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**Trooper finds 66 lbs. of marijuana in truck**

A California man remained in Gray County jail today on drug charges after being stopped by Texas Department of Public Safety troopers on Interstate 40 Monday night.

Arthur Lee Scott, 49, of Hawthorne, Calif., was in Gray County jail today in lieu of \$20,000 bond after being arrested about 7:20 p.m. Monday on I-40 by DPS Trooper Jesse Cerda. Cerda said a U-Haul truck was east-bound near McLean Monday evening when he stopped it for driving on the shoulder of I-40.

After getting permission to search the vehicle, Cerda said he found two cardboard boxes in the back of the truck that contained what appeared to be marijuana. Officers said today that the boxes contained 66 pounds of marijuana.

Authorities said Scott was apparently driving to Michigan.

**DEATHS**

Naomi Neal, 89, domestic.

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## County waits on budget decisions

By DAVID BOWSER  
 STAFF WRITER

Gray County Commission will most likely postpone budget discussions until they know what next year's effective tax rate will be.

Scheduled to meet Friday in the county courtroom for the first of their two August meetings, Gray County Judge Richard Peet said this week that they probably won't have the effective tax rate until Monday.

Effective tax rate is the amount the county will have to charge in order to match the money taken in this year through taxes.

The problem facing the commission

this year, Judge Peet said, is that tax appraisals on property in Gray County have fallen more than \$100 million over the past year.

In their report to the county commissioners, the Gray County Appraisal District said this month that the total appraised value for property in the county is \$1,225,992,814 for the county's general fund and the same amount for the road and bridge fund.

Taking out exemptions and allowing for special values, the total taxable value is \$1,008,909,925 for the general fund and \$998,649,575 for the road and bridge fund.

"Those are the numbers we have to work with," Peet said.

The judge said the appraised amount for the general fund is \$50,269,324 less than last year, and the appraised amount for the road and bridge fund is \$50,248,414 less than last year.

Using the current tax rate, that translates into a loss of \$546,467 in taxes in Gray County coffers.

"That's the cash value we're losing," Judge Peet said. "That's how much we're losing in cold hard dollars."

The lower tax appraisals are due to the economy and population loss.

Peet said that even though the county may lose population, infrastructure costs that the county must pay doesn't go down.

"It hurts when the infrastructure stays the same and you lose people," Peet said.

Infrastructure costs that can be cut only so much and a declining population means that there are fewer people to bear the tax load.

"We have to meet certain legal obligations," Peet said.

For this fiscal year, the county commissioners had projected a \$7.5 million budget. It appears that they will come in well under that budgeted figure. Peet estimates that the county will finish the fiscal year some \$370,000 in the black, but he said that the county has had to dip into its reserve funds to do that.

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## Sept. 13 election plans set

Early voting begins Aug. 28, in the Gray County Court House for the constitutional amendment election.

Saturday, Sept. 13, is election day for 22 amendments to the Texas Constitution.

Gray County Clerk Susan Winborn said early voting begins Thursday, Aug. 28, and runs through Tuesday, Sept. 9, in the first floor non-jury courtroom in the court house.

Expecting a light turnout, the county has combined voting precincts for ballot boxes. Gray County Richard Peet said voters can check their voter registration cards to find out the precinct in which they are registered.

- Precinct 1 will vote at the Lefors Community Center in Lefors.

- Precincts 2, 10 and 13 will vote at Lovett Memorial Library.

- Precinct 3 will vote Grandview Hopkins School.

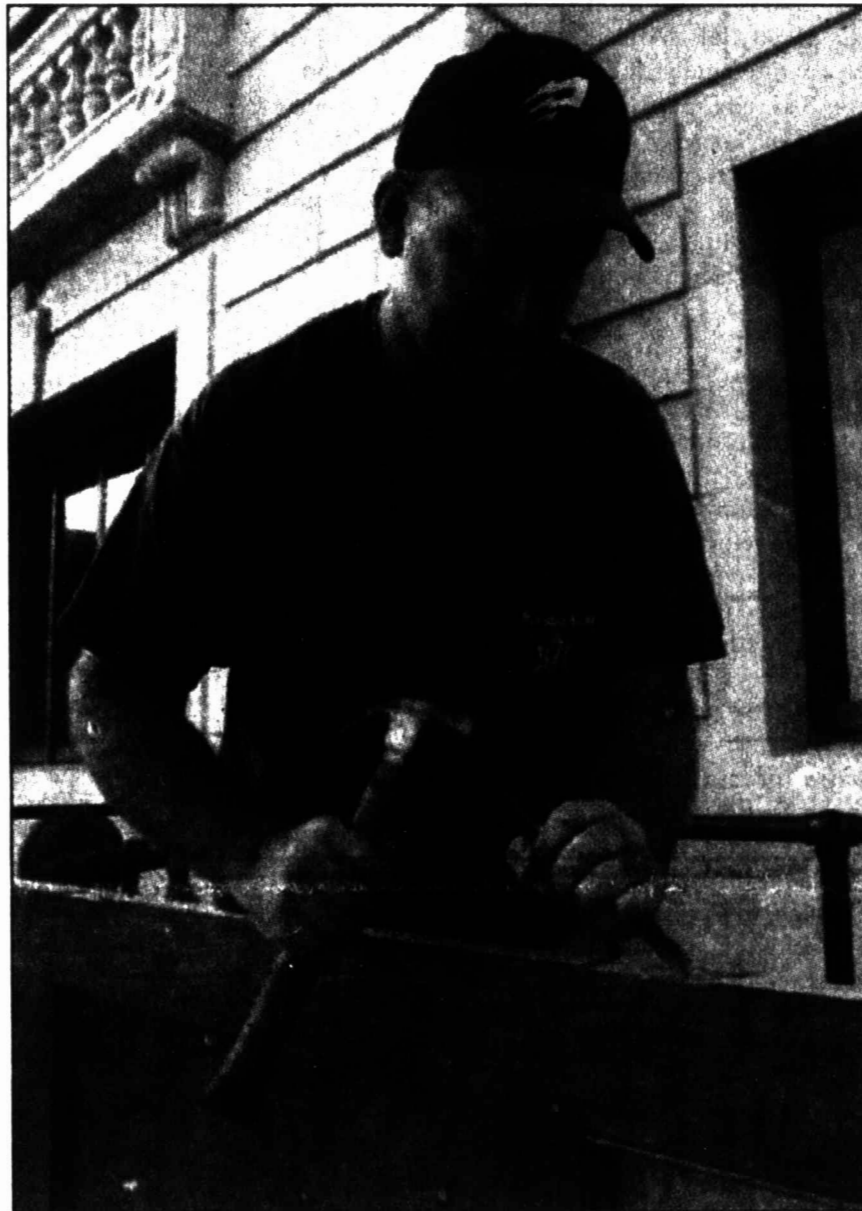
- Precinct 4 and 5 will vote at Lovett Library in McLean.

- Precincts 7, 11 and 12 will vote at M.K. Brown Auditorium.

- Precincts 8 and 9 will vote at Calvary Baptist Church.

- Precincts 14 and 15 will vote in the Travis School gym.

Winborn said polls would be open from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.



(Pampa News photo by David Bowser)

**Vohnya Tongate with Restorhaus of Lubbock makes a minor modification to a door at Gray County Courthouse this morning. Tongate said that after the doors were installed as part of the courthouse renovation project, some of them swelled. He said the work is covered by the county's warranty agreement concerning the restoration.**

## Commission to pay less for pauper burials

Effective Friday, Gray County will pay only \$595 toward an indigent's burial, which normally costs \$1,500. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery.

Under state law, counties are responsible for burying indigents, but Gray County Judge Richard Peet said the county can limit such costs.

"The county has the discretion of what kind of funeral," Judge Peet said.

At a meeting of the county commissioner's court earlier this month, the commissioners voted 3-2 to limit county expense when it comes to pauper's funerals.

