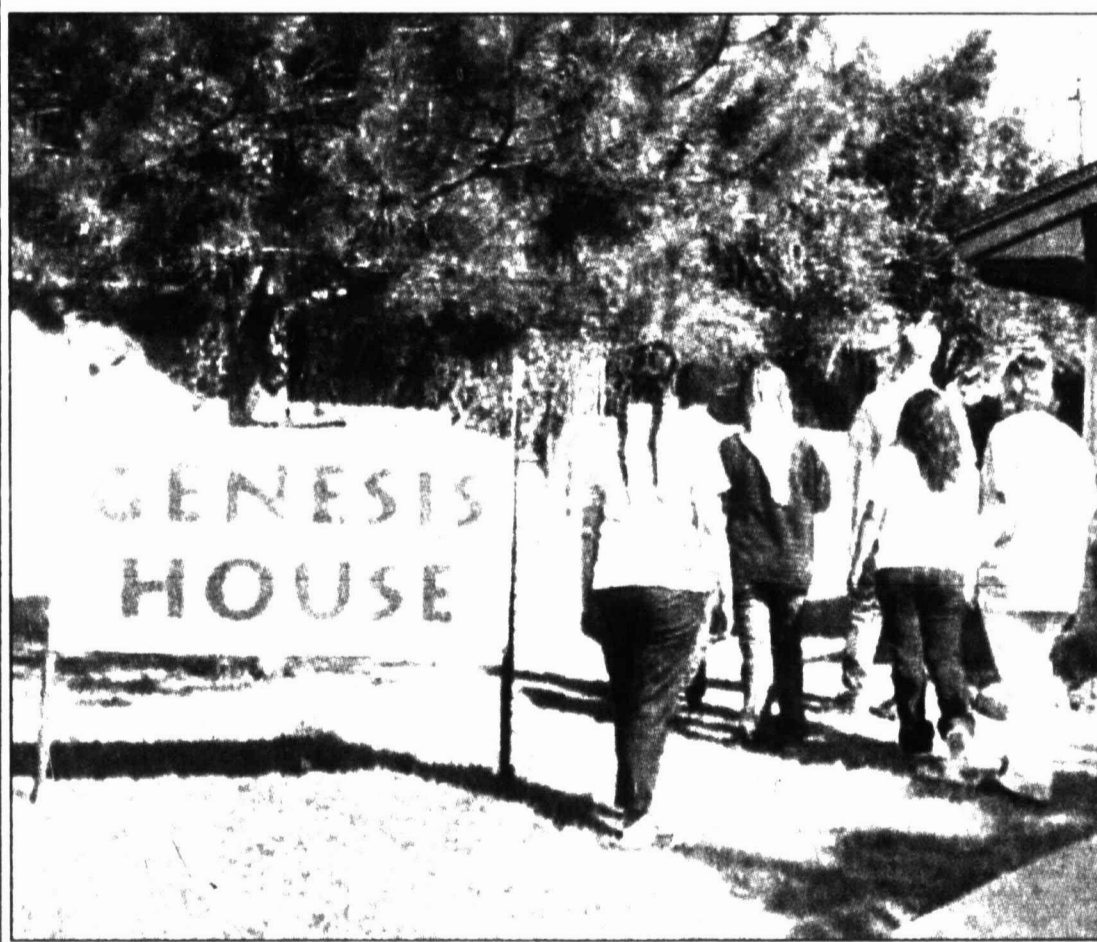
On Wednesday, a new tape aired by an Arab satellite TV broadcaster and purportedly made by Saddam on Sunday called on fighters loyal to him to persist in their uprising against the U.S.-led occupation force.

The head of the Special Republican Guard, Barzan Abd al-Ghatur Sulayman Majid al-Tikriti, was seized at an undisclosed location in Iraq.

Sanchez told a news conference in Baghdad. He was 11th on the U.S. list of 55 most-wanted figures from the deposed regime.

On the streets of Baghdad, where gunfire broke out Tuesday in celebration of Saddam's sons' deaths, residents said they wished American forces had captured them alive — ready to stand trial, face their victims and suffer punishment for the horrors they inflicted on Iraq.

