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LOCAL
Flea market benefit set for Paul Munsell

A flea market to help raise funds for Paul Munsell's medical and surgery expenses has been set for 8 a.m. to noon, Saturday, July 26, in the St. Vincent Catholic School gymnasium.

LOTTERY

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Wednesday night: Winning numbers drawn: 4-5-6-21-38. Bonus Ball: 29. Number matching five of five, plus Bonus Ball 0.

Estimated jackpot for Saturday night drawing: \$41 million.

DEATHS

- Courtney M. Broaddus, 71, farmer and rancher.
- Wanda Elaine Cooper, 66, deputy voter registrar.
- Lewis C. Gallimore, 78, electrician.
- Myrtle Willis, 90, turntable store owner.

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U.S. releases pictures of sons' bodies

Officials hope photos will be proof to skeptical Iraqis

By STEVEN R. HURST
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — The U.S. military released graphic after-death photographs Thursday showing the heavily bearded faces of Saddam Hussein's feared sons, Odai and Qusai, in an effort to prove to Iraqis they were killed in a fierce gunbattle this week.

Two of the photos showed what appeared to be Odai, the older brother, with a severely bloodied face. He had a gash running from his left eye to the right corner of his mouth, bruises over his forehead.

Qusai, depicted in two other photos according to the U.S. military, had bruises and blood marks on his eyes. His face was far more intact than Odai's and his mouth was open with his teeth showing.

The brothers had never worn such thick beards, and may have been trying to disguise their identities as they spent 3 1/2 months in hiding from coalition forces.

The photographs were immediately broadcast to the Arab world including Iraq by two Arab satellite television networks, Al-Jazeera and Al-Arabiya.

Some Iraqis who saw the photos Thursday said they appeared to be those of the brothers.

Other Iraqis remained unconvinced.

"I'm not convinced the pictures shown are of Odai and Qusai, and even if they were I'm not happy. I would have been happy if they were captured alive and brought to justice before the Iraqi people," said Shant Agob, 37, an accountant who saw them broadcast on CNN in a Baghdad hotel.

The release of the photographs was a move by the military to convince skeptical Iraqis that the feared brothers were dead. Many Iraqis, especially Saddam supporters, believed the story of the brothers' killing was concocted by the American military to demoralize opponents of their occupation of the country.

The photos showed the men from the chest up — one on bloody white sheets, the other in what appeared to be a body bag — with blood caked on their faces. Both men had their eyes closed, the lids darkly purpled.

In addition to the photos, the military released photos of Odai and Qusai when they were alive for comparison. They also released X-rays of Odai's leg, which was injured in an assassination attempt in the 1990s.

The top U.S. commander in Iraq said X-rays, dental records and four former members of Saddam's regime had confirmed that the two dead were the ousted Iraqi leader's eldest two sons.

They were killed in a fierce gunbattle with U.S. forces at a villa in the northern city of Mosul after an Iraqi informant tipped the Americans off to their presence there.

The military has said the brothers and a third man, believed to have been a bodyguard, were killed by U.S. TOW missiles fired into the villa where they were hiding out Tuesday. A fourth person in the house, believed to be Qusai's teenage son Mustafa, was shot to death by troops storming the house after the missiles devastated it.

The night the brothers were killed, Baghdad erupted in celebratory gunfire.

CIA, FBI, NSA all faulted in Sept. 11 attacks

By CURT ANDERSON
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

WASHINGTON (AP) — Prior to the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, the CIA failed to act on intelligence it had about hijackers, the FBI was unable to track al-Qaida in the United States, and key National Security Agency communications intercepts never were circulated, a congressional investigation has concluded.

Even had these and many other failures not occurred, no evidence surfaced in the probe by the House and Senate intelligence committees to show that the government could have prevented the attacks that killed more than 3,000 people in New York, Washington and Pennsylvania.

A 900-page declassified version of

the report being released Thursday was expected to provide fresh details of the Sept. 11 plot and government failures, but no "smoking guns." Excerpts of the report were provided to The Associated Press before its official release.

"A lot went wrong," Sen. Richard Shelby, R-Alabama, said Thursday on NBC's "Today" show.

"If there had been a sharing of a lot of information at the right time between the CIA, FBI, NSA and so forth, maybe things would have been different leading up to Sept. 11, but there's no smoking gun," he said.

Sen. Bob Graham, D-Fla., asked if he thought the Sept. 11 attacks could have been prevented, said on CBS' "The Early Show" he thought the answer "is probably yes. The most significant set of events, in my opinion,

are in the section of the report that has been censored and therefore won't be available to the American people."

Said Rep. Ray LaHood, R-Ill.: "Anybody who makes an assertion that this could have been prevented is making a political statement because there is no evidence, no information that was shared with the top people in our government that could have led them to believe this was going to happen. It wasn't there."

White House spokesman Scott McClellan said the report "confirms the importance of the strong, aggressive stance we have already taken to better protect the American people at home and abroad."

McClellan cited as examples creation of the new Homeland Security Department, improved information

sharing between government agencies and efforts to freeze terrorist assets. Responding to criticism that key portions of the classified report remain secret, McClellan said that "80 percent" is being made public, with only the most sensitive national security sections staying under wraps.

The report makes clear there were ample warning signs that Osama bin Laden was planning attacks within the United States, and several opportunities to learn about the plot were missed by intelligence and law enforcement agencies.

The NSA intercepted conversations by early 1999 indicating that two future hijackers were connected to a suspected al-Qaida facility in the Middle East, but that information was not passed on to other agencies.

Watch out for the wire



(Pampa News photo by Dee Dee Laramore)

Pampa firefighters and ambulance EMTs attend to Heather Nicole Hall, 17, 1001 E. Darby, right, who was thrown from the four-wheeler in the foreground when it struck a guide wire attached to a utility pole in a large grassy lot owned by Attebury Grain Inc. in the 600 block of South West. The driver of the ATV, Jake Adam Mulanax, 20, 908 S. Wells, was also thrown from the vehicle in the collision. Both were taken to Pampa Regional Medical Center by Rural Metro Ambulance with possible injuries, according to Pampa Police Department reports.

3 American soldiers killed in attacks in northern Iraq

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Three American soldiers were killed Thursday when their convoy was hit by gunfire and rocket-propelled grenades in northern Iraq, a military spokeswoman said. In Baghdad, two Iraqis were killed when their car approached a U.S. military checkpoint.

The killings of the Americans were further signs that an Iraqi insurgency is not losing strength as Washington hoped after the deaths Tuesday of Saddam Hussein's sons, Odai and Qusai.

V Corps spokeswoman Spc. Nicole Thompson said the soldiers, members of the 101st Airborne Division, were traveling in a convoy toward Qayyarah, 185 miles north of the capital, Baghdad, when they were attacked at about 2:30 a.m. No soldiers were reported wounded and it was not known whether any assailants were killed or wounded.

It was the second attack in two days that

killed members of the division, which led the fiery assault in the northern Iraqi city of Mosul that killed Odai and Qusai Hussein.

On Wednesday, two American soldiers were killed in separate attacks on their convoys, including one near Mosul.

The latest deaths brought to 158 the number of U.S. servicemen killed in action since the war began March 20, surpassing by 11 the death toll in the 1991 Gulf War.

Odai and Qusai were Nos. 2 and 3 on the U.S. list of 55 most-wanted from the toppled Saddam regime. Guerrilla holdouts loyal to the regime have attacked U.S. forces at a rate of about 12 times a day in an effort to wear down the Americans and drive them from the country.

Arab satellite broadcaster al-Arabiya aired a tape of what it said were a group of Saddam Fedayeen vowing revenge for the deaths of Odai and Qusai Hussein.

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OBITUARIES

COURTNEY M. BROADDUS
1932-2003

Courtney M. Broaddus, 71, died Wednesday, July 23, 2003, in Pampa. Services are set for 4:30 p.m., Friday, July 25, at Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel in Pampa with the Rev. Richard Bartel, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will follow in Fairview Cemetery in Pampa. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Broaddus was born Jan. 7, 1932 in White Deer. He was a 1950 graduate of Miami High School. He married Penny Williams on Feb. 14, 1954 in Pampa. He was a farmer and rancher in the Miami area and he worked for Celanese from 1968 until 1981 as a pump and turbine mechanic. He was a member of the First Christian Church of Miami.