Under the county's new indigent burial policy, the funeral home will make the decision whether the deceased is a pauper.

Gray County will pay the funeral home \$595 if the person is determined to be a pauper and a resident of Gray County.

The \$595 will cover cremation, including transportation to the crematory in Amarillo, but if the deceased's family prefers a burial, they will have to make up the difference between the fee paid by the county and the cost of the burial charged by the funeral home.

Judge Peet said the family can finance the remainder of the \$1,500 with the funeral home at the funeral home's discretion.

Peet said the county had budgeted about \$7,000 this year for indigent funerals but had already spent more than twice that amount, noting it's a cost that is difficult to control.

## Democrats flee to thwart redistricting

*Lt. Gov. Dewhurst adjourns special legislative session a day early*

By NATALIE GOTT  
 ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

AUSTIN (AP) — In a move reminiscent of a walkout by House Democrats a few months ago, 11 of the 12 Democrats in the state Senate forced the chamber to a standstill by fleeing Texas for Albuquerque, N.M., in a protest over a second special session on congressional redistricting.

Their absence Monday prompted Republican Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst to adjourn the first special legislative session a day early, without a congressional redistricting bill approved. The House adjourned shortly after that, but Gov. Rick Perry immediately called lawmakers back for another session on redistricting. The second session could last up to 30 days.

The Senate Democrats said they didn't take their decision lightly.

"This is not about Democrats. It's

about democracy and it's about civil rights," Sen. Leticia Van de Putte, Senate Democratic Caucus chairwoman, said at a news conference Monday night.

Van de Putte, standing in front of a Texas flag, said more than 1.4 million minorities in Texas would lose effective congressional representation if the redistricting occurs as Republicans wish.

The Democrats will have to stay out for as long as lawmakers are in session for the boycott to be effective. As long as they are gone, business in the chamber stops. It takes two-thirds of the Senate's 31 members to form a quorum and allow the chamber to take up business.

Senate rules also require that two-thirds of the chamber support a bill before it can be taken up for debate. Dewhurst has said he would do away with that rule during the second session

so that only a majority would be needed.

"We are prepared to stay here for the duration of this special session," Van de Putte said. "We are going to take it a day at a time."

Van de Putte said the Democrats would return if Perry ends the second special session or Dewhurst reinstates the two-thirds rule.

"When either of these two requests are granted, we will be on the first flight home," Van de Putte said.

Shortly after the lawmakers took off, Dewhurst ordered the 11 who left back to the chamber.

"I'm asking our Senate Democrats to come back and work with us. But I've got to share with you I'm disappointed, very disappointed," Dewhurst said. "By leaving, our Senate Democrats are putting their party affiliation over what they were elected to do."

Dewhurst said he believes that sooner or later, the Senate will pass a fair redistricting plan.

Republicans tried to push redistricting toward a vote in the GOP-controlled House during the regular session in May, but 51 House Democrats fled to Oklahoma to block a quorum, killing the bill.

In May, Republican House Speaker Tom Craddick ordered state troopers to find the representatives and bring them back to Austin. The office of U.S. House Majority Leader Tom DeLay also became involved, calling the Federal Aviation Administration to try to locate the plane of one of the Democrats.

Dewhurst said he would call on the Senate sergeant-at-arms and possibly off-duty police officers to retrieve the 11 lawmakers, but acknowledged that Texas authorities likely could not cross

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## Cooper Energy safety awards



(Courtesy photo)

Dave Stidham, Cooper Energy Service plant manager, presents Charlie Sutterfield, right, the June safety award.



(Courtesy photo)

Dave Stidham, Cooper Energy Service plant manager, gives Randy Randall, right, the June safety award.

## U.S. troops capture Saddam bodyguard

By D'ARCY DORAN  
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

TIKRIT, Iraq (AP) — American soldiers overpowered and arrested a bodyguard who rarely left Saddam Hussein's side Tuesday and said they obtained documents and information that could help them close in on the former dictator.

Also Tuesday, Iraq's Governing Council, the 25-member body set up by the U.S.-led coalition to run Iraq as an interim administration, elected a nine-member presidency. The council's statement Tuesday in Baghdad gave no details on how the presidency would function.

As "one of Saddam's life long bodyguards," Adnan Abdullah Abid al-Musslit was believed to have detailed knowledge of the former president's hiding places, said Lt. Col. Steve Russell, who led the raid. He said documents taken from the home and information obtained from the men would be useful in the hunt for Saddam.

"Every photo and every document connects the dots," said Russell, commander of the 4th Infantry Division's 22nd Infantry Regiment.

The stocky bodyguard struggled to break free as soldiers arrested him, and they had to wrestle him to the ground and drag him down the stairs, Russell said.

"Were we surprised? He's a bodyguard. That's why we went in with our steely knives and oily guns," Russell said. "If everything else had failed and we just got that one guy, we would be happy."

The series of pre-dawn raids in the heart of the deposed dictator's hometown nabbed a total of 12 people, including Daher Ziana, the former head of security in Tikrit, and Rafa Idham Ibrahim al-Hassan, a leader of the Saddam Fedayeen militia.

The raids began at 4 a.m. when soldiers fired three shotgun blasts into the locks of the house where bodyguard al-Musslit was living with his family.

Moments later, an Associated Press reporter watched as soldiers pulled al-Musslit from the house, bleeding and barefoot. Soldiers stripped him to his underwear, searching for weapons, and dragged him into an Army Humvee.

A medic examined the right side of his forehead, where blood seeped through the wide tan cloth that was wrapped over his eyes as a blindfold.

Al-Musslit had retired from his job as one of Saddam's

most trusted bodyguards, but the former Iraqi leader called him back into service before the war started, Russell said, citing intelligence gathered from Tikrit residents.

About a block away, soldiers stormed a house where Ziana was living, emerging from one the house's ornate arched entrances with four men with their hands tied behind their back. One of the men was identified as Ziana, Saddam's security chief in Tikrit.

Soldiers cut white sheets from the home into strips to make blindfolds for the men, who sat under guard in the front yard.

Six women, some clutching the hands of small children, wailed as soldiers threw photographs and documents into the driveway. A large portrait of Saddam lay alongside a picture of Ziana in uniform. One album featured a photo of women posing with Kalashnikov rifles.

Among the documents was something called a "Saddam Privilege Card," Russell said.

Nearby, soldiers pulled al-Hassan from another house, Russell said. Al-Hassan was believed to be a Brigadier General and a leader of the Fedayeen militia, which is suspected in the mounting attacks on U.S. troops.

The men were taken to an Army detention facility in Tikrit where they will be interrogated, Russell said.

The 22nd Infantry said it came within 24 hours of catching Saddam's new security chief at a farm in eastern Tikrit on Sunday. It also assisted Task Force 20, the special operations force hunting Saddam, in a Thursday raid that netted up to 10 of the dictator's suspected bodyguards in al-Uja, the Tikrit suburb where Saddam was born.

It began hunting al-Musslit after a raid on a farm belonging to Saddam's cousin Barzan Abd al-Ghafur Sulayman Majid al-Tikriti — 11th on the U.S. list of Iraq's 55 most-wanted — where they found several photos of al-Musslit at Saddam's side, Russell said.

Bradley fighting vehicles were attacked late last week around the corner from the house where al-Musslit was staying, Russell and his driver, Spc. Cody Hoefler, became locked in a close-quarter shootout with al-Musslit's nephew and three other men, Russell said. The four Iraqis were killed in the fight.

In the following days, soldiers stepped up surveillance on the area and gathered the information that led to the raids.

## Taylor's forces launch counterattack

By ALEXANDRA ZAVIS  
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

MONROVIA, Liberia (AP) — President Charles Taylor's forces launched what they called a major counterattack Tuesday on the key port of Buchanan, battling to take back Liberia's second-largest city a day after it fell to insurgents.

Military officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, reported a "big fight" at the Atlantic coastal city.