"We are happy for this, but we hoped that they would have been captured at an undisclosed location in Iraq." (See IRAQ, Page 3)



(Pampa News photo by Miranda Bailey)

Always Looking Forward: Teen residents of Genesis House head back to their dormitories after meeting visitors during the open house.

Genesis House names addition after volunteer

By MIRANDA G. BAILEY
 FOR THE NEWS

Genesis House celebrated the addition of four new offices and building renovations during an open house event Tuesday afternoon. Staff members and volunteers were on hand to escort the organization's board members and other attendees throughout the remodeled administrative building.

The six teens currently in residence also eagerly welcomed visitors into the boys and girls homes, providing tours for the guests.

"Everything was made handicapped accessible and

we're real proud of it," said staff member Frankie Branstford of the new building addition.

A halfway house for troubled youth, the Genesis House is funded by private donations, United Way and other federal agencies.

The newest addition since 1991 will be named after Nadine Arney, a long time Genesis House volunteer, who moved to Arkansas in 1999 to be closer to family.

"She drew the plans for it," said Genesis House board member David Gantz. "It was one of her dreams along with this whole place."

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(Pampa News photo by Dee Dee Laramore)

At the Pampa City Commission meeting Tuesday, Mayor Lonny Robbins, center, presented members of the Top O' Texas Rodeo Association and Gray County with a letter of recognition for their work putting on the 2003 Top O' Texas Rodeo. Reading the letter here are Rodeo Association officials, from left, Neil Fulton and Michael Craig, and Gray County Commissioner Gary Willoughby, right.

CITY

conceded. "Something I'd like to do is sit down with the directors - if we do continue to lose population - we have to have a plan to cut back on departments.

"We're putting another Band-Aid on this budget. It's not going to solve the problem," Mayor Lonny Robbins said. "Sooner or later this commission is going to have to make some hard decisions. For several years we've been balancing this budget from our reserve account.

"I appreciate what (the department directors) have done. I just don't know if it's enough. We've already found out about losing another \$38,000 (in tax revenue)."

In the public comments section of the regular meeting at 6 p.m., Pampan Don Reed spoke about the benefits of a volunteer fire department and how Hoover volunteer fire-fighters could help the city if allowed.

Richard Morris, city public works director, presented the annual 2002 Water Quality Report. Copies of the report have already been sent to local residents, he said.

He said that according to the report, after 500 tests for 97 possible contaminants, the study found that Pampa's water "meets or surpasses" Environmental Protection Agency standards for water quality.

Morris said he is available for anyone having questions about the city's water and water quality report.

Mayor Robbins read a letter from the city commission commending the Top O' Texas Rodeo Association members and Gray County for their work in putting on this year's Top O' Texas Rodeo.

"We want to give our thanks to Gray County for all they've done in preparation for the event," he said.

Calling the rodeo, "a great tourism attraction," Robbins said, "it is our pleasure to work with Neil Fulton and the rest of the Association in putting on this great event."

Fulton said that the recent college rodeo held here was also a success. In fact, the college rodeo association rated the Pampa college rodeo as No. 2 in the nation, he said.

"When people pull togeth-

er ... when they get ahold of the end of the rope and pull in the same direction, things start to happen," he said.

In other action Tuesday, commissioners authorized the city to advertise for bids to sell the paint booths in the old U.S. Bus building at 822 E. Foster. Commissioners also unanimously appointed Jerry Carlson as a member of the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority.

Commissioners also approved the June bills totalling \$498,034.90 after transfers and minutes for the July 8 work session and commission meeting and a special meeting on July 1.

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Arney, described by Gantz as a "consistent and absolute volunteer" joins the ranks of the numerous Pampa citizens and businesses who have provided the facility with support of all kinds in its 32 years.

"If we named all the volunteers, most of the Pampa phone book would be marked," Gantz said.

The facility started out as a home for girls in 1971 by organizer Lois Still. Nadine Arney soon jumped on board and remained a loyal volunteer until leaving Pampa four years ago.