Survivors include his wife Penny of the home; three sons, Curtis Broaddus, David Broaddus and Chris Broaddus, all of Pampa; two sisters, Vardene Searl of Pampa and Shirley Bailey of Miami; 10 grandchildren and one great-grandson.

Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association.

The family will be at 2600 Seminole Dr. in Pampa.

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

WANDA ELAINE COOPER
1936-2003

Wanda Elaine Cooper, 66, died Thursday, July 24, 2003, in Amarillo. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Cooper was born Sept. 7, 1936, in Haskell. She had lived in Pampa most of her life. She worked for Gray County as deputy voter registrar for 20 years. She was a member of the Central Church of Christ.

Survivors include her daughter, Cynthia Barnard of Borger; two sons, Philip Fought of Palmura, Va., and Jerry Fought of Pampa; one stepson, Winfield B. Cooper Jr., of Lawton, Okla.; one stepdaughter, Linda Gail Nabors of Pampa; one sister, June Rowan of Pampa; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

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LEWIS C. GALLIMORE
1925-2003

Lewis C. Gallimore, 78, of Pampa, Texas, died Wednesday, July 23, 2003, at Pampa. Services will be at 2 p.m., Friday, July 25, 2003, at Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel with Chaplain Bill Tomlin of the Good Shepherd Hospice in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery with Masonic rites courtesy of Top O' Texas Masonic Lodge #1381 AF&AM, and military rites courtesy of the U.S. Marine Corps. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Gallimore was born March 16, 1925, and was reared in and around Seymour, Baylor County, Texas. He left high school to join the Marine Corps in 1942. He was discharged as a sergeant in 1945. He joined the Texas National Guard in Pampa and retired as Sergeant Major with 20 years total service. He earned his GED while in the Guard.

He worked for Electric Supply and Chase Electric, and in 1964, he went into the electrical contracting business with Wayne Brooks (B&G Electric), and sold out to his partner in 1970.

He was a life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, life member of the 3rd Marine Division Association, life member of Good Sam Camping Club, member of the Top O' Texas Masonic Lodge #1381 AF&AM, member of the Scottish Rite Bodies of Lubbock, and member of the Shrine Clubs of Pampa and Amarillo.

His hobbies included playing dominoes, cards, and fishing.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Thomas Lee and Mary B. Gallimore; his first wife, Georgia Gallimore on June 21, 2003; by a son, Dale Gallimore; a brother, Lee Gallimore; and a sister, Ruth Broadwater.

Survivors include two daughters, Gayle Poole and husband Gene of Canadian and Barbara Gallimore of Pampa; a son, Jerry Gallimore and wife Dorothy of Pampa; a daughter-in-law, Nancy Gallimore of Lubbock; a sister, Sue Tucker of El Paso; five grandchildren, Jeff Poole of Cameron, Missouri, Ricky Poole and wife Leigh Anne of Higgins, Brian Gallimore and wife Amber of Allen, Brandon Gallimore of Lubbock, and Chris Gallimore of Pampa; three grandchildren, Nichole Poole and Kendra Poole, both of Higgins, and Shaun Gallimore of Lubbock; and numerous nieces and nephews. Extended family includes: Dorothy Gallimore, Beverly Snider and husband Jewell, Angela Givens, Pam Martin, Roper Barr, Ro Dee Barr, Rylan Hatcoat, and Brendan Givens.

The family requests memorials be to BSA Hospice, 800 N. Sumner, Pampa, TX 79065.

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MYRTLE WILLIS
1913-2003

Myrtle Willis, 90, of Pampa, Texas, died Wednesday, July 23, 2003, at Pampa. Services will be at 10 a.m., Friday, at the Hobart Baptist Church with the Rev. Reginald Bridges, retired Baptist minister of Lubbock, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Willis was born March 27, 1913, in Oklahoma. She married John E. "Buster" Willis on May 2, 1931, at Marlow, Oklahoma. He preceded her in death in November of 1994. She had been a resident of Pampa since 1934.

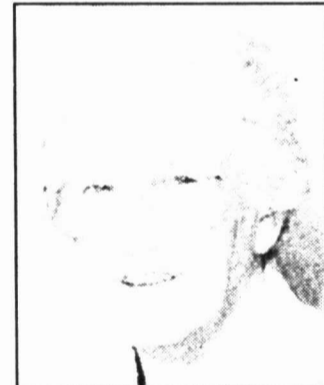
She was a member of the Hobart Baptist Church where she taught Sunday School. She was a member of the Gideon Auxiliary.

She owned and operated Willis Furniture for 40 years.

Survivors include three daughters, Gwyn Scott of Borger, Geraldine Gray of Lawton, Okla., and Lois Minnick and husband Don of Pampa; a sister, Eva Reeves of Burleson; a brother, Oscar Cast of Santa Ana, Calif.; 12 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and eight great-great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Gideon International, P.O. Box 2222, Pampa, TX 79066-2222.

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SERVICES TOMORROW

- BROADDUS, Courtney M.** — 4:30 p.m., Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel, Pampa.
- GALLIMORE, Lewis C.** — 2 p.m., Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.
- LOWE, Bernard** — Graveside services, 10:30 a.m., Alanreed Cemetery, Alanreed.
- WILLIS, Myrtle** — 10 a.m., Hobart Baptist Church, Pampa.

WEATHER FOCUS

PAMPA

Today's forecast is calling for partly cloudy skies, highs in the mid 90s and south winds 10 to 20 mph. Tonight should see partly cloudy skies in the evening then clearing with lows in the upper 60s and south winds 10 to 20 mph. Friday should be mostly sunny. Breezy. Highs in the upper 90s. South winds 15 to 25 mph. Friday night, mostly clear. Breezy. Lows in the lower 70s. South winds 15 to 25 mph. Saturday, mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 90s.

STATEWIDE

The state will be hot through the weekend, with highs in the mid to upper 90s. Rain is possible today in Southeast Texas, in areas southeast of Dallas-Fort Worth, and in central West Texas. But overall, rain chances will be diminished today and Friday. Heavy rains were reported north of Houston this morning. Any systems that develop in Southeast Texas today will be slow moving and local flooding is possible. Wink once again led the state in officially recorded heat with 104 degrees on Wednesday. Victoria led the state with nearly an inch and a half of rain. Huntsville and Conroe recorded nearly an inch.

ON RECORD

POLICE

Pampa Police Department today reported the following arrests and incidents.

Tuesday, July 22

Aggravated sexual assault involving a juvenile victim was reported to the Pampa Police Department.

Wednesday, July 23

Air condition window units were reported taken and walls and a bathroom sink damaged at a residence in the 1100 block of East Francis. Estimated loss and damage was set at \$3,350.

Cordless drills and accessories were reported as found property to the Pampa Police Department.

Someone took a roll of quarters and other change from an unlocked vehicle in the 2500 block of Beech.

A 1993 green Ford Thunderbird with Texas tag F88HNG was reported stolen.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 900 block of East Murphy. A door was damaged and a suspect identified. Charges are pending.

Someone entered an unlocked vehicle in the 2500 block of Aspen and stole a pair of sunglasses.

Attempted burglary was reported at Texas Rose Steakhouse, 2537 Perryton Pkwy. Someone apparently tried to pry open the

lock on the back door, but was unable to gain entry, according to the report.

Someone entered a garage in the 2600 block of Chestnut through an unlocked door and took a cell phone and a carton of cigarettes, valued at \$48, from two unlocked vehicles inside the garage.

A purple bag containing 42 keys on key chain was reported found in the 1500 block of Williston.

Someone took \$10 of gasoline and left without paying in the 2100 block of North Hobart.

Assault with minor injuries was reported in the 400 block of Magnolia.

Someone entered at storage unit in the 100 block of South Naida and took a CD player valued at \$100.

Police received a report of a vehicle burglarized in the 1800 block of North Dwight. Two speakers and approximately 72 CDs, valued at \$1,200, were reported stolen from a pickup. Entry was gained through an unlocked sliding glass window, police said.

Jesus Maria Velasquez Jr., 56, 901 E. Gordon, was arrested on a capias pro fine for possession of drug paraphernalia.

Thursday, July 24

Harassment was reported in the 1500 block of Hamilton.

ACCIDENTS

Pampa Police Department today reported the following accidents.