Officials said Taylor's forces also were struggling to take back Taylor's northern stronghold of Gbarnga, which like Buchanan fell to insurgents on Monday.

Fighting had divided the town of Gbarnga, 110 miles north of Monrovia, between rebels and government fighters, and gunbattles raged, a Liberian military commander said, also on condition of anonymity.

Government forces had retaken a military base, Naama, to the north of Gbarnga, the commander said.

Battles around the West African nation came as rebels of the Liberians United for Reconciliation and Democracy movement continued to press their 10-day siege of the capital, Monrovia, in fighting that has killed hundreds of civilians.

Rebels also hold Monrovia's port, cutting off warehouses filled with food from the city's increasingly hungry and disease-ridden populace of more than 1.3 million.

"It's just a crazy war — people are running to Buchanan, and we are running to Monrovia," a refugee, James Sumo, said at a makeshift camp overflowing with thousands of war-displaced halfway between the two embattled cities. "All we can do is continue praying."

Monday's attack on

Aid workers, tending to malnourished children in the capital, decried the loss of Buchanan, which had been the last significant port in government hands.

"Buchanan was the only alternative way to ship some food into Liberia. Now — you can forget about it," Frederic Bardou said at a feeding center in Monrovia run by Action Contre la Faim, or Action Against Hunger.

Around him at the center, emaciated babies hung from their mothers' shoulders.

Rebels have waged a three-year campaign to oust Taylor, a former warlord blamed for 14 years of conflict in the once leading West African country.

Taylor was elected president in Liberia in 1997 after waging eight years of civil war. He has been indicted by a war crimes court in Sierra Leone for backing that country's brutal rebels.

Monday's attack on

Buchanan marked a return to full-scale fighting by the country's smaller rebel group, Movement for Democracy in Liberia.

Unlike the Liberians United group, the Movement for Democracy largely had heeded cease-fire pledges made at off-and-on peace talks in Accra, Ghana.

In Accra, West African mediators convened envoys of Liberia's government and the two rebel groups to urge all sides to abide by a repeatedly flouted June 17 truce.

"We are asking them to cease-fire immediately," said Sunny Ugoh, spokesman of the leading West African regional bloc. "This will not be negotiable."

West African leaders have promised a multinational peace force for Liberia since soon after rebels launched their siege of Monrovia in early June.

The United States has pledged support. It insists Liberia's neighbors and the United Nations must take the lead.

President Bush on Friday ordered troops to take up position off Liberia's Atlantic coast in readiness for any peace mission.

Bush also has demanded that Taylor step down. Taylor has said he will do so, accepting an asylum offer in Nigeria, only when peacekeepers arrive.

Debt-strapped Nigeria has offered to send at least two battalions but says it needs help from the United States and others to foot the bill.

More West African, U.N. and U.S. talks on the peace force ended Monday with no sign of progress on deployment.

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## DEMOCRATS

state lines.

Republicans are pressing for more seats in the state's 32-member delegation to the U.S. House. The Democrats hold a 17-15 advantage, which Republicans say does not reflect the state's increasingly Republican voting patterns.

Most Democrats want to keep the congressional map drawn by a three-judge federal panel in 2001. They say redistricting amounts to a power grab pushed by DeLay.

During the first special session, the Democrats were able to block a redistricting bill that could have given Republicans an additional seven seats in the delegation. Eleven Democrats and one Republican stood firm against the bill.

The Democrats arrived in New Mexico after a Senate Democratic Caucus meeting at the Capitol in which lawmakers plotted their strategy.

Sen. Judith Zaffirini, D-Laredo, said the Democrats received word from state representatives that Perry was

planning to call a special session earlier than expected to catch the Democrats off guard.

"It's a very important parliamentary procedure, parliamentary practice, to break quorum. We broke quorum to protect the people of Texas from Governor Rick Perry and his D.C. cohorts," Zaffirini said.

She said the Democrats left the Capitol and boarded two private planes that were lined by Van de Putte and Sen. Juan Hinojosa of McAllen. Most of the Democrats did not know where they were headed until they were on the planes.

Perry said Monday's developments were disappointing.

"Today a minority of members in the state Senate prevented the Senate from finishing important work and killed legislation that would have generated an additional \$800 million to help meet the priorities of our citizens," Perry said.

Sen. Jane Nelson, R-Lewisville said she was horribly disappointed that some of her colleagues chose to "abdicate their responsibilities."

"We were elected to come down here and take care of the business of the state and that's what they should be doing. Those of us who are here will continue to work on what we're supposed to be working on," Nelson said.

Sen. Ken Armbrister of Victoria was the only Democrat who did not leave the chamber but he said he did not judge those who decided to leave. He said he stayed because he wanted to make sure that rural Texas had a voice in the process.

Associated Press writers Kelley Shannon in Austin and Richard Benke in Albuquerque, N.M., contributed to this report.

## COUNTY

"We can't continue to do that," he said.

The county judge said he expects to have a preliminary budget by the commissioners' Aug. 15 meeting.

Peet said that if the county has to raise taxes three percent or more, the law requires a public hearing. If taxes are raised eight percent or more, taxpayers could demand a rollback election.

"We've never gone above eight percent," Peet said.

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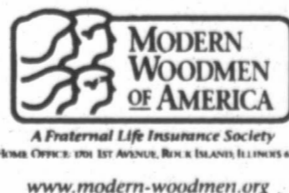
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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Hello from Karbala, Iraq

(Dated: June 26, 2003)  
 Hello from Iraq. Just a few lines to let everyone know that I'm alive and doing OK. I was sent up to Iraq around the first of June. I'm with a STP (Shock Trauma Platoon). I'm on a compound just outside the city of Karbala.

Business has been slow for us doctors. Thank goodness. The ancient city of Babylon is just a few miles away. I've been there twice to see the ruins and to visit S.H. (Saddam Hussein's) summer palace. Quite a place.

This post card was made from an MRE package - so you can see I'm still supporting Texas beef. Hope to see everyone soon.

**Dr. Keith Black**  
 Karbala, Iraq

*Editor's Note: Dr. Black, a Pampa physician who has been deployed to Iraq with his U.S. Naval Reserve unit, sent this "postcard" on a piece of cardboard cut from a Beef with Mushrooms in Sauce MRE (Meals Ready To Eat).*

*He included a new address:*  
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#### If I were a carpenter ...

To the editor:  
 I fired the carpenter who was remodeling my home. He used my advance money on other jobs and when it came time for my job he had no money. I know good things always come out of bad situations so am moving on with my life. Friends have offered to come paint for me. I've talked to flooring people and the daughter-in-law is a handywoman who can put on cabinet doors, finish the broom closet, etc. She lives in Missouri and can start in September coming for a few days at a time. I hope I can get the plumber to set the toilet and bathroom sink.

I remember as a child being taught Jesus was a carpenter. As an adult I find the only thing "Jesus" about the carpentry business is the power of God carpenters have over home owners when they have the house torn up and "other jobs" to finish first.

"Sorry carpenter" stories seem to be a dime a dozen. I emailed Channel 7 to see if they would help negotiate getting something back for me from my latest sorry carpenter experience. I haven't heard from them but my story is hardly news. I thought playing the disability card would draw more attention to my case but my friend, Gail, says her brother was recently taken to the carpenter cleaners himself and "he should have known better." Apparently everyone is fair game.

When asked why carpenters have to have so many jobs going, another friend explained, "(Carpenters) are always working themselves out of a job."

I've had four carpenters to my house in the last year. Each one said they weren't interested in my job "at this time." My one stipulation was they come in, get it done and get out. I didn't realize how much I appreciated their honesty until I met a carpenter who had no moral qualms about promising what he couldn't or wouldn't deliver.

If anyone is thinking about having some carpentry work done, I can tell you who I would not recommend and why complete with 8x10 color glossies. If anyone has a carpenter war story to tell, I'd be glad to maintain a list for future reference of carpenters of questionable integrity.