Genesis House has since

grown into a successful drug and alcohol prevention and probationary facility leading youth ages 12-17 to recovery.

The state standard for facilities like this one requires a 50 percent success rate for clients after the first year they have left, Gantz said. Genesis House maintains a success rate of 70 percent, he added.

According to Gantz, the newest addition, like the entire facility itself, is an example of the community working together for a common good.

"The whole Genesis House history," he said, "is individuals getting together and taking care of a problem."

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IRAQ

tured instead of killed so that they could have been tried by the Iraqi people," said Jassim Jabar, a 22-year-old tailor. "I hope Saddam will face the same fate soon."

Others didn't believe the Americans had finally run the brothers to ground.

Sanchez said that the coalition would provide proof "in due time" to the Iraqi people that Odai, 39, and Qusai, 37, second only to their father in power in the ousted regime, were killed in the U.S. raid on a palatial villa in this northern city Tuesday.

Their bodies were taken to the Baghdad International Airport base of American forces Wednesday to be flown out of the country, U.S. officials said.

Dental records, X-rays and four former senior figures from the Saddam regime — including presidential secretary Abid Hamid Mahmud al-

Tikriti — helped establish certainty that the two sons were dead, Sanchez said.

He said dental records were a 100 percent match for Qusai and a 90 percent match for Odai. Injuries to Odai's teeth made it impossible to achieve a perfect match.

Two other Iraqis, including a teenager, were killed in the raid. The teen was thought to have been Qusai's son, Mustafa. The other man was believed to have been a body-guard, U.S. officials said. But Sanchez said experts have yet to identify the bodies.

Ten Humvee-mounted TOW anti-tank missiles fired from Humvees had silenced most of the resistance, apparently killing the three adult suspects, Sanchez said. He said the battle ended at about 2 p.m. Tuesday, when soldiers stormed up the stairs to the second floor and shot the remaining suspect, apparently the teenager, who was firing at them.

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West Texas A&M University to introduce newest ornament during 'Christmas in July' reception

CANYON — In spite of the summer heat, the West Texas A&M University Bookstore will celebrate Christmas in July on Thursday, July 24 and will use the occasion to introduce the "Buffalo Courts Alumni Center" ornament, the fourth ornament in the University's Centennial Countdown Series. The 2-3:30 p.m. come-and-go reception, complete with holiday refreshments, music, decorations and a visit from Santa Claus, will mark the public's first opportunity to purchase the 2003 collectible ornament.

Built by WT students with petrified wood and native stone, Buffalo Courts is one of the University's most identifiable landmarks. Originally constructed with a series of rooms arranged around a courtyard and a large two-story lodge, Buffalo Courts was unique in form as well as function and served as the first dormitory in the state reserved exclusively for male athletes.

The two-story main building, completed in 1941, is the only part of the structure still standing. It now houses the Alumni Association, which is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year.

"Buffalo Courts is unique to the West Texas A&M campus, and it's the Alumni Association's 50th Anniversary," Natrelle Long, honorary chair of the Christmas ornament committee and wife of WTAMU



(Courtesy photo)

President Russell Long, said. "Buffalo Courts was an obvious choice for this year's ornament. It holds a lot of memories for a lot of people, and we're excited to add it to the collection."

The three-dimensional solid-brass Buffalo Courts ornament is finished in 24-karat gold and is elegantly presented in a decorative box bearing the University seal.

An ornament depicting the Old Main building was issued in 2000, the first of the 11-ornament series, and was followed by the Buffalo ornament in 2001 and the Event Center ornament a year ago. A new ornament will be introduced every year until 2010, the University's 100-year anniversary.

Beginning July 24, the 2003 Buffalo Courts ornament will go on sale for

\$12.95. A limited number of Old Main, Buffalo and Event Center ornaments are available for \$14.95 each. (Handling and shipping is an additional \$4.95 per order and will require two to three weeks for delivery.)

Collectors and WTAMU friends may mail orders to Bookstore, WTAMU Box 60937, Canyon, Texas 79016-0001, call 806-651-2744, fax 806-651-2752 or stop by the University Bookstore, located in the Jack B. Kelley Student Center on the WTAMU campus.

