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

Winning numbers drawn: 11-17-22-24-43. Bonus Ball: 6.

Number matching five of five, plus Bonus Ball: 1 Prize: \$47 million.

Winning ticket(s) sold in: Eagle Lake.

Number matching five of five, plus Bonus Ball: 28. Prize: \$2,764.

Estimated jackpot for Saturday night drawing: \$4 million.

DEATHS

Faye Adams, 71, homemaker, caregiver.

Foy Barrett, 80, civic volunteer.

JoAnne Harvey, 64, homemaker.

Wilma V. Riley, 91, beautician.

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State work continuing

Democrats attack Gov. Perry from New Mexico hotel room

By NATALIE GOTT
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

AUSTIN (AP) — As the 11 Senate Democrats opposed to congressional redistricting attacked Gov. Rick Perry from their New Mexico hotel, Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst moved ahead with Senate business, naming senators to a panel to study school finance.

Dewhurst said he hoped the committee, also made up of state representatives and public members, could meet next week for an organizational meeting. Committee chairwoman Sen. Florence Shapiro, R-Plano, said work groups could begin meeting as early as Thursday.

"As far as getting organized, I think we've got an obligation to the people of Texas to use the time that we have here as effectively as we can, take advantage of the senators here to start work," Dewhurst said Wednesday. "This is an important subject."

Meanwhile, the Democrats took aim at Gov. Rick Perry, who called the second special session on congressional redistricting after a bill on the subject failed in the first special session. They said their message to Perry is this is not the time for gamesmanship and photo opportunities that misrepresent what they have fought for in the Senate.

"This is about real issues, about real people and real results. Our constituents know where we stand. They know where the governor has failed to lead," said Sen. Leticia Van de Putte, chairwoman of the Senate Democratic Caucus.

Perry spokesman Gene Acuna said Perry was working Wednesday, not holding a news conference.

"The people of Texas know that the governor of Texas remains in Texas and is hard at work in Texas," Acuna said.

The Democrats were in Albuquerque since Monday when they broke a quorum and halted Senate business. They are opposed to the Legislature redrawing congressional districts and to Dewhurst's decision to change a tradition to make it easier for a redistricting bill to win approval.

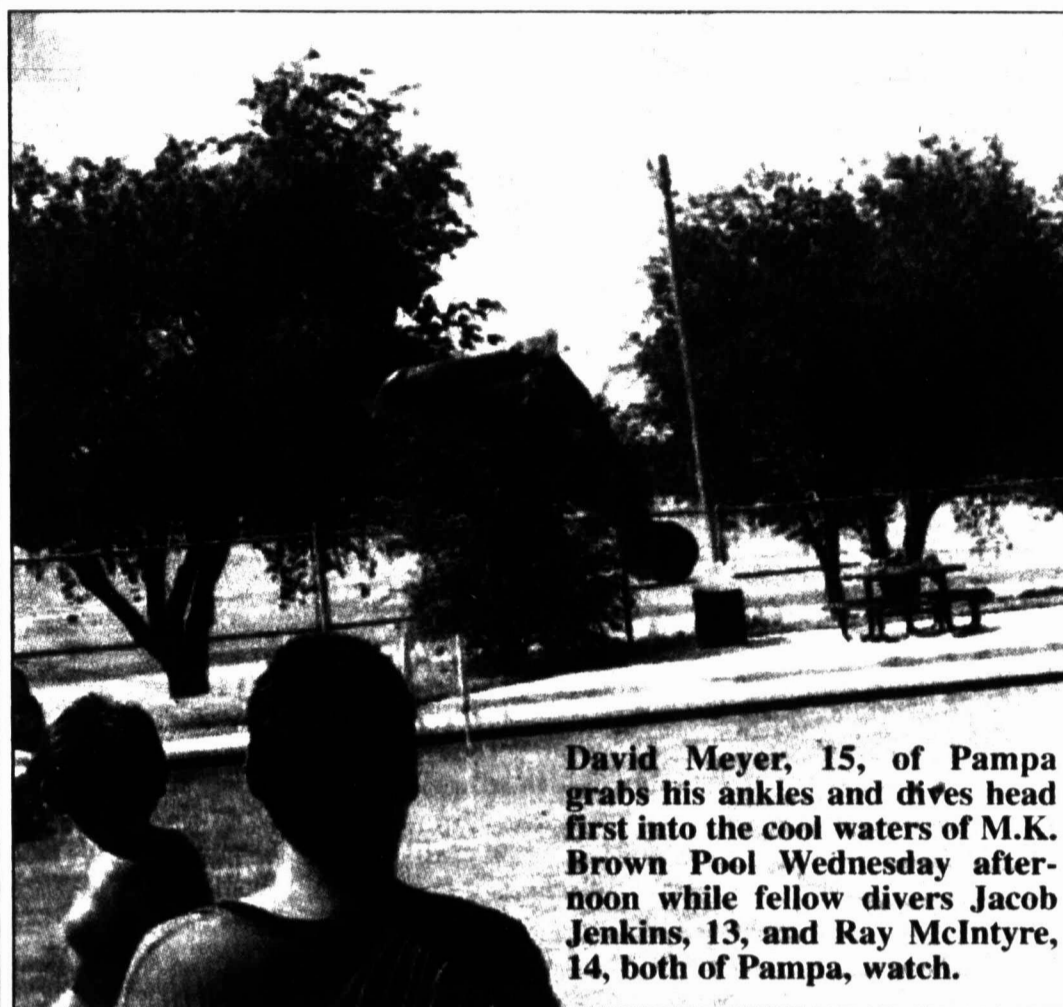
Republicans are pushing for a majority in the Texas congressional delegation. Democrats now have a 17-15 advantage in the congressional delegation.