**Kayla Pursley**  
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# The night I cursed Bob Hope

It's been more than three decades since that night I cursed Bob Hope.

It was Christmas Eve, 1970. I was a LTjg in the United States Navy stationed at the Naval Air Facility at Cam Ranh Bay, Republic of Vietnam, and I had the duty.

I knew that some time during the night, I would receive a Top Secret message instructing me when to direct a sailor from our unit to meet an Air Force C-130 that would take him to an undisclosed location where Bob Hope would be performing his Christmas show.

Because of fears that Charlie would rain down rockets on this national treasure, the times and locations of Bob Hope's Christmas shows in country were classified.

Various units were allowed to send one man to one of the shows. In our case, as in the cases of most units, I suppose, the man selected was to be enlisted and of recruiting poster material. The Navy, and I imagine most other services, wanted only squared away sailors representing the services at what would be later televised back home. Dissidents need not apply.

In our case, the Sailor of the Month was chosen. He was to be ready to go, uniform pressed, clean shaven and ready to represent the best the Navy had to offer.

It was after midnight when the message came. A courier from communications hand-delivered it. I signed for the classified document and sent my runner to collect the Sailor of the Month.

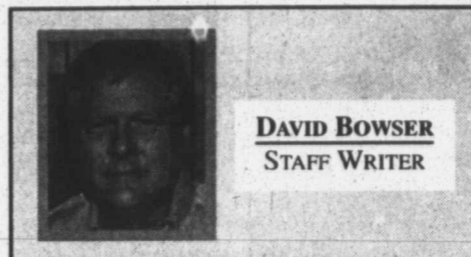
The message said our man was to meet the plane at the Cam Ranh air terminal at 0400 hours, four o'clock Christmas morning. The plane would take him to Bien Hoa Air Base, north of Saigon, for the show, then return him back to Cam Ranh later Christmas Day.

The problem was there were three terminals at Cam Ranh and the message wasn't specific.

While messages went back to COMNAVFORV, Commander, Naval Forces Vietnam, in Saigon, requesting clarification on which terminal, I contacted the other commands at Cam Ranh to see if they knew.

At the time, Cam Ranh Bay was the largest and busiest Air Force Base in the world.

Located on a peninsula of sand on the



DAVID BOWSER  
 STAFF WRITER

South China Sea, the Air Force operated a terminal on the seaward side of the north-south runways, handling most of the cargo being flown in. We were on the inland side of the giant runways. North of us, the Army maintained their own terminal through which most of the passenger traffic traveled.

Our operations duty officer said that as far as he knew, the plane to take our sailor to Bien Hoa wasn't coming to our terminal.

That narrowed the odds to the Army and Air Force terminals.

Being on opposite sides of the runway, however, meant that our Sailor of the Month had to be at the right terminal at the right time. There would be no time to circumnavigate the giant air base if he were at the wrong terminal and still tried to make the flight.

The message from COMNAVFORV was not reassuring. They were checking and would let us know.

Other duty officers across the base were faced with a similar dilemma. The ones I had not been able to contact, contacted me - all with the same question.

To make matters worse, my runner came back to tell me that our Sailor of the Month was not in his barracks.

I recruited others from the duty section and sent them out to scour the barracks, enlisted man's club and any place else they could think of where our sailor might be. The only order was to bring him back to the Quarter Deck at the Administration Building.

Out front, a battleship gray International Harvester Scout with driver waited patiently in the dark to take our sailor to an as yet undetermined terminal to fly off to Bob Hope's Christmas Show.

Messages went out to other commands on the peninsula, to Saigon, to just about anybody we could think of, asking at which terminal the plane was to arrive.

Finally, my runner returned to report that the Sailor of the Month had been located.

The good news was that we'd found him. The bad news was that he had passed out after a night of drinking. He was in no shape to travel.

More messages. Consultations with the Captain and the XO. Finally, the Administrative Officer said, yes, there had been an alternate chosen, but he couldn't remember who.

More messages. More consultations. The paperwork on the alternate was found. He was identified and rounded up. New orders were cut. The alternate changed into a clean, pressed uniform.

The clock kept ticking. Figuring an Air Force C-130 was to be the transport, I put him in the Scout and ordered him to the Air Force terminal on the far side of the base.

We waited. Finally, there was a cryptic phone call and through the static on the line, a voice said that the plane had arrived late but had taken the passengers on their mission.

Again we waited. A courier brought a classified message confirming that the plane had landed at Bien Hoa and following list of personnel were present for Bob Hope's Christmas Show. Our man was on the list.

I got back to my room at 6 a.m. Christmas morning.

Shortly before noon, my roommate woke me up and, along with a couple of buddies, we opened the presents from our families that we'd stacked beneath the small and somewhat scrawny Christmas tree that we'd managed to commandeer a few weeks earlier - on a trip to the Philippines.

Later Christmas day, about the time our sailor was boarding a C-130 to return to Cam Ranh, the duty officer that followed me got a coded message saying that the plane taking personnel to the Bob Hope Christmas Show would depart from the Air Force terminal.

Bob Hope, died Monday at age 100. He probably never knew what went on that Christmas almost 33 years ago.

It's time to let bygones be bygones. I'm no longer upset about losing a night's sleep that Christmas. Indeed, having gone through a war with Bob Hope, I feel I almost knew him.

Thanks for the memories, Mr. Hope.



BOB HOPE 1903-2003

### WASHINGTON TODAY

## Dean hopes to benefit from gubernatorial advantage

By RON FOURNIER  
 AP POLITICAL WRITER

WASHINGTON (AP) — Four senators, two House members and one lawmaker pursuing the Democratic presidential nomination face an elusive foe: history.

Not since 1960, when John F. Kennedy narrowly won the White House, has a senator been elected directly to the presidency. No House member has made the leap since James A. Garfield won election 123 years ago while serving as congressman and senator-elect from Ohio.

The dry spells could be an aberration, quirks of history that have no bearing on the 2004 campaign, but it may be that legislators pick up bad rhetorical habits and compile long voting records that do more harm than good in presidential races, including this one.

"Governors, that's where it's at," said Democratic consultant Ray Strother.

"They know how to speak to people and they have a record of actually doing something. They're leaders from the get-go — by definition."

Four of the last five presidents are former governors — George W. Bush of Texas, Bill Clinton of Arkansas, Ronald Reagan of California and Jimmy Carter of Georgia. In the last century, Franklin Roosevelt, Calvin Coolidge, Woodrow Wilson and Teddy Roosevelt brought statehouse experience to the White House.

The 2004 Democratic field is light on chief executives.

Sen. Bob Graham of Florida served two terms as governor but left for Washington 17 years ago. Howard Dean is a relative outsider; he left office in January after serving five, two-year terms as Vermont's governor.

Not surprisingly, Dean sees his distinction as an advantage.

"I get to talk about my record. The other people can say, 'I fought for this or

did that in my committee' but they did it with 100 other people," he said.

Like Clinton in Arkansas, Dean served a small state and built a politically pliable record. His support of civil unions prompted gay and liberal activists to take early notice of his campaign. Yet, if he wins the nomination, Dean will be able to point to budget cuts and a pro-business agenda that had him pegged as a moderate in Vermont.

His congressional rivals, meanwhile, cast hundreds of votes that will be fodder for Republican research teams. And their records are no more distinctive.

Asked recently to name a single accomplishment that wouldn't have happened had he not served in the Senate, John Kerry struggled at length with the answer: "There are actually a lot of things."

"Can I say that it wouldn't be done, that somebody else might not have picked up the cudgel?" Kerry of Massachusetts said. "I don't know."

### Crossword Puz

#### CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOE

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### Flo & Friends





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# DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

## Urban Wildlands Bring Risk Of Wildfire Close To Home

DEAR ABBY: I am the wife of a fireman. I have a personal stake in letting your readers know that they can help to protect the lives of wildland firefighters as we experience yet another terrible new fire season. We have already seen those frightening orange flames leaping across our television screens as they are beaten back by firefighters. Brave men and women risk their lives to save communities, while families like ours watch the news and hold our breath.