Profits from the sale of the ornaments will fund campus beautification projects.

'Party on the Prairie'



(Courtesy photo)

Ricky and Tara Rhoden participate in a silent auction during Junior Service League's "Party on the Prairie" fund-raiser recently.

Fourth Annual Old Mobeetie Texas Music Festival in offing

MOBEETIE — The Fourth Annual Old Mobeetie Texas Music Festival, an annual fundraiser benefiting the Old Mobeetie Texas Museum Association, will be staged July 25-27 at Old Mobeetie. The festival will include bluegrass, western swing, country and western, gospel and other styles.

J.C. Mills will MC the event and Frank Cleveland will serve as sound man. Featured performers are as follows: Star Canyon of San Antonio; The Duffin Family of Montague; The Dyson Family of Sayre, Okla.; Buddy and Tina Wright of Lubbock; Triple L. Bluegrass Band of Portales, N.M.; Magic City Cowboys of Magic City; Larry Ford Bluegrass Band of Leedeey, Okla.; A Bunch of Grass of the Texas Panhandle; and Texas Crossroads Band of Shamrock.

Picking and "jamming" will occur nightly, and Mobeetie Volunteer Fire Department will provide concessions.

Hours for the festival will be 6 p.m. until 12-midnight, Friday; 10 a.m. until 12-midnight, Saturday; and 9 a.m. until 12-noon, Sunday. The Sunday program will feature gospel music.

Admission is \$8 Friday, \$10 Saturday and free on Sunday or \$16 for a weekend pass.

RV hookups will be allotted on a first-come, first-serve basis. The hookups will cost \$10 per night, \$55 for seven days or \$75 for 10 days. Dry campers will be charged \$4 per night. For more information, call the museum at (806) 845-2028. No alcohol will be permitted. All pets must be on a leash and pet owners will be responsible for cleaning up after them.

3,200-bed female prison may get built

PHOENIX (AP) — The Department of Corrections is considering bids from three private firms to build and run a prison for more than three thousand female inmates.

If approved and built, the new 3,200-bed prison would overtake Goodyear's 2,434-inmate Perryville complex as the nation's largest state prison for women.

Comell Cos., of Houston; Management and Training Corp., of Centerville, Utah; and

Correctional Services Corp., of Sarasota, Fla., have all submitted bids for the project.

Proposed sites include Mobile in Maricopa County and sites in both Pima and Pinal Counties which are near the Pinal Air Park, near Marana.

It's unclear how much the project will cost, but state legislators have given approval for corrections officials to hire private companies for jail services.

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DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

Girl Needs Help Releasing Emotions Pent-Up Inside

DEAR ABBY: My recent eighth-grade graduation should have been a happy night for me, but I spent most of it in the bathroom with my best friend, "Sandy." She was crying her eyes out because her father was there. She hadn't seen him for more than two years. Sandy's mother had an affair with him 14 years ago, and he decided to stay with his wife, leaving Sandy and her mother alone. Her father pays child support, but his absence has left an emotional gap you could drive a truck through.

Sandy's mother is a wonderful person, but you can't talk to her about important things. And Sandy isn't open about her feelings to many people. They build up inside her and she just explodes. Seeing her father on graduation night was the straw that broke the camel's back. He seemed uncomfortable. He barely spoke to Sandy and didn't give her a hug or anything. I try to console my friend the best I can, but I'm not sure what to say. Abby, if she starts to feel bad again, what can I say to help her heal her pain?

CONCERNED FRIEND
IN WISCONSIN

DEAR CONCERNED FRIEND: Continue to be the caring and supportive friend you have been. However, rather than trying to heal her hurt, tell your mother what you have observed and ask her to speak to Sandy's mother. Sandy will need counseling and a safe place to express her feelings of hurt and abandonment. If she sees someone now, it could save her years of unhappiness and therapy later. Her feelings are valid and must be addressed.