Dewhurst's decision to move ahead on the topic of school finance could put the Democrats in a tough spot.

While Democrats oppose taking up redistricting, they say they are looking forward to tackling the issue of how the state's schools are funded.

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Pool cool



David Meyer, 15, of Pampa grabs his ankles and dives head first into the cool waters of M.K. Brown Pool Wednesday afternoon while fellow divers Jacob Jenkins, 13, and Ray McIntyre, 14, both of Pampa, watch.

(Pampa News photos by Dee Dee Laramore)



Best friends, from left, Brooklyn Barker, 11, and Carlyn Teichmann, 11, wrap up in beach towels on their way home from an afternoon swim. Both girls say they look forward to starting sixth grade at Pampa Middle School on Aug. 20.

Bremer: Iraq elections possible within year

By NIKO PRICE
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Iraq's U.S.-appointed Governing Council, struggling with questions about its legitimacy, could be replaced through general elections held within a year, Iraq's U.S. administrator said Thursday. Two American soldiers were reported killed as troops chased Saddam Hussein in northern Iraq.

L. Paul Bremer, a former

diplomat and counterterrorism expert, said he believed a new constitution could be written and accepted by the Iraqi people in a referendum, followed by general elections by the middle of next year.

"It is certainly not unrealistic to think that we could have elections by midyear 2004," Bremer said while touring the partially refurbished Iraqi Foreign Ministry with members of the interim government he appointed on July 13.

"And when a sovereign

government is installed, the coalition authority will cede authority to the government and my job here will be over."

In the past, Bremer has said a government could be in place by the end of 2004. His optimism was surprising given that it took the Governing Council more than two weeks to agree on a presidency, its first order of business.

When the 25 members were unable to select a single president, they tried to come up with a three-member presiden-

cy before finally deciding on a nine-member team that will each hold the presidency for a month, council sources told The Associated Press.

The legitimacy of Iraq's government is key to rebuilding the country, On Wednesday, World Bank President James Wolfensohn said it was unclear whether the council had the legitimacy to receive international loans.

"Clearly a constitution and an elected government would constitute a recognized gov-

ernment, but what do we do in the meantime?" Wolfensohn said during a one-day trip to Baghdad. "It's a subject that needs interpretation."