Sunday, July 20

8:39 p.m. — A 1995 Lincoln driven by April Lyn Laycock, 16, 312 S. Barnes, and a 2002 Nissan driven by Jackie Arlos Thompson, 63, 2208 N. Zimmers, collided at the intersection of 21st and Zimmers streets. Laycock was cited for disregarding a stop sign. No injuries were reported at the scene.

Tuesday, July 22

7:54 p.m. — A 1994 Chevrolet Camaro driven by Richard Harrison Leger, 21, 928 Beryl, struck a legally parked 2001 Ford pickup owned by Jimmy Wayne Baird, 8110 FM 749, and a legally parked 1997 Ford pickup owned by Jimmy Lavern Keough, 720 Hazel, in the 400 block of South Cuyler.

Leger was arrested for driving while intoxicated. A passenger in the Camaro, Holly Sue Buczinski, 1706 Duncan, reported possible injuries at the scene and was taken to Pampa Regional Medical Center by Rural/Metro ambulance.

Wednesday, July 23

1:57 p.m. — A 2002 Suzuki QuadSport 2400 ATV driven by Jake Adam Mulanax, 20, 908 S. Wells, collided with a guide wire in a field in the 600 block of South West Street. Mulanax and a passenger, Heather Nicole Hall, 17, 1001 E. Darby, were both ejected from the four-wheeler. The two were treated for possible injuries at the scene and transported to Pampa Regional Medical Center by Rural/Metro Ambulance. No citations were listed on the police report.

AMBULANCE

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

Wednesday, July 23

11:06 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Pampa Regional Medical Center and transported a patient to Baptist-St. Anthony's West in Amarillo.

1:57 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 700 block of South West and transported two

patients to PRMC.

2:48 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported one to Baptist-St. Anthony's in Amarillo.

5:22 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 700 block of Naida and transported one to PRMC.

8:45 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Highway 152 West on a mutual aid to Skellytown and transported one to PRMC.

FIRE

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

Wednesday, July 23

1:59 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters

responded to the 600 block of South West on a vehicle accident involving two people on a 4-wheeler. Both individuals were ejected from the ATV and transported to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

STOCKS

The following grain quotations are provided by Adebury Grain of Pampa:	KMI	53.90	40.50	
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	MCD	21.62	40.41	
Corn	XOM	35.87	40.20	
Soybeans	Atmos	24.60	40.25	
	Pioneer Nat	24.53	40.32	
The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa:	JCP	17.55	40.36	
	COP	53.60	40.27	
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SHERIFF

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

Wednesday, July 23

Derrick S. Williams, 19, Amarillo, was arrested on two capias pro fines for no valid driver's license and expired motor vehicle inspection after he turned himself in at the Gray County Sheriff's Office.

Clinton Michael Oldham, 25, 921 S. Wells, was arrested on a bond surrender on a Randall County charge.

Brent Keith Crossman, 45, 640 Wells, was arrested for issuing a bad check.

City Briefs

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BY JEAN ASSOCIATE

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Economy: Jobless claims drop for second week in row

By JEANNINE AVERSA
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

WASHINGTON (AP) — The number of American workers signing up for jobless benefits plunged last week to the lowest level in five months, a fresh dose of good news for the economy's revival.

For the work week ending July 19, new applications for unemployment insurance dropped by a seasonally adjusted 29,000 to 386,000, the Labor Department reported Thursday. It marked the second week in a row that claims went down and represented the first time since the week ending Feb. 8 that claims dipped below 400,000, a level associated with a weak job market.

The claims figures were better than economists were

expecting; they were forecasting claims to rise slightly.

Although claims tend to swing widely in July, distorted by temporary plant closings, other figures in the report also suggested that the pace of layoffs is stabilizing.

The more stable, four-week moving average of jobless claims, which smoothes out weekly fluctuations, fell by a solid 5,500 last week to 419,250, the lowest level since the work week ending March 8.

And the number of unemployed Americans collecting jobless benefits for more than a week declined by 24,000 to a three-month low of 3.6 million for the work week ending July 12, the most recent period for which that information is available.

While the most recent snapshot of the labor market was encouraging, economists say that even if companies slow the speed at which they lay off workers, they probably won't be in a mood to go on a hiring spree.

Companies are still reluctant to make big capital spending investments and increase their work forces, the biggest factors restraining the economy's ability to get back to full throttle.

To give the economic recovery a push forward, the Federal Reserve cut a key interest rate on June 25 by one-quarter percentage point to 1 percent, a 45-year low. Economists believe the Fed will hold rates at that low level when it meets next on Aug. 12.

Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan and private economists are hopeful the economic growth, which has been limping along, will pick up the pace in the second half of this year. President Bush's fresh round of tax cuts should help out of that front, economists say.

Three members of Bush's economic team will participate in a two-day bus tour in Wisconsin and Minnesota next week to promote the president's policies.

Even if the economy

picks up momentum in the second half of this year, the nation's jobless rate, now at a nine-year high of 6.4 percent, could hover in that range or creep higher in coming months, economists say. Job growth probably won't be strong enough to accommodate all the additional job seekers who would enter the market, attracted by an improved climate.

Consumers are the main force keeping the economy going.

Throughout the economic slump, low mortgage rates, a refinancing frenzy and solid appreciation in home values over the past few years have spurred consumer spending, helping to offset the potentially negative force of a stagnant job market.

In recent weeks, mortgage rates have climbed, slowing refinancing activity a bit. A steady upward swing in mortgage rates could dampen the recovery, say economists who are keeping a close eye on the matter.

Over two-dozen freed since court ruling on molestation law

LOS ANGELES (AP) — At least 24 convicted sex offenders have been released from prison in the month since the U.S. Supreme Court struck down a California law that made it easier to prosecute child molesters, a newspaper reported Thursday.

A Los Angeles Times survey of corrections records statewide found those freed so far range from a minister convicted of molesting his two daughters to a karate instructor who pleaded no contest to

lewd conduct with his niece and a boy.

Prosecutors expect to eventually release hundreds of prisoners in response to the June 26 ruling.

While the most high-profile cases involve Roman Catholic priests, an estimated 800 people had been charged under the 1994 law that erased the statute of limitations in decades-old molestation cases.

It is not yet clear how many were convicted or pleaded

guilty, and exactly how many are still behind bars.

"I felt like everything that I went through and that I did was in vain," said 33-year-old Tracey Salaires, whose uncle had pleaded no contest to 14 counts of lewd conduct with her and a boy in the family.

Salaires told the newspaper that she testified against her uncle, Lancaster karate instructor Daniel Payan, and he was sentenced to 27 years in prison. Payan walked out of Salinas Valley State Prison

last Thursday after serving seven months.

"I'm angry, really angry, upset," Salaires said.

Other states have extended their deadlines for filing charges in sex crimes, but California was the only state to retroactively eliminate the statute of limitations, allowing victims to come forward years after the alleged abuse. The Supreme Court said the Constitution bars states from revising already expired legal deadlines.

Shooting transforms NYC Hall into hideous crime scene

NEW YORK (AP) — Mayor Michael Bloomberg himself walked through the metal detector at City Hall on Thursday morning, a day after a councilman allowed a rival politician to bypass security, leading to a shooting that left them both dead.

The attack Wednesday turned New York City's seat of government into a crime scene, with screaming political aides and terrified visitors diving for cover.

Councilman James Davis, 41, a former police officer and ordained minister who campaigned against urban violence, was shot several times in the council chamber's crowded balcony and died at a hospital.

A security officer fired up at his killer, Othniel Askew, 31, who died a short time later at the same hospital, police said.

"I heard bang, bang, bang, bang," said councilman Mike Nelson. "I thought it was firecrackers. Then I heard people screaming, and then I saw people ducking."

For a time before emergency workers arrived, the two fatally wounded men were lying side by side in the balcony.

As he arrived for work around 7:30 a.m. Thursday, Bloomberg set his keys and newspapers he was carrying on a conveyor belt and walked through a metal detector at the east gate.

"We have a city to run ... the same city that Councilman Davis was trying to help," Bloomberg said. "And the rest of us have a responsibility to his family and to 8 million people to continue."

The shooting had raised new security questions at City Hall, a stately, 2-century-old landmark near the southern tip of Manhattan.

It was once so loosely guarded that passers-by could enjoy lunch on its sun-drenched steps. But stricter security was installed by Bloomberg's predecessor, Rudolph Giuliani, then tightened further after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks that destroyed the World Trade Center, a short distance away.