DEAR ABBY: Our daughter, "Lea," went away to college last year. She was looking forward not only to the opportunity to learn, but also to make new friends. She had made only a couple of friends in high school. During her freshman year at college, Lea made an effort to make friends, but never made more than one. Lea is returning for her sophomore

year, resigned to being one of the less popular students. Have you any suggestions or a booklet of some kind to help her? Lea is a bright, attractive young woman who deserves to have friends. What's her problem, Abby?

SAD MOTHER
IN SANDUSKY, OHIO

DEAR SAD MOTHER: You haven't given me enough information to determine what has prevented your daughter from making friends. However, I do have a booklet that other people have found helpful; it's titled "How to Be Popular: You're Never Too Young or Too Old." To order, send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope plus a check or money order for \$5 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby — Popularity Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Postage is included in the price.) Allow six to eight weeks for delivery.

DEAR ABBY: My 38-year-old son was recently sentenced to 14 years in prison for molesting his 10-year-old stepdaughter. I am devastated.

Do you think I should seek out the girl and tell her how sorry I am? She and her mother live several hundred miles away. I feel my son has ruined this young girl's life.

STEP-GRANDMA
IN ALABAMA

DEAR STEP-GRANDMA: By all means let the child know you care about her well-being. Let her know that you empathize with her pain and are there for her. Right now, the girl needs to know that she is loved and that family members support her. You can accomplish this by reaching out.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

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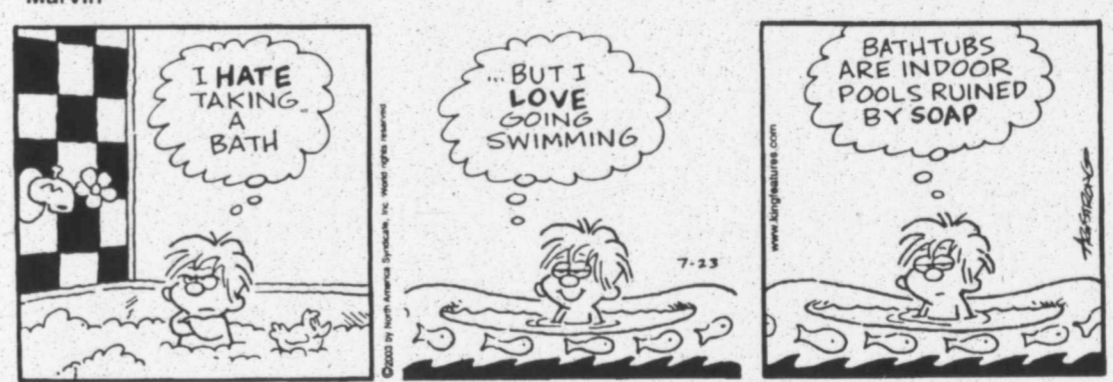
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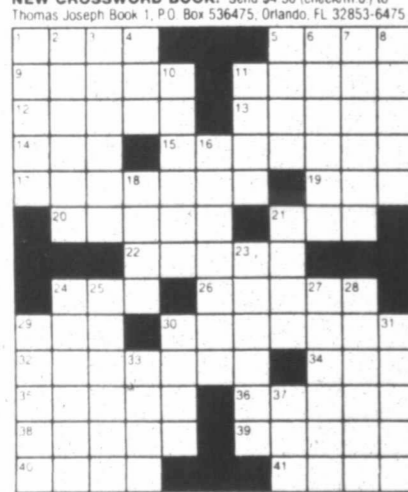
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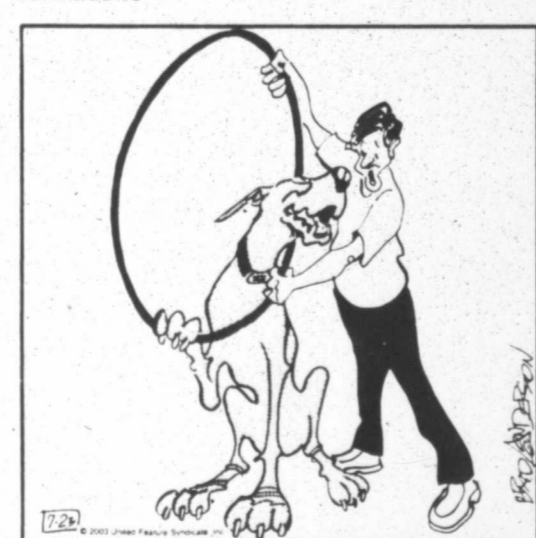
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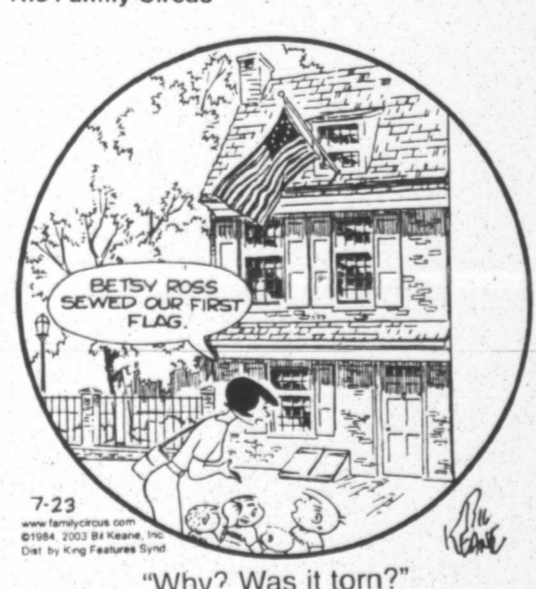