An elected government also would allay doubts among many United Nations members, who have been hesitant to send peacekeeping troops to an Iraq occupied and administered by the United States, which snubbed the international body by launching its war.

The United States said it

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Recommendation: Pardons in Tulia drug cases

By BETSY BLANEY
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

LUBBOCK (AP) — The Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles has recommended that the governor pardon 35 people convicted in the 1999 Tulia drug busts on the word of an undercover agent who has since been discredited.

Board Chairman Gerald Garrett said all 18 members of the board recommended a pardon in each case.

"The final decision, of course, rests with the governor but our recommen-

dation is that pardons be granted," Garrett told The Associated Press on Wednesday.

Gov. Rick Perry asked the board on May 13 to review the convictions obtained through undercover narcotics agent Tom Coleman, the sole undercover agent in the 1999 drug bust. Coleman now faces perjury charges.

"We're thrilled to hear this news," said Vanita Gupta, an attorney with the NAACP Legal Defense Fund involved with the cases. "We hope that now we're near the end of this debacle and that the governor will sign the pardons

as quickly as possible to bring these cases to a close."

Kathy Walt, a Perry spokeswoman, said Perry would rule on the recommendation in about a month after attorneys in his office review the cases.

Garrett said the board spent two months gathering information before issuing its recommendations Tuesday afternoon.

"That's good news right there," said Kareem White, whose drug conviction is among those covered by the recommendation. "It takes more stress off us."

White has gotten a few part-time jobs since his release from prison last month — because of a bill passed in the Legislature's regular session earlier this year and signed by Perry — but getting full-time work has proved difficult.

"Most times they look into your history and see what you've been convicted of," he said Wednesday. "They ask if you're part of the Tulia thing."

Forty-six people — 39 of whom are black — were arrested in the busts that brought national attention to the small town.

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IRAQ

had to go to war despite a lack of majority support on the U.N. Security Council because of Saddam's weapons of mass destruction. So far, none have been found and Iraqi scientists insist they don't exist.

U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan said members wanted a broader mandate in Iraq before agreeing to help pacify the still-violent country.

He said many U.N. member states felt that "the imprimatur of the United Nations — the legitimacy the United Nations offers — is important."

The United States would like international help in restoring peace to Iraq, where U.S. troops still come under attack daily.

A U.S. soldier was killed Thursday when his armored personnel carrier hit a land mine on the dangerous road from central Baghdad to the city's airport, the military said.

The mine exploded beneath an M113 armored personnel carrier, killing the soldier and wounding three others, the military said.

Earlier, the military reported the death of a soldier from small-arms fire northeast of Baghdad late Wednesday.

The deaths brought to 51 the number of U.S. soldiers killed in action since President Bush declared an end to major combat on May 1. So far, 166 American forces have been

killed in the Iraq war, 19 more than in the 1991 Gulf War.

The assault late Wednesday occurred near Baqouba, in an area where U.S. troops have come under repeated attack recently. It is in the so-called "Sunni Triangle," a heavily Sunni Muslim area to the north and west of Baghdad where support for Saddam has been strongest.

In Baghdad, Iraqis witnesses reported an attack on two U.S. trucks carrying unexploded ordnance to Baghdad International Airport for destruction. The witnesses said a rocket-propelled grenade was fired on one truck and the ordnance exploded. A U.S. armored vehicle could be seen burning on the road.

Witness Ali Khamid said he saw two U.S. soldiers taken away by helicopter and two others loaded into an ambulance. The military said it had no information on the incident.

U.S. forces have been conducting daily raids in search of Saddam, and said it was "just a matter of time" before he is caught.

"He's going to start making mistakes, and we're going to catch him," said Maj. Josslyn Aberle, a U.S. Army spokeswoman in Tikrit, Saddam's hometown. "We estimate he's not staying more than four hours at the same place. But the man's been a master of hiding all his life."

Lt. Col. Ted Martin said Saddam and his aides were

running scared. "It would not be a good idea for him to be stationary for very long," he said. "Every time a helicopter flies over, I bet they shake."

Bremer spoke during a tour of the Foreign Ministry building, which the United