Metal detectors were installed at each of two entrances to the grounds. But the mayor and council members were allowed to bypass them, and sometimes, as on Wednesday, their guests were, too.

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VIEWPOINTS

Writer looks at education from both sides now

I had the enlightening experience of talking to a handful of PHS graduates from the last few years and getting their views on whether or not Pampa ISD successfully prepared them for the future. The overall answer to this question, as is the case with most big issues, was a resounding yes and no.

Going into this story, I knew it would be impossible to get the complete picture. There are too many factors at play. Personality, ambition, intellect, gender, parental involvement, course selection, college choice - the list goes on and on.

Just as it is impossible to accurately tell exactly how well the school district is producing productive citizens of the future, it is also impossible to create the perfect school district or perfect education experience for every, single student.

This doesn't mean we don't strive to be the best. I have an insider's perspective as a four-year teacher for Pampa ISD. I have also had the experience of coming into teaching after covering Pampa's education beat for two years working at the newspaper. Add to this, the fact that I've come into Pampa from Albuquerque and the New Mexico education system. I can see the picture from a variety of angles. And I thought this story would be interesting to investigate, especially now as the district faces new leadership at all levels and many, many other changes district-wide.

When I moved here six years ago, I was absolutely impressed with Pampa's level of education and the commitment of its faculty. I continue to see a lot of tremendous things going on in the district. Pampa, by far, surpasses the educational experience I had in New Mexico. I still can't believe all the advantages that high school students have here. Students in my childhood neighborhood are at least one, and probably two or three years, behind students of the same grade level in Pampa.

As far as the alumni story goes, I think that the PHS graduates did a good job of highlighting the strengths and weaknesses of the district, and more specifically, the high school, which is only natural since it was where they received the bulk of their college-preparatory courses.

It seems that the faculty district-wide, the elementary level reading and gifted and talented programs and the high school's dual credit, AP courses, and in some cases, block scheduling,



MIRANDA BAILEY
FOR THE NEWS

most benefited the nine students interviewed. Many also discussed how their extra-curricular experiences were vital in helping them learn how to deal with people and professional situations.

Repeated weaknesses, according to the graduates, included a lack of broader upper-level course selection in all subjects, and low teacher/course expectations resulting in a lack of challenging content, meaningful homework and those study habits needed to succeed at a college level.

They also said some things I did not put into the story.

One student said that "teachers could do a better job of inspiring kids to look outside their own experiences to see the world in ways they have not before." This is, of course, a bit of a generalization lumping all teachers into the "uninspiring" category, which is not what I think was meant. But inspiring students, at least for myself, continues to be a goal every year. I'm sure it is for most teachers. I do have to agree with this student, though. There are teachers everywhere who have lost their ability or desire to inspire.

It's not like the art of inspiration is going to happen everyday. However, I do feel this is a problem in classrooms across the country that we can't afford when school districts often have to scramble to find teachers to fill vacancies.

Not everyone grows up wanting to be a teacher these days. So sadly, teachers often don't want to be there and students know it. But in defense for those teachers who don't seem to be as inspiring as students would like them to be, I'd like to take this time to glimpse into the teacher universe.

It's hard to inspire when everyday obstacles get in the way like paperwork, discipline (or a lack thereof), drug use, poverty, non-existent parental supervision - the list goes on. Plus, per-

haps a teacher is facing personal difficulties at home. It's not fun getting up in front of a room of people and trying to be happy, entertaining and optimistic everyday when things are crumbling behind the scenes. As I often tell my students - not every teacher is going to be the best teacher in the world. That's par for the course and good preparation for those lousy college professors they will encounter who are more interested in research.

And what about homework?

The issue of homework is also big issue in education today. Do teachers give more, less, enough, not enough? Why should teachers give homework if very few students in the general population will turn it in? How can a teacher or district claim to be a success if everyone fails from not turning in homework, not studying, flunking tests? How do teachers inspire them to turn it in and why should they have to be the ones thinking about how to do that? Stop me now before I go on forever.

Simply put, education is not what it used to be, but neither are the students being educated, or their parents, or their teachers. With double-incomes a necessity, less corporal punishment, lawsuits flying, single parents raising kids, and drug use escalating, things are going to be different than the good ol' days.

If this story showed me anything, it reminded me that everybody has a different educational experience dependent on at least a thousand different factors. It doesn't mean we shouldn't continue to strive for perfection and seek to provide the common success benchmarks that good school districts share.

But like so many other big issues, the truth seems to lie somewhere in the middle. Obviously, it's not going to be black and white. Is Pampa adequately preparing students for the future? Every student I talked to seemed to be doing very well. But can the system be better? Absolutely. And I hope the candor of these graduates will in some way challenge us all to keep working toward helping as many students succeed as we possibly can reach. It's just the reaching part that sometimes gets tricky.

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TODAY IN HISTORY

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Thursday, July 24, the 205th day of 2003. There are 160 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 24, 1969, the Apollo 11 astronauts — among them the first men to set foot on the moon — splashed down safely in the Pacific.

On this date:

In 1783, Latin American revolutionary Simon Bolivar was born in Caracas, Venezuela.

In 1862, the eighth president of the United States, Martin Van Buren, died in Kinderhook, N.Y.

In 1866, Tennessee became the first state to be readmitted to the Union after the Civil War.

In 1923, the Treaty of Lausanne, which settled the boundaries of modern Turkey, was concluded in Switzerland.

In 1929, President Hoover proclaimed the Kellogg-Briand Pact, which renounced war as an instrument of foreign policy.

In 1937, the state of Alabama dropped charges against five black men accused of raping two white women in the Scottsboro case.

In 1952, President Truman announced a settlement in a 53-day steel strike.

In 1959, during a visit to the Soviet Union, Vice President Richard M. Nixon engaged in a "kitchen debate" with Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev at a U.S. exhibition.

In 1974, the U.S. Supreme Court unanimously ruled that President Nixon had to turn over subpoenaed White House tape recordings to the Watergate special prosecutor.

In 1997, retired Supreme Court Justice William J. Brennan died in Arlington, Va., at age 91.

Ten years ago: The Russian government announced it would invalidate billions of pre-1993 rubles. House Ways and Means Chairman Dan Rostenkowski denied allegations he'd received embezzled funds, saying he had engaged in "no illegal or unethical conduct."

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We made it without a nanny

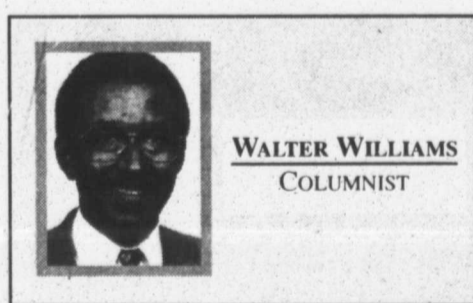
Whenever someone says that this or that government program is absolutely necessary, I always wonder, "What did people do and how did they survive before the program?"

If someone says food stamps are absolutely necessary for poor people's survival, I wonder how America's millions of poor immigrants made it. Unless I missed something, mass starvation is not a part of our history. Was there a stealth food stamp program during the 1700s and 1800s?

Then, there's the question: How did we manage to build the world's greatest cities without the help of the 1965-created U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development? Did cities become worse off or better off afterward? Or, how did we manage to produce energy to fuel the world's richest economy before the 1977 creation of the Department of Energy?

Recently, I received an email titled, "We Made It." It had to do with the federal safety edicts of agencies like the U.S. Product Safety Commission, established in 1972, and the U.S. Department of Transportation, established in 1966. Congress created these and other agencies to "protect the public against unreasonable risks of injuries and deaths."

That's how toys, cribs, child car seats and childproof medicine bottles came to be regulated. Considering we were a nation for nearly 200 years before



WALTER WILLIAMS
COLUMNIST

Congress started protecting us against "unreasonable risks of injuries and deaths," a natural question is how we managed to survive and grow from a population of 4 million to the 280 million of us today.

According to my email's author, if we listen to Washington, those of us still around who were children during the '40s, '50s and '60s probably should be dead. Nonetheless, there are 58 million of us born in 1945 or earlier who are still kicking. Our parents allowed us to sleep in cribs beautified with lead-based paint. They drove us around in cars that had neither seatbelts nor airbags. They permitted us to ride our bicycles without helmets, just as adults rode motorcycles without helmets. And, horror of horrors, there were no childproof medicine bottles that, by the way, are sometimes so difficult to open that some people summon their children to open them.