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SPORTS

Lubbock's Wilson grabs Tri-State lead

PAMPA — Two-time champion Tommy Wilson of Lubbock grabbed the first-round lead Tuesday in the Tri-State Senior Golf Association Tournament at the Pampa Country Club course.

Wilson's 2-under-par 73 gave him a two-shot lead over Bob Brent of Amarillo.

There's a two-way tie for third between Earl Simpson and Joe Gonzalez.

Wilson won Tri-State titles in 2000 and 2001.

The second round of the 54-hole tournament teed off this morning. The third and final round is Thursday.

Leading the Super Seniors Flight is Pampa's Elmer Wilson, who won championship titles in 1994 and 1996. This is Wilson's first year to play in the Super Seniors Flight for golfers 70 years of age

and over. Defending Tri-State champion Eddie Rice is tied with Jay Sherrard for first in the President's Flight.

Tri-State Tournament (first-round results) Championship Flight

1. Tommy Wilson, 73; 2. Bob Brent, 75; 3. (tie) Earl Simpson, 77; Joe Gonzalez, 77; 5. (tie)

Dwayne Kuntz, Glen Adams, Frank McCullough and Richard Ellis, 78; 9. (tie) Miles Childers and Merle Terrell, 79; 11. (tie) Bill Allen, Duane Pittman, Scott Mack and Gary

President's Flight

1. Jay Sherrard and Eddie Rice, 82; 3. Ray Morgan, 84; 4. LeWayne Hogan, 85; 5. (tie) Bill Clemmons, Bill Bridges

and Horace Gonzalez, 86; 8. (tie) Chuck White and Dan Allen, 87; 10. Billy Kelly, 91; 11. Vern Johnston; 92; 12. (tie) Cagle Kendrick and Jamie Collinsworth, 94; 14. Cal Browning, 96.

Super Seniors Flight

1. Elmer Wilson, 75; 2. (tie) Edwin Nixon and Frank Howell, 79; 4. Ken Pierce, 80; 5. (tie) James Stavenhagen and Harrod Salmon, 83; 7. Frank Robinson, 84; 8. (tie) Bill Curtis and Gene Hall, 85; 10. Don Riffe, 87; 11. (tie) Dill Deloach and Sonny Adams, 88; 13. Ted Armstrong, 92; 14. Otto Knight, 94.

First Flight

Winner's Bracket: Vance Reed, Tom Holmes, Lew Killebrew, Eddy Clemmons, Quenton Estep, Bill Fontenot, John Haynes and Mart Tomlinson.

Second Flight

Winner's Bracket: Dee Phillips, Don Russell, Bob Cornell, Gladenzo Gillespie, Jack Phillips, Tom Murphy, Charlie Swearingen and Sam Bass.