Twenty-three firefighters lost their lives in wildland fires last year, and more than 6 million acres were reduced to ashes. This year promises to be even more costly.

Millions of Americans live in what is called "wildland/urban interface." These are areas of wild nature into which homes — and even cities (18,000 communities) — have been built. Last year, the residents of Denver were shocked to learn that their metropolis is a wildland/urban interface as firestorms swept down from the mountains. When houses are threatened or engulfed, firefighters are at risk. However, homeowners can protect their dwellings and possessions — and the lives of firefighters — before the fires race toward them.

Here's what to do: Go to your computer and type in [www.firewise.org](http://www.firewise.org). Firewise.org is a free service of the U.S. Forest Service, the Red Cross, the National Fire Protection Association and dozens of other government and private entities. This Web site teaches visitors how to "firewise" their homes, imparting precautions homeowners can take to prepare their homes to ride out a wildland fire. You cannot fireproof a home, but you can firewise it, and by doing so, you might save another firefighter's family unending grief. Sign me...

PRECAUTIOUS  
IN PLACERVILLE, CALIF.

DEAR PRECAUTIOUS: I hope millions of homeowners will take advantage of your helpful suggestion. This nation has opened its heart to firefighters and their families, especially during the last two years. The selfless courage of those dedicated men and women who put their safety

on the line as they move into burning buildings or burning wildlands is an inspiration. We owe them, among other considerations, a visit to [Firewise.org](http://Firewise.org), which puts preventive measures literally at our fingertips.

And for those readers who are not computer-enabled, you, too, can save a wildland firefighter's family enduring heartache by requesting a free Firewise Homeowner's Guide. Simply write: Firewise, 1 Batterymarch Park, Quincy, MA 02269-9101 and tell them that Dear Abby sent you.

DEAR ABBY: I am a retired airline pilot. My main recreational pastimes are golf and billiards, and I am good at both. However, I become despondent when I play badly, and lately my depression is hard to shake.

I have always had a competitive nature, but realize I'm no fun to be around when I'm down. I need an attitude adjustment so that friends won't shy away from playing with me. Any suggestions, Abby?

SORE LOSER  
IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

DEAR SORE LOSER: There's an old saying: It's not whether you win or lose, but how you play the game that counts. You are wise to realize that your quest for perfection has become a problem. The solution is counseling to help you get to the root of — and deal with — your obsession with always "winning" and your depression when you don't.

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](http://www.DearAbby.com) or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

Good advice for everyone — teens to seniors — is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send a business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$5 (U.S. funds only) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

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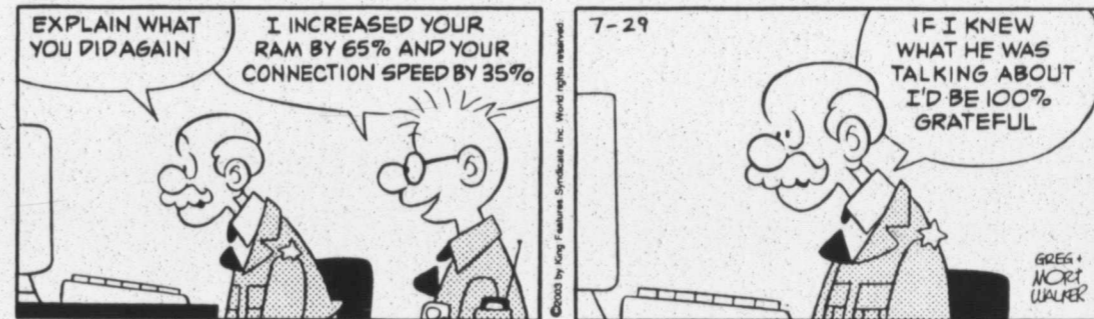
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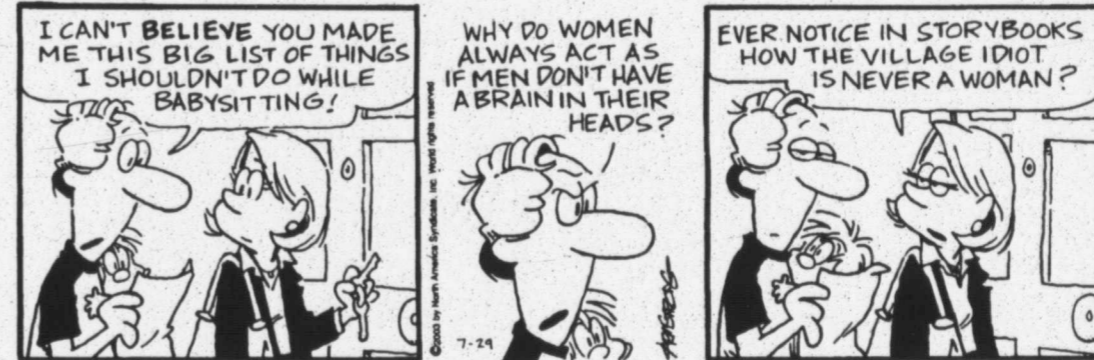
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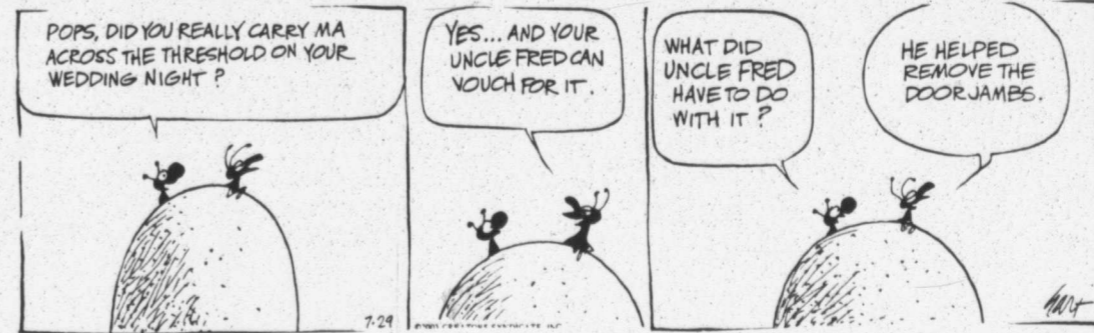
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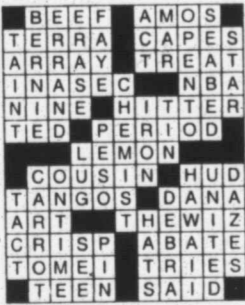
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Crossword Puzzle

CROSSWORD  
By THOMAS JOSEPH

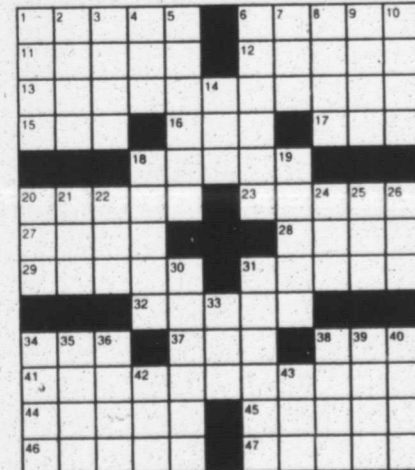
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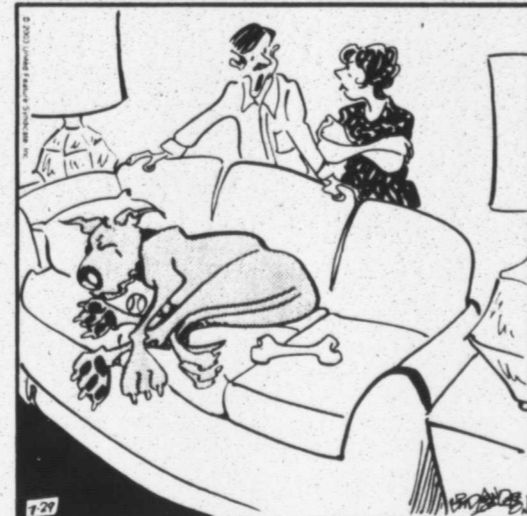
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# SPORTS

## Lubbock golfer returns to Tri-State throne room

Tommy Wilson felt some relief after emerging as the 2003 Tri-State Senior Association champion. The Lubbock linkster could still win a big tournament even though he wasn't at the top of his game.