The fact that these safety edicts saved some lives and prevented some injuries doesn't provide justification for them anymore than mandating that, because

some Americans have headaches, aspirin be put in the water supply.

In a free society, government has the responsibility of protecting us from others, but not from ourselves. Before government got into the business of protecting us from ourselves, we did have a greater measure of protection from others. Yesteryear's children rode their bikes or walked to a friend's house, knocked on the door and let themselves in. Many families didn't lock doors until the last family member was home for the evening, and they did that in poor neighborhoods like the one I grew up in.

Yesteryear, when we went off to school, parents might have worried about our crossing streets safely. Today's parents have a different set of worries, such as whether their child will be shot, stabbed, robbed, raped or given drugs in school. During the pre-1960 years, neighborhoods - including poor neighborhoods - were safe enough for women to walk the streets after dark. In fact, in places like Harlem, N.Y., hot, humid nights saw children and adults sleeping on fire escapes and rooftops. Doing the same today might lead to arrest for attempted suicide.

Speaking of crime, if children did have a scrape with the law, our parents sided with the police.

Don't you wonder how so many Americans made it without today's oppressive, caring, nanny government?

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 - 5 Cockpit worker
 - 10 Egg
 - 11 Split base
 - 12 Take on
 - 13 Crude fellows
 - 14 Suggestion
 - 16 Sparkler
 - 20 Poplar trees
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 - 2 Tel —
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THURSDAY • JULY 24, 2003

DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

Contest Invites Communities To Improve Disabled Access

DEAR ABBY: Somewhere in this great country there's a town or city that will win \$25,000 and national recognition by entering the National Organization on Disability's 2003 Accessible America contest. Anyone who feels that his or her community is a model of accessibility — a place where people with disabilities can fully participate just like anyone else — should encourage the mayor to enter the contest before the Oct. 31, 2003, deadline.

When communities make the commitment to improve accessibility, all of their citizens and visitors benefit. One-fifth of all Americans have some sort of disability. That's why it is crucial that communities ensure a safe and welcoming environment. The Accessible America contest puts a spotlight on those cities and towns that are leaders in improving the quality of life for people with disabilities.

As vice chairman of the National Organization on Disability (NOD), I urge mayors in towns large and small to place a priority on creating a level playing field for all citizens by providing equal access to their services and facilities. I encourage them not only to share their successes by entering the contest, but also to join NOD's Community Partnership Program on behalf of their constituents. It's a great way to learn how best to comply with the Americans With Disabilities Act and to get tips on maximizing access and opportunities.

CHRISTOPHER REEVE

DEAR CHRISTOPHER: Count me among your many fans. I'm pleased to publicize such a worthwhile endeavor.

Readers, the NOD Community Partnership Program is sponsored by the Alcoa Foundation, and the Accessible America contest is sponsored by UPS. I salute both for their community involvement.

To learn more about the contest, call (202) 293-5960 or visit the NOD Web site: www.nod.org. I'll put the name of the winning entrant in my column in December.

DEAR ABBY: I am 16 and attending summer school. My sister, "Maria," is a year older than me. She's new to our school because she just moved here to live with our mom and me. (She was living with Dad, but he kicked her out.)

Since the day Maria set foot on campus, every guy here is after her — and I know why. She wears skimpy clothes and has a big chest.

Now every boy I like ends up liking Maria instead of me. I'm sick of it. There's only so much a person can take, and I've reached my limit. Do you have any advice for me, Abby?

EXASPERATED
IN NEW MEXICO

DEAR EXASPERATED: I'll begin with some words for your mother, because she is the person who is going to have to deal with your sister. There is a time and a place for everything. Maria is crying out for attention, but she's getting the wrong kind — and unless there is intervention, she'll wind up in trouble. Your mother should make it her business to find out what is proper attire at your school and enforce the dress code.

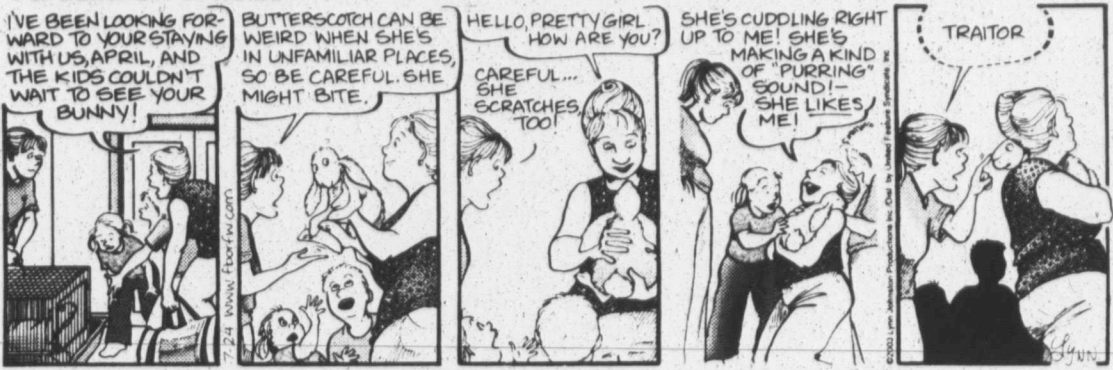
Now, some advice for you: Sibling rivalry is normal — the attention your sister is attracting is transitory. Concentrate on your grades and on activities at which you can excel. That way, you'll be an outstanding individual in your own right and not just "somebody's sister." Trust me, it'll pay off in the end.

P.S. Please clip this column and show it to your mom.

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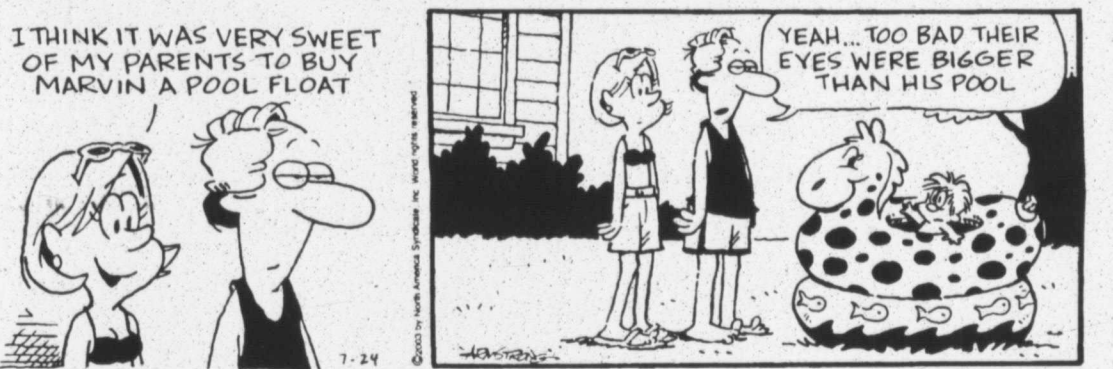
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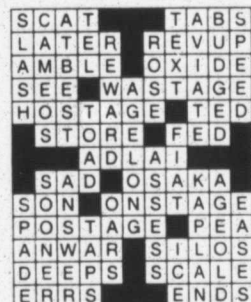


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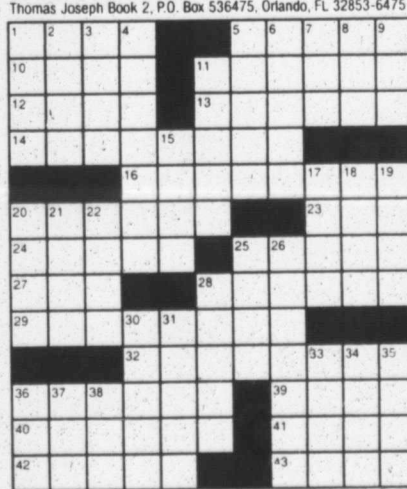
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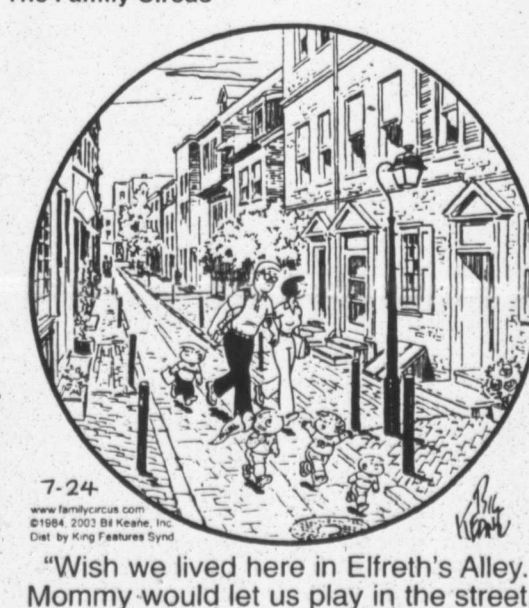
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SPORTS

Wilson pads lead at Tri-State Tournament

By L.D. STRATE
Sports Editor

PAMPA — Going into today's final round of the Tri-State Senior Golf Association Tournament, Lubbock's Tommy Wilson isn't for certain just how he got to be the leader.