Third Flight

Winner's Bracket: Harry Frye, Robert Hooten, Titus Owen, Rex Christian, Joe Donaldson, Bill Riffe, George Roach, and Dan Steen.



(Pampa News photo)

Former Pampa Glen Adams sizes up a putt during the first-round of the Tri-State Tournament. Adams, who now lives in Granbury, finished the day in a four-way tie for fifth.

NOTEBOOK

SOFTBALL

WACO — The Pampa Junior Girls' All-Star team lost to San Antonio Northwest 9-0 in the first round of the Texas West State Softball Tournament in Waco on Tuesday afternoon.

Pampa pitchers only allowed five hits, but were hurt by 12 walks and three errors.

Pampa had three hits — singles by Maggie Hopkins, Cassy Tice and Kaci Jimenez.

Pampa plays Gateway Larado at 7 tonight. KGRO Radio (1230 AM) in Pampa will broadcast the game.

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

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Free agent forward Robert Horry has reached a verbal agreement for a one-year contract with the San Antonio Spurs, according to a Houston television station.

Horry, who turns 33 in August, may sign a contract with the defending NBA champions on Wednesday. KRIV reports.

Residents urged to be wary of boxing club solicitations

PAMPA — Residents and business owners should be wary of youngsters who are asking for donations to benefit a boxing club, says the founder of the Youth Survival Club of Pampa.

"We don't ask our kids to go out and collect money. The only time our boxers are allowed to solicit is when they have raffle tickets, and the information is on the ticket," says club founder J.R. Moreno. "Our

club needs donations, but we're not going to go out and commit fraud to get money."

Moreno said himself and board president Chris Perez are the only ones from the Youth Survival Club of Pampa authorized to go into the community to collect money or ask for donations.

Persons who would like more information can contact Moreno at 669-0898 or Perez at 665-1475.

Police continue search for missing player

WACO, Texas (AP) — Despite a day of fruitless searching for a missing Baylor basketball player, Waco police say they expect to find his body based on information from his former teammate, who is now

charged with murder. Investigators, some on horseback, searched river banks and a gravel pit Tuesday for Patrick Dennehy's body.

Teams were to resume their search later Wednesday.

said police spokeswoman Sharon Holt.

"There is always the hope, very sincere hope, that we find Mr. Dennehy, mostly for his family and then for the criminal case," police Sgt. Ryan Holt said.



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TPMHMR hears policy review, overview of volunteer services

Texas Panhandle Mental Health Mental Retardation Board of Trustees heard from Peggy La Favars, volunteer, when it convened for a meeting recently.

La Favars made a presentation on the volunteer services council, a fundraising and support mechanism for the agency.

Connie Longan, director of quality and compliance, conducted a policy review for the Board of Trustees.

The Texas Council Risk Management Fund awarded Texas Panhandle MHMR Outstanding Achievement in Liability Safety and Loss Prevention for large centers. TPMHMR had the lowest loss record for liability in the areas of malpractice and losses related to employment claims.

The center participated in the Annual Personal Outcomes Measures, External Validation in May. A total of 20 clients were interviewed. The results indicated that the agency displayed strengths in all critical areas and overall, participants were happy with

the services received.

TPMHMR was asked to join the new Community Resource Coordination Group for Adults (CRCGA) for Potter and Randall counties. The CRCGA was developed to coordinate social services for adults.

TPMHMR plans to contract after-hours hotline services to an independent provider. The agency's REACH program will now provide screening, information and referrals during the 8 to 5 work week and after-hour emergency face-to-face mental health assessments.

The Board of Trustees

approved several recommendations including an agreement with Deaf Smith County United Way for funding in the fiscal year of 2004; the renewal of the lease for the Devon group home in Amarillo; the extension of the lease of office and clinic space in Hereford; the approval of newly defined positions in the Crisis Support Unit; and several amendments made to the Texas Panhandle MHMR Employee Retirement Plan that will result in significant savings for the agency.