"I was surprised I could play so consistent for three days," said Wilson, who carded a six-over par 219 at the Pampa Country Club course. "Usually it's been feast or famine when I play a round of golf."

Wilson, however, is no stranger to the Tri-State throne room. He won back-to-back titles in 1999 and 2000 before finishing second in 2001 and third a year ago. He may have been thinking, "will it be fourth in 2003?"

Wilson thought another championship might slip away in Thursday's final round when an unruly wind gusted around the course.

"Thursday was a struggle, but it was a struggle for everybody because of the wind. I was fortunate to play as well as I did," he said.

Wilson could feel six-time Top O' Texas champion Richard Ellis breathing down his neck for the first dozen holes.

"Richard had his opportunities. He had short putts on seven or eight holes, but the ball just wouldn't fall," Wilson noted. "The wind had a lot to do with it. He probably would have been the low man if he had hit some of those putts."



BY  
L. D.  
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SPORTS  
EDITOR

Winds reached as high as 25 miles per hour throughout the day, but sometimes there was hardly any breeze at all.

"The wind was so inconsistent," Wilson said. "It would blow real hard one minute and the next minute it wasn't blowing. It was hard to stay focused."

Ellis had closed within two shots of Wilson when disaster struck on No. 13.

Ellis had an 11 on the par

five hole and would finish third at 226, seven shots behind. Pampa's Frank McCullough, the 2001 champ, would sneak into second place with a three-round score of 223.

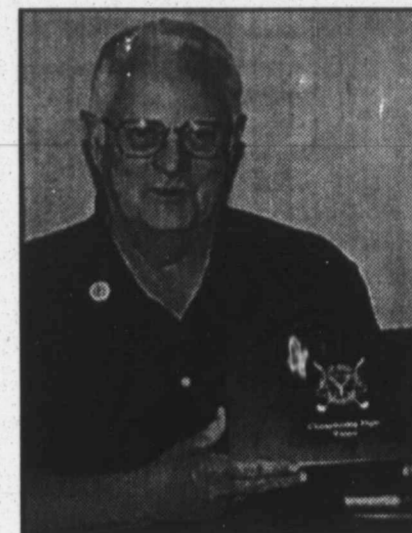
Wilson's four-over par 75 the final round included a pair of birdies on No. 15 and No. 18.

"You're always hoping to get a birdie when you really need one. On both those holes I had real short putts and I was able to get it into the hole," he said.

If he can keep old age from creeping up too much, Wilson plans on returning to Pampa for defense of his title in 2004.

"You know you're getting old when you get 10 miles out of town and you can't wait to get back home, but I plan on

being back in Pampa. I always have a good time, win lose or draw," Wilson said.



Tommy Wilson with his third Tri-State championship trophy

## Baylor coach wonders if he missed signs

WACO, Texas (AP) — Since one of his players vanished six weeks ago and a former player was charged with murder, Baylor University's basketball coach has been wondering if he missed any signs that such a tragedy was about to unfold.

"What you do is you second-guess yourself," coach Dave Bliss said Monday. "... Were there things that had indicated to us that this situation may have the opportunity to occur?"

The decomposed body of Patrick Dennehy, a 6-foot-10 center, was found Friday night in a field three miles south of town and was identified Sunday.

Carlton Dotson, who played basketball at Baylor last sea-

son, was arrested last week in his home state of Maryland on a murder charge from Texas. Dotson, 21, remains jailed without bond, awaiting extradition to Texas.

Investigators recovered a 9mm pistol, shell casings and what appeared to be Dennehy's shoes near his body. The Dallas Morning News reported in its Tuesday editions, citing a law enforcement official who spoke on the condition of anonymity.

But authorities believe he was killed with another gun that has not been found, and that Dennehy died in a clearing in the field and was moved 15 or 20 feet into the tall weeds, the newspaper reported. The McLennan County Sheriff's Office declined to comment on

the report Monday night, a dispatcher told The Associated Press.

Dennehy's funeral is to be held at Jubilee Christian Center, a Pentecostal church in San Jose, Calif., later this week or early next week, said pastor Dick Bernal. Dennehy's mother wanted his funeral and burial in San Jose because he was at his happiest there and it was his home, Bernal said.

A campus-wide memorial service for Dennehy is being planned for September at Baylor, the world's largest Baptist university with 14,000 students.

Dennehy's family reported him missing June 19, seven days after he was last seen on campus. Dennehy's vehicle was found abandoned in a

Virginia Beach, Va., parking lot June 25.

Dotson was arrested July 21 after calling 911, saying he needed help because he was hearing voices, authorities said. He told FBI agents that he shot Dennehy after the player tried to shoot him, according to the arrest warrant affidavit. But after his arrest, Dotson told The Associated Press that he "didn't confess to anything."

Bliss confirmed Monday that the coaching staff received a letter from the mother of Dotson's estranged wife who was concerned about his mental health. Bliss said the letter arrived in June after Dotson had returned to Maryland and that he gave it to authorities investigating Dennehy's disappearance.

## North races past South in all-star game

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Lance Jackson was willing to share his Most Valuable Player honor with North teammate Marcus Hall.

Hall scored 26 points, and Jackson was the North's Most Valuable Player as the North All-Stars defeated the South 117-105 Monday night in the Texas High School Coaches Association Boys Basketball All-Star game.

Jackson, from Fort Worth Dunbar High School, scored 15 of his 17 points in the second half to help the North extend its 57-50 halftime lead.

But Hall, from Jersey Village near Houston, hit 11-of-21 shots off the bench for the North and led his squad in scoring.

"Marcus Hall played a great game," Jackson said. "I felt he should have been the MVP. I told him after the game the award is for both of us."

Warren Carter from Richardson Lake Highlands had 17 points and a game-high 13 rebounds for the North.

Stephen Floyd from Fort Bend Elkins was the MVP for the South. He scored a game-high 29 points on 12-of-21 shooting. He also grabbed 10 rebounds.

Floyd was a late addition to the South squad and learned late Sunday night he would be playing.

"I was just out here to have fun," Floyd said. "The MVP trophy is just a little something extra."

The North led 57-50 at halftime, but quickly extended its lead to 13 with a 6-0 spurt in the first two minutes of the third quarter.

Hall capped a 7-0 run later in the third quarter with a 3-pointer and a layup as the North took a 77-58 lead.

"In an all-star game, you can still be up by 20 and not

feel comfortable," Hall said. "We did a good job offensively to keep hold of our lead."

The closest the South got was 10 points in the final minute of the game.

"We were patient offensively," Jackson said. "We were focused on getting good looks and that was enough for us to hold on."

Hall scored 16 points in the first half to help the North take its halftime lead. He scored six points in a 10-0 spurt in the final 1:53 of the first half to help the North

erase a 50-47 deficit.

Hall scored 10 points in the first quarter to lead the North to a 33-23 first-quarter lead.

Byron Sullivan from Waelder added 17 points for the South. He was joined in double figures by San Antonio Reagan's Brandon York, who had 14 points.

Bobby Joshua of Everman chipped in with 12 points for the North, and David Fisher from Dallas South Oak Cliff and Lamar Hughes from Pittsburg had 10.