"I've got no business being there," Wilson said. "The guys I was playing with were hitting the ball a

lot better than I was." The leaderboard, however, deals in hard, cold scores, and it had Wilson with a two-round total of 144 and a four-stroke lead over Amarillo's Bob Brent at the Pampa Country Club course.

"I was struggling all over the course, but you try and do the best you can with what you've got. I just had some good breaks," said Wilson after shooting an even-par 71 Wednesday.

Wilson did have some problems early in the round. After a birdie on the first hole, Wilson had bogeys on No. 3 and No. 4. But he got things straightened out and collected 13 pars and one birdie the rest of the way.

Pampa native Richard Ellis, a dominating player in previous Top O' Texas Tournaments, is making a charge. Ellis, who now lives in Plano, also shot an even-par 71 Wednesday and is five shots behind Wilson at 149.

This is the first seniors' tournament for Ellis, who won a record six Top O' Texas titles at the PCC course, including five in a row.

Wilson is hoping to keep his game from falling apart for the final 18 holes.

"I've been so inconsistent," he said. "I just never know what I'm going to shoot."

Wilson is a former Texas Tech golf coach. He retired in 1998.

Eddie Rice, last year's Tri-State champion, leads the President's Flight, and Elmer Wilson is atop the Super Seniors Flight.

Tri-State Senior Golf Association Tournament (After two rounds)
Championship Flight
1. Tommy Wilson, 73-71—144; 2. Bob Brent, 75-73—148; 3. Richard Ellis, Plano, 78-71—149; 4. Frank McCullough,

78-73—151; 5. (tie) Merle Terrell, 79-73—152; Gary Bove, 81-71—152; 7. Joe Gonzalez, 77-77—154; 8. (tie) Duane Pittman, 81-77—158; Miles Childers, 79-79-158; 10. (tie) Earl Simpson, 77-82—159; Scott Mack, 81-78—159; 12. Dwayne Kuntz, 78-83—161; 13. Glen Adams, 78-90—168; 14. Bill Allen, 81-88—169.

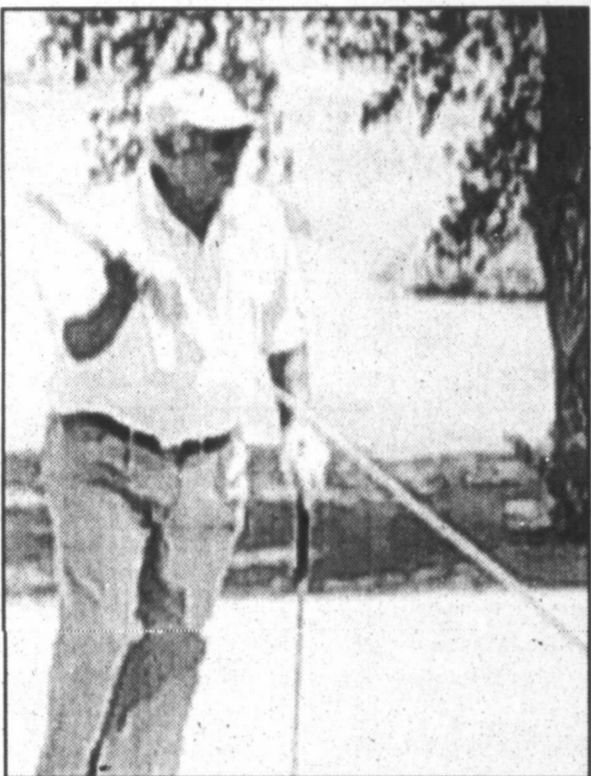
President's Flight
1. Eddie Rice, 82-74—156; 2. Jay Sherrard, 82-79—161; 3. Bill Bridges, 86-78—164; 4. Ray Morgan, 84-81—165; 5. LeWayne Hogan, 85-87—172; 6. (tie) Chuck White, 89-84—173; Horace Gonzalez, 86-87—173; 8. Dan Allen, 87-87—174; 9. Vern Johnston, 92-84—176; 10. Bill Clemmons, 86-91—177; 11. Cagle Kendrick, 94-88—182; 12. Billy Kelly, 91-92—183; 13. Cal Browning, 96-92—188; 14. Jamie Collingsworth, 94-100—194.

Super Seniors Flight
1. Elmer Wilson, 75-78—153; 2. Edwin Nixon, 79-79—158; 3. Ken Pierce, 80-82—162; 4. Frank Howell, 79-84—163; 5. Harrold Salmon, 83-83—166; 6. Don Riffe, 87-80—167; 7. Frank Robinson, 84-85—169; 8. (tie) James Stavenhagen, 83-87—170; Sonny Adams, 88-82—170; 10. Bill Curtis, 85-87—172; 11. Gene Hall, 85-90—175; 12. Ted Armstrong, 92-86—178.

First Flight
Tom Holmes def. Vance Reed; Eddie Clemmons def. Lew Killebrew; Jack Fontenot def. Quenton Estepe; John Haynes def. Mart Tomlinson; Gary Hudson def. Larry Freeman; Dale Haynes def. Steve Stevens; Bob Dantzer def. Bill Browning; Dee Bailey, bye.

Second Flight
Don Russell def. Dee Phillips; Bob Cornell def. Gladwin Gillespie; Jack Phillips def. Tom Murphy; Sam Bass def. Charlie Swearingen; Boyd Spurlock def. Leland Shelton; Rod Gross def. Tom Leuck; James Cunningham def. Miles Montrose; Bill Scholz def. Jean Martindale.

Third Flight
1. Harry Frye def. Bob Hooten; 2. Rex Christian def. Titus Owen; Joe Donaldson def. Bill Riffe; George Roach def. Dan Sten; John Goodwin, bye; Bob Curry def. O.C. Penn; Dick Stowers def. Roy Morris; Hugh Boyd def. Ed Langford.



Tommy Wilson remains the leader after two rounds.

Flashback

1951: Jimmy Cook and Wayne Hardin combined to pitch a six-hitter as Pampa slipped by Dalhart 4-3 in a high school baseball game. Cook had two of Pampa's eight hits, including a double.

East Texas football player picked as top recruit

TYLER, Texas — Not since David Warren suited up for the John Tyler Lions in 1997 has high school football been witness to an East Texas player with such national prominence.

Not since Warren ripped through opposing offenses has East Texas been the backyard to such a recruiting battle.

Not since the very same player signed with Florida State following that season has an East Texas athlete resolved such a conclusion to a mystery.

And, asked Rivals.com, has there been a better running back in Texas in the past 10 years? Possibly not.

That's a dab of the hoopla Palestine's Adrian Peterson has been stirring up since a breakout season last year.

He, according to numerous insiders, is one of the top senior prospects in the nation.

Rivals.com goes even farther. The Web site, a straight shooter when it comes to projecting America's top players, has Peterson labeled just that — America's top player, regardless of position.

Being arguably the nation's No. 1 high school football recruit has Peterson buckling the most storied football universities at the knees. If this was basketball, Peterson could possibly be a lottery pick in the NBA draft.

Miami, Texas. Oklahoma. Texas A&M. Georgia. Nebraska. LSU. UCLA. All consider landing Peterson like hitting the lottery.

The one who gets the payoff might have to

wait a while, though. Warren didn't say "yes" to Florida State until signing day.

"I work to be the best," said Peterson, who will wait until after the season to disclose where he will go to school. "They got me (tabbed) the best. So that's cool.

"I wasn't surprised of what they were thinking."

Though not surprised, Peterson's still humble about the hype surrounding him at Palestine, one of the smallest 4A schools.