Debbie Boka (Amarillo), Judge Jack Hall (Clarendon),

Patty Hamm (Amarillo) and Reverend James Peach (Vega) were re-appointed to the Mental Health Planning Advisory Committee.

The Board of Trustees represents the citizens served by TPMHMR in the upper 21 counties of the Texas Panhandle and serves as the policy making body. The board meets monthly and conducts business in accordance with the open meetings laws of Texas.

Board members are: Dean Copeland, chair, Pampa; Dr. Sam Reeves, vice-chair, Amarillo; The Honorable Willis Smith, secretary/treas-

urer, Higgins; Steve Cornett, Canyon; Diane Scroggins, Borger; Elaine Vivens, Amarillo; Janis Robinson, Hereford and Lee Ann Reno, Amarillo. The center has offices in Amarillo, Borger, Clarendon, Dumas, Hereford, Pampa, Perryton, and Wellington.

Any individual served by TPMHMR, their families, agency personnel, service providers or the general public who have questions or concerns regarding services provided by TPMHMR may contact Susan Kitchens, Rights Protection Officer, at 806-349-5607.

DRILLING INTENTIONS

Intentions to Drill

WHEELER (WILDCAT) Cambridge Production, Inc., #1 Old Highway, 474' from South & 959' from West line, Sec. 22.A-5.H&GN, PD 13800'.

Gas Well Completions

CARSON (WEST PANHANDLE) Pantera Energy Co., #4R Barnard, Sec. 24.4.I&GN, spud 5-17-03, drlg. compl 5-20-03, tested 6-26-03, TD 2841', PBTD 2650'.

GRAY (WEST PANHANDLE) Gruy Petroleum Mgmt., Inc., #3 Cubine, Sec. 186.E.D&P, spud 2-16-03, drlg. compl 2-18-03, tested 3-23-03, potential 620 MCF, TD 2590'.

GRAY (WEST PANHANDLE) Pantera Energy Co., #2R Bell, Sec. 208.B-2.H&GN, spud 5-6-03, drlg. compl 5-9-03, tested 5-23-03, TD 2770', PBTD 2750'.

GRAY (WEST PANHANDLE) Pantera Energy Co., #4R Sargent, Sec. 157.3.I&GN, spud 5-11-03, drlg. compl 5-15-03, tested 6-22-03, TD 2770', PBTD 2680'.

HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Dominion Oklahoma Texas E&P, Inc., #1 Hemphill-Walser '11', Sec. 11.4.AB&M, spud 4-27-03, drlg. compl 5-10-03, tested 6-30-03, potential 5559 MCF, TD 11730', PBTD 11625'.

HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Dominion Oklahoma Texas E&P, Inc., #14 Meek '67, Sec. 67.M-1.H&GN, spud 5-4-03, drlg. compl 5-19-03, tested 6-30-03, potential 5207 MCF, TD 11692', PBTD 11602'.

HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) PN Resources, Inc., #8069 J.P. Meek, Sec. 69.M-1.H&GN, spud 5-8-03, drlg. compl 6-4-03, tested 6-21-03, TD 11935', PBTD 11820'.

HEMPHILL (HEMPHILL Granite Wash) Bracken Operating, L.L.C., #4076 Thorne, Sec. 76.A-2.H&GN, spud 5-21-03, drlg. compl 6-12-03, tested 7-9-03, TD 10787'.

HEMPHILL (HEMPHILL Granite Wash) Samson Lone Star Ltd. Partnership, #2 Hobart '49', Sec. 49.A-2.H&GN, spud 4-19-03, drlg. compl 5-6-03, tested 5-9-03, TD 11500', PBTD 11380'.

ROBERTS (PARSELL Lower Morrow) BP America Production Co., #3170 Morrison, Scott & Conrad, Roy 'M', Sec. 170.42.H&TC, spud 3-31-03, drlg. compl 5-31-03, tested 7-8-03, TD 11300'.

ROBERTS (PARSELL Lower Morrow) Range Production Co., #3 Pioneer, Sec. 31.43.H&TC, spud 2-18-03, drlg. compl 3-28-03, tested 5-21-03, potential 2519 MCF, TD 11400', PBTD 11340'.

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