### NORTH ALL-STARS 117, SOUTH ALL-STARS 105

SOUTH ALL-STARS (105)  
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### NORTH ALL-STARS (117)

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South	22	23	19	36	—	105
North	37	20	30	36	—	117

## Rangers pound Mariners, 10-1

SEATTLE (AP) — Rafael Palmeiro hit a grand slam and a three-run homer off Ryan Franklin (7-9) in a four-run first, then hit his 11th career slam off Arthur Rhodes in the seventh. It was Palmeiro's 32nd multi-homer game, his second this season.

Joaquin Benoit (6-5), pitching on three days' rest for the first time in his two-year major league career, didn't allow a hit until Ichiro Suzuki singled to right leading off the sixth.

Benoit struck out seven in seven innings, allowing two hits and two walks. Randy Winn singled in the seventh for Seattle's other hit off Benoit.

Hank Blalock hit his 17th homer and went 4-for-5 for

Texas, which led 4-0 after four batters.

Michael Young reached on third baseman Willie Bloomquist's fielding error, Blalock singled, Alex Rodriguez hit an RBI single and Palmeiro put a pitch into the right-field seats.

Texas made it 6-0 in the fifth on Blalock's two-run homer off Franklin.

Pat Borders had an RBI double for Seattle in the eighth off Ron Mahay.

Notes: Palmeiro tied Juan Gonzalez for the most grand slams for the Rangers in franchise history. Palmeiro has the most homers (45) against the Mariners and the most (14) by an opposing player at Safeco.

Palmer is on the way back in the Masters track and field program.

Palmer has been sidelined from Masters competition because of shoulder surgery.

Last weekend, the Pampa school teacher tested his re-constructed shoulder at the Texas Masters Championships in Dallas. He didn't return with a first-place medal, but he did finish runner-up in three events: the hammer, discus and weight throw.

"At least now I know my shoulder won't disintegrate on me. I just need to get in some practice and show some improvement," Palmer said.

He hopes to enter the National Masters Track & Field Meet later this year in Eugene, Ore.

## Sports Notebook

### GOLF

PAMPA — Hidden Hills held a four-man senior scramble last week at Hidden Hills.

Results are as follows:  
1. Eldon Maxwell, B.F. Dorman, James Lee and Jim Maher, 62.

2. Fred Courtney, Terry Cox, Jim Reddell and Paul Hinton, 62.

3. Harley Knutson, Jim Cantrell, Howard Musgrave and George Gamblin, 63.

4. Howard Wells, Larry Schneider, Billie McMilligan and Gene Winegeart, 64.

Closest to pin: Charlie Terrell, No. 8.

Closest to pin: Harley Knutson, No. 12.

PAMPA — The Pamcel Golf Scramble is set for Thursday at the Pamcel Course and is open to the public.

Golfers need to check in by 5:30 Thursday for the 6 p.m. start.

Entry fee is \$10 for non-members. Carts are available to rent at \$5 per person.

In case of a tie, the pot rolls over to the next scramble. Winner takes all.

The scramble is limited to the first 40 entries.

### TRACK & FIELD

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### FOOTBALL

PAMPA — The Pampa Harvesters begin football workouts at 6 p.m. Aug. 4.

Equipment check out 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.

### CHEERLEADING

PAMPA — A Junior Cheerleading Camp is scheduled for Aug. 11-15 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in McNeely Fieldhouse.

The camp is for youngsters from kindergarten through the 8th grade.

Registration is Aug. 4 from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. in McNeely Fieldhouse.

For more information, call 669-7874 or 669-4800.

### SOFTBALL

PAMPA — The City of Pampa Recreation Department will be offering the following leagues for Fall Softball: Men's Open & Mixed Open.

The entry fees or sponsor's fees for teams are \$200 per team (\$185 if team is already sanctioned).

The player's fee is \$15 per player with a minimum of 11 persons for Men's Open and 12 persons for Mixed Open.

The entry deadline is Friday, Aug. 20 at 5 p.m. There will be no teams added after this date.

Schedules will be available after 1 p.m. on Aug. 27 at the Recreation Office.

Play will begin the week of Sept. 2.

Roster forms, fact sheets and by-laws are available at the Recreation Office at 816 S. Hobart between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

If you have any questions or would like more information on the Fall Softball Leagues, please contact the Recreation Office at 669-5770 during business hours.

### HUNTING

AMARILLO — The Amarillo Bird Dog Club will hold a snake-proofing clinic Saturday, Aug. 16.

The clinic, which uses live defanged snakes and harmless electric shock to teach dogs to avoid deadly snakes, will be from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The club is located 1.5 miles north of Loop 334 on Eastern.

Cost is \$35 per dog. The training is open for dogs of all breeds, not just hunting breeds.

For more information, call 806-379-9468.

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**98 Unfurn. Houses**  
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**FOR rent or sale, nice neighborhood, 2/1/1 w/d hookups, \$400, 1704** Hamilton, 665-5667

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#### 103 Homes For Sale

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**1910 Grape, 3 / 2, New** baths, quiet neighborhood, 10x20 shop. Call 665-0491.

**1998 16x80 mobile home,** 3/2. Must sale. D 886-8451, N 669-7157.

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## Horoscope BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** for Wednesday, July 30, 2003:  
 Investigate the many different possibilities that surround your professional life. Experiment with ideas, knowing when to find the experts. You have a concise way of presenting the facts. Others enjoy brainstorming with you. If a financial opportunity pops up in the next few months, check it out quickly, or it could be gone before you know it. Nevertheless, this year money clicks into your piggy bank, making you very happy. If you are single, you could meet someone anytime this year, being the ever-friendly Lion. First you must decide what you want from a relationship. Then you can create it. If you're attached, be careful about being too me-oriented. Your relationship will always benefit from more attention. VIRGO helps you make money.

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) \*\*\*\*\* Your imagination plays into each scenario and happening. Your mind is on overdrive, especially at work. Your good will comes forth with loved ones as well. You seem to be able to make time for everyone right now. Tonight: Easy does it.  
**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) \*\*\*\*\* In the next few days you could be overly concerned with what is going on around you. Carefully consider your options that surround a personal matter. Check on a property or investment with the supreme care your sign is known for. Tonight: Play away. You need a break.  
**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) \*\*\*\*\* Investigate what might be

going on. You pick up on something odd — be it at work or on the home front. Remain positive about the outcome. A real estate matter could come to the forefront. Check it out. Tonight: At home. Put your feet up.  
**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) \*\*\*\*\* You might feel that everyone wants a part of you. Look at it as building your popularity. Make it a point to get back to each person, finding out what might be on his or her mind. Feel free to say "no" to a request involving your funds. Tonight: Out and about.  
**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) \*\*\*\*\* Use the daylight hours to your benefit. Investigate what might be an interesting business proposition. Whatever you touch seems to come through like magic. Discussions could be insightful! and go till the wee hours. Tonight: Talk turkey.  
**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) \*\*\*\*\* Use the daylight hours to complete details on a matter that is close to your heart. Many of you can be found daydreaming and thinking instead of working — oh, dear. Center yourself. Move forward in the p.m. Tonight: The stars twinkle upon you.  
**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) \*\*\*\*\* You soar like an eagle during the daylight hours. Zoom in on what you want, with an eye to success. You attend an instrumental and stimulating meeting, which could have you thinking overtime. Tonight: Vanish.  
**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) \*\*\*\*\* You step to the head of the class. You know where you're going; assume a leadership position. Others want to get your feedback and consider it valuable. You are heading toward success. You're a force to be reckoned with. Tonight: Zoom in wherever you want to

be.  
**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) \*\*\*\*\* Keep on trucking. What you



# BUSINESS REVIEW

## Rasco Construction celebrating first year

Rasco Construction recently celebrated its first year in operation. Owned by Gerald Rasco, the company is located at 1000 S. Price Road. Rasco purchased the company from Ganell Overhead Doors on May 16, 2002.

Custom built buildings of any size are built by the staff at Rasco Construction. "We will build them any size the customer wants," said Rasco. "Both large and small."