Peterson had to explode through the gates last season to get people's attention. The 6-2, 205-pound back did that by rushing for 2,051 yards and scoring 22 touchdowns on 246 attempts (8.3 yards per carry) after an injury-plagued sophomore campaign.

People started watching.

"I got a scholarship offer from A&M after the fourth game," Peterson said. "I didn't think I would get recognized (so early)."

As last season progressed, the schools Peterson grew up loving — Miami and Texas — offered scholarships, too.

Peterson's success in track also startled many. At the state track meet, Peterson ran a 10.33-second 100-meter dash to capture second.

Only Ivory Williams, a super speedster out of Beaumont Central, was faster in the state. Williams barely missed the national record with a time of 10.16.

Youth Survival Club boxers post wins at Plainview Tournament

PLAINVIEW — Youth Survival Club of Pampa competed in the Plainview Boxing Tournament earlier this month at the P.S.D.A. Academy.

Cecilia Garcia and Russell Kelley scored victories for the Youth Survival Club.

Garcia won by a decision over Jessica Villa of the Plainview Boxing Club. Kelley had a first-round TKO against Ruben Cueto of Amarillo.

It was a big win for Garcia, who entered the tournament with just three fights to her credit. Villa, who had fought a dozen times, was a more-experienced boxer.

Pampa's Vanessa Rivera went all three rounds against defending state champion Erica Portillo of the Portillo Club and lost by a decision.

The 10-year-old Rivera did give Portillo a bloody nose.

"Vanessa went in and fought like a champion. She's doing good, said Youth Club founder J.R. Moreno, who is also a trainer and coach.

Coach Moreno said Garcia and Kelley are improving with every match.

Santos Alvarez of Pampa was awarded

his match by a walk-over.

"These kids are going out to the rodeo grounds and running 10 miles a day," Moreno said. "That's what it takes to be a good boxer."

Nikki Medley, the Youth Survival Club's Golden Gloves champion, has had trouble getting matches because of her reputation and experience, Moreno said.

In an earlier match at the Dodge City Tournament, the 119-pound Medley was pitted against a 167-pound opponent from Dodge City

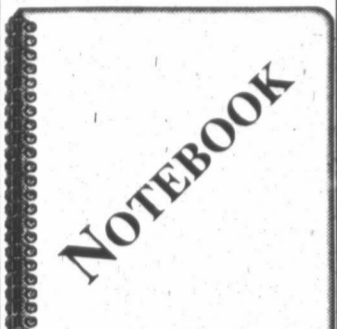
"I didn't want Nikki to fight her because there was so much size difference, but she wanted to. This Dodge City fighter had beaten a Salinas, Kan. girl who had given Nikki her only defeat," That's why Nikki wanted to fight her," Moreno said.

Medley proved to be untouchable against her 167-pound foe. Medley almost scored a knockout in the second round enroute to winning a decision.

"Nikki had her TKOed, but the girl grabbed Nikki to keep from falling and didn't let go," Moreno said. "If Nikki had stepped out the way, that girl would have gone to the canvas."



Cecilia Garcia (left) of the Youth Survival Club of Pampa and Jessica Villa of Plainview exchange punches. (Courtesy photo)



FOOTBALL

PAMPA — It's almost August, which means it will be time for high school football practice to start.

Officially, the Pampa Harvesters start practicing at 6 p.m. Aug. 4. Equipment checkout is that morning for seniors at 8 a.m., juniors at 9 a.m., sophomores at 10 a.m. and freshmen at 11 a.m.

This year's motto is "Together We Can."

GOLF

PAMPA — Tri-State senior wives held a two-lady scramble Wednesday morning at the Celanese course.

Results are as follows:

1. Judy Rice, Sunray & Elvora Haynes, Pampa.

2. Sally Dantzer, Altus, Okla. & Shirley Phillips, Clovis, N.M.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, July 25, 2003:

You have many unique talents that come into play this year. For one, your creativity produces an endless well of ideas. Knowing where to direct them could make all the difference in the end results. Ask for feedback if you find yourself wondering what to do with your innate ingenuity. Express your ideas and personality. Others might be quite impressed with what you project. You get what you want because of your ability to network. You will also gain financially after August. If you are single, your desirability will never be in question. If you want a major relationship, this is exactly what you'll have. Remember, you are the creator of your own destiny. If you are attached, your relationship will bloom, as long as you avoid power plays. GEMINI has similar goals.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

**** Skip over a difficulty in the a.m. By the afternoon, the air, and perhaps even the problem, will clear out, and others will gain a new perspective. What could have been an issue will be bypassed as a result. Keep communication flowing. Understand your limits. Tonight: Out and about.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

**** Expenses could get out of whack in the morning. You have the self-discipline and insight to change this pattern, if you so choose. Feedback from a family member or close friend helps you make an important decision. Tonight: Your treat.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

**** You might be unusually happy

and upbeat despite touchy associates. Let others work themselves into a tizzy; go off and do your own thing. Your reasonableness helps you clear out problems and adds new possibilities. Others want to be around you. Tonight: Keep on smiling.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

**** Under the circumstances, you might want to assume a low profile. Work might appear to be unusually challenging. Use your intuition when dealing with finances. As a result, you will quickly pull everything together toward the end of the day. Tonight: Do your thing.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

**** A child or loved one focuses on what he or she wants. New beginnings become possible if you don't get into an early morning conflict. Your personality makes friends and helps you achieve your goals. A meeting is important. Tonight: Follow your friends.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

**** Sometimes you might not be sure of the best approach to meet your objectives. Certainly a family member could be a bit outrageous in how she or he expresses her or his feelings. Your intuition guides you with those in charge. Tonight: Take charge if need be.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

**** Keep reaching out for others. You might hear information that could be difficult or disagreeable. You can and will move past a problem. Aim for more of what you want. Speak your mind once you gain an overview. Tonight: Split for the weekend.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

**** You might receive a jolt financially, but not one that you cannot deal with. Realize your limits within a partnership and a must appearance. Still, the more you venture out, the more success-

ful you will be. Tonight: Say "yes" to an offer from a friend.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

**** Others seek you out. You want to move in a new direction and try things in a different way. You might be put out by those around you, questioning what is too much or not enough. News from a distance could be a real eye-opener. Tonight: Say "yes" to an invitation.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

**** Pace yourself if you want to get out of work by the end of the day. You have a lot of ground to cover. An associate supports you in a long-term project. New information heads your way. Sort through information and gossip. Tonight: Get some exercise.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

**** A friend could disappoint you. You need to think through a question that involves a personal relationship. A partner goes out of his or her way to pave the way for what you want. Let someone speak his or her mind. You won't have a choice anyway. Tonight: Allow more romance through the door.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

**** Deal with the basics. You might feel pressured by what goes on and the direction you go. A boss has a lot of information. Your job will be sorting what is realistic from what isn't. Remain confident in your abilities. Tonight: Hang out.

BORN TODAY

Actor Matt LeBlanc (1967), actor Brad Renfro (1982), actress Barbara Harris (1935)

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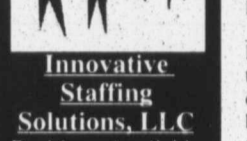
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Post posts lesbian couple's marriage

WASHINGTON (AP) — It wasn't the typical bride and groom photo in The Washington Post "Weddings" section — but rather the smiling faces of two women, happily announcing their marriage after 18 years together.

A gay-rights advocacy group hailed the nuptials notice in the Post as the first announcement of a legally married same-sex couple in a major U.S. newspaper. The announcement appeared in Wednesday's "Engagements, Weddings and Anniversaries" section.

Evan Wolfson of the New York-based group, Freedom to Marry, said the Post "treated this couple the same as any other married couple and ran their joyous news on the wedding page."

The couple, Deb Price and Joyce Murdoch of Takoma Park, Md., were married in Toronto on June 27. Although the Price-Murdoch marriage is believed to be the legally recognized gay marriage carried in a major paper. The New York Times and other papers have been running announcements of civil unions and notices of various kinds of ceremonies held by gay couples.

Post spokesman Eric Grant said the Post moved the Price-Murdoch union to its weddings page because the women were lawfully married. Same-sex commitments and civil unions are usually posted on the "Celebrations" page, which runs a different day of the week.

Gay-rights groups have objected to the placement of the unions on a separate page, saying it is discrimination.

Similar announcements will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis, Grant said. He noted that the advertising department is considering whether to redesign both the weddings and the celebrations pages, but he declined to elaborate.

Price is a nationally syndicated columnist on gay issues for The Detroit News, and is based in Washington. Murdoch is the managing editor for politics at National Journal magazine. The two met at The Washington Post, where they both were editors.


They were able to obtain a legal marriage by going to Canada, where recent court rulings have declared the government's definition of marriage as unconstitutional because it specified it as the union of a man and a woman.

In the United States, homosexual marriage lacks full legal recognition in all 50 states. Vermont recognizes civil unions that give homosexual couples the full benefits and responsibilities of marriage, but are separate from legal marriage.

Price and Murdoch praised the Post for printing their announcement. "We feel like we are finally first-class citizens," Murdoch said.

Glennnda Testone of the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation said her group is encouraged by the Post's decision.

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House considers foreign aid bill with new initiatives

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WASHINGTON (AP) — The House on Thursday approved a \$17.1 billion foreign aid bill including two new initiatives by President Bush to fight AIDS in Africa and poverty around the world. Democratic critics said the AIDS money was short of what was promised and needed.

The legislation passed, 370-50, after the House rejected an attempt to add Saudi Arabia to five other nations — all on the State Department's list of state sponsors of terrorism — that are ineligible for U.S. aid.

Rep. Anthony Weiner, D-N.Y., argued that, like Cuba, Syria, Libya, North Korea and Iran, Saudi Arabia has funded terrorists and fostered hatred of the West. But the State Department warned that his amendment, while affecting only \$105,000 in military training aid, would severely undermine counter-terrorism cooperation with Saudi Arabia. It was defeated, 231-191.

The spending bill includes \$1.43

billion for HIV/AIDS, the first installment of a five-year \$15 billion plan to combat the AIDS pandemic in Africa and the Caribbean. It also has \$800 million for the Millennium Challenge Account, a plan to target assistance to those countries striving to carry out economic and political reform.

Bush championed both in his State of the Union address in January.

Rep. Jim Kolbe, R-Ariz., chair of the Appropriations Committee foreign operations panel, said the initiatives were "the most innovative programs we have seen in decades" responding to the problems of persistent poverty and AIDS.

An additional \$644 million for global AIDS program in another spending bill for the budget year starting on Oct. 1 brings total spending to more than \$2 billion, some \$500 more than this budget year. Democrats pressed hard, but with no success, to move that figure closer to the \$3 billion a year allowed under the \$15 billion program, reminding Republicans that Bush had hailed the \$15 billion program

during his recent trip to Africa.

"Africa is now at the epicenter of the greatest catastrophe in recorded human history," said Rep. Jesse Jackson, Jr., D-Ill., noting that Africa accounts for 18 million of the 25 million around the world who have died from AIDS.

Kolbe argued that \$2 billion was sufficient to get the program off the ground and that both the White House and Congress were committed to meeting the \$15 billion goal. The president asked for \$2 billion in his budget request.

The House cut \$500 million from the \$1.3 billion White House request for the Millennium Challenge Account — again because the new program wasn't ready for full funding. The White House warned that further cuts would subject the bill to a presidential veto.

Rep. Carolyn Kilpatrick, D-Mich., proposed moving \$300 million from that program to AIDS relief, arguing that few African countries could qualify for the Millennium program. Her amendment was defeated, 228-192.

The bill was \$1.8 billion under

the president's request for foreign assistance in 2004, reflecting the budget restraints Congress is under this year. The current year budget is \$16.2 billion.

It includes nearly \$2.7 billion in military and economic aid for Israel, \$1.9 billion for Egypt and \$456 million for Jordan.

There's no money included for reconstruction in Iraq, and lawmakers agreed that the administration will have to come back with an emergency spending bill for Iraq.

The bill meets the president's request for \$731 million for the Andean Counterdrug Initiative, \$576 million for the states of the former Soviet Union and \$962 million for the World Bank Group.

The administration said it was disappointed that the House bill failed to provide \$300 million in debt relief for the Democratic Republic of the Congo. It also expressed concern that the \$314 million for the Peace Corps, \$45 million below the request, would make it difficult to meet its goal of doubling the number of volunteers to 14,000 by 2007.

Two firefighters died rappelling from chopper to battle Idaho blaze

BOISE, Idaho (AP) — Two firefighters were overrun by flames and killed after rappelling to the ground to clear a helicopter landing zone in a

national forest burning in central Idaho.

The Forest Service expressed their condolences to family and friends of Jeff

Allen, 24, of Salmon, and Shane Heath, 22, of the Boise area. Allen became a seasonal firefighter in 1999. Heath, a Boise State University student,

had been a wildland firefighter for four years.

"Both young men were Forest Service employees who died protecting the lives and property of their fellow Americans," Forest Service Chief Dale Bosworth said Wednesday.

All firefighters were pulled from the blaze in the Salmon-Challis National Forest and an investigation of the deaths was under way. It was unclear when the fight to contain the blaze would resume.

"Firefighter safety is the No. 1 priority," Forest Supervisor George Matejko said. "The stand-down ensures that those involved on the fire have an opportunity to deal with the impact of the tragedy."

The forest fire, about 130 miles south of Missoula, Mont., was caused by lightning and first reported Sunday night. Hot temperatures and wind blew it up from 120 acres to about 1,000 acres, officials said.

Allen and Heath were the eighth and ninth firefighters assigned to wildfires to die since February nationwide, said Alan Hoffmeister, a spokesman for the National Interagency Fire Center in Boise. Only one of the previous deaths was by fire, while the others were helicopter crashes and accidents.

"This fire behavior has been

very unusual in the extreme. The conditions that we're seeing at this time of the year are unsurpassed and haven't been witnessed in recent memory," U.S. Forest Service spokeswoman Erin O'Connor.

"The dryness of the trees and other shrubs, the high temperatures of over 100 degrees for weeks, the relative humidity down to around 16 percent — all those factors contribute to very extreme fire behavior."

Another Idaho blaze grew to about 14,000 acres in the Boise National Forest and was about three miles away from the small town of Atlanta on Wednesday evening. One outbuilding was lost to the flames.

The National Interagency Fire Center said there were 49 large fires burning in the West, with 359,380 acres of active wildfires. Other states with large fires included Arizona, California, Colorado, Montana, New Mexico, Nevada, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington and Wyoming.

In east-central Montana, a wildfire has burned about 122,000 acres near Brusett but was considered 40 percent contained late Wednesday. A new fire that grew to 4,000 acres in extreme southwestern Montana was expected to merge with another, which already has burned on more than 3,000 acres.

Employee of the month



(Courtesy photo)

Officer John J. Brogdon from Baten Unit 3rd Shift Security is "Jordan/Baten Units' July 2003 Employee of the Month." Officer Brogdon has worked at the Baten Unit for 27 months. He says he enjoys working with his supervisors and fellow employees and plans on working as long as his health permits. He is also involved as an EMS volunteer at Miami where he resides. He and wife, Shirley, have two daughters, Pamela Berry of Borger and Karla Scott of Luling, La. He is pictured with Senior Warden Chris Bell.

Democrats stall child tax credit in House

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democrats stalled action in the House for more than an hour on Wednesday to highlight inaction on a bill expanding the child tax credit for low-income families.

"We will continue to be disruptive," said House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif. "If they don't have time for America's children of 12 million working families, then they're not going to have time for some of their other priorities as well."

Democrats returned to the issue shortly before 2:00 a.m. Thursday, after the House finished work on a foreign aid bill, forcing further debate on a motion urging quick action on the child tax credit legislation.

President Bush planned to promote the child tax credit

during a visit Thursday to Philadelphia, one day before the first round of rebate checks are set to be mailed to middle-income families. The checks, worth up to \$400 per child, are the result of a tax cut enacted in May that increased the credit to \$1,000 this year.

Democrats want to expand the credit for low-income families that do not pay enough income tax to take advantage of the bigger benefit. Pushing for the expansion to be passed before checks go to other families, Democrats and their Republican supporters have urged the president with

requests asking him to personally intervene.

Sen. Olympia Snowe, R-Maine, made another appeal on Wednesday.

"This is simply unacceptable," Snowe said. "There is no justifiable reason why we cannot enact a law this week."

The House and Senate have both passed bills expanding the child tax credit for low-income families, but they stand far apart on other items. The Senate proposed a compromise to the House this week, but the lawmakers named to negotiate a compromise have not yet met.

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