The crew has built and designed buildings which are used as garages. The size of the garages is determined by the customers. Other structures built include carports and/or storage buildings. The custom built buildings may be built for many uses, said Rasco. It just depends on how the customer wants to utilize the structures.

Installing overhead doors as well as the door openers to operate the doors is just another

of the functions the trained staff at Rasco Construction provides for their customers. Lift Master overhead door openers may be purchased from Rasco.

The staff sells and installs doors for both residential and commercial buildings.

In addition to Rasco, Gary Higgins and Chris Smith work in constructing the buildings. Maria Salvarrey keeps the office operating at the business.

Buildings constructed by Rasco Construction may be seen in towns across the Texas Panhandle. The staff has traveled to almost every town in the Panhandle since the business began in May 2002.

Rasco reported the business has even constructed a custom building in Oklahoma City. He said the staff built a large two-car garage with an area designated as a play space for the child in the family.

The staff is also doing small landscaping projects and water features. An inviting pond con-

structed by Rasco Construction employees is located west of the main office building of Rasco Construction.

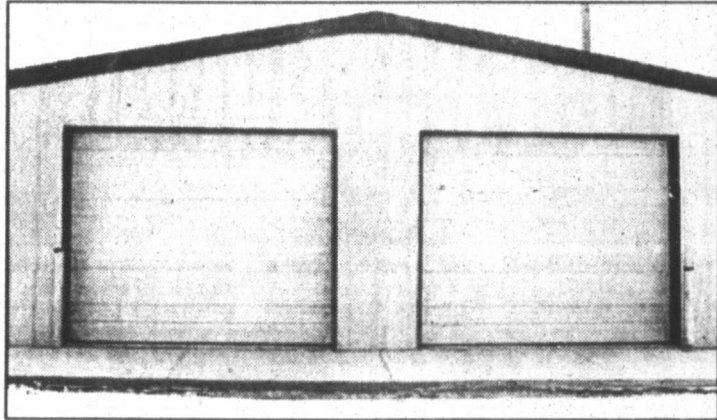
Rasco and his wife Joyce were both born and raised in Pampa. Both graduated from Pampa High School as did their three children.

He was in the oil field service business in the Pampa area for 20 years before pursuing a change in occupations.

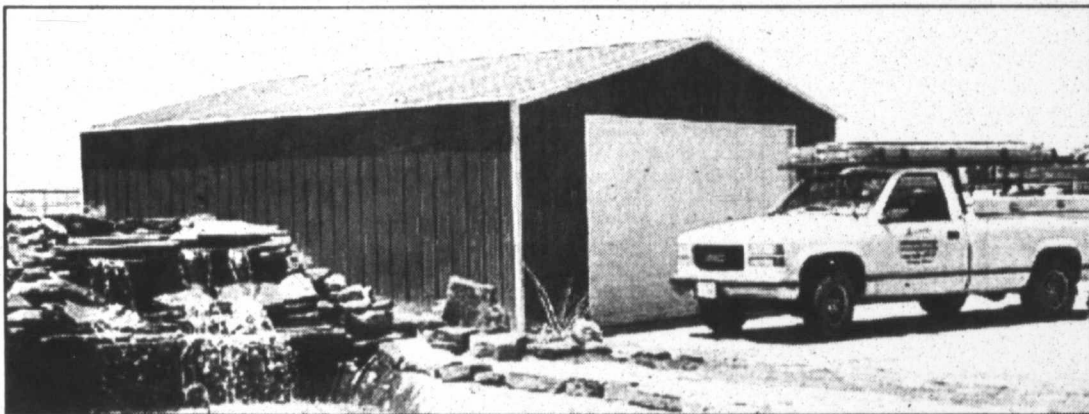
While Joyce works full-time for Larry Baker Plumbing, she also helps out at the construction business. Employed by Larry Baker the past 10 years, she previously worked 28 years for Malcolm Hinkle.

The couple would like to welcome everyone to drop by the local business to check out the services the company provides. Prospective customers may visit with the staff and determine the "perfect" storage building for their needs. Free estimates are available.

The business is open 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday through Friday. The business telephone is 665-0042.

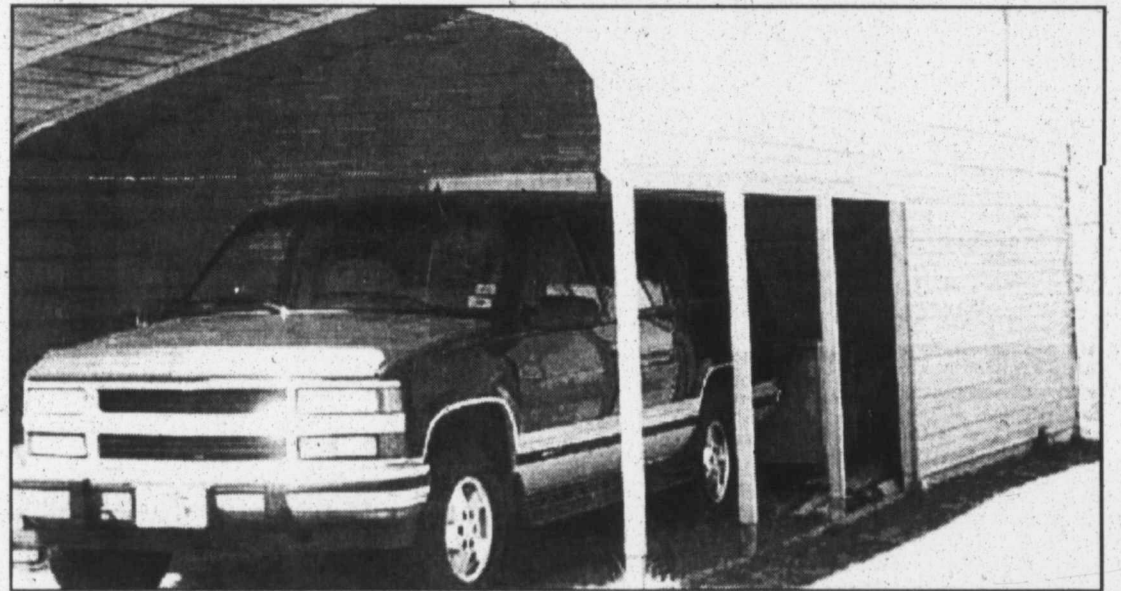
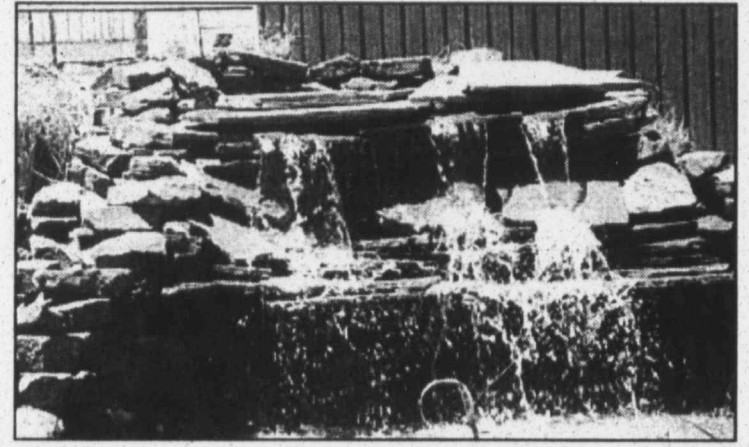


Rasco Construction recently installed these doors at Ted Hutto's Quality Sales, 1300 N. Hobart.



Rasco Construction's custom-built buildings are of varying sizes and designs. The staff builds any size custom building to the specifications of the customer.

An attractive pond with a waterfall sits just out the door of the offices of Rasco Construction. Passersby may view this beautiful pond located just off Price Road. Rasco Construction employees provide landscaping and water features to customers.



There's plenty of room for storage in this building while the carport allows two vehicles to be parked in it. The building may be seen at Rasco Construction at 1000 Price Road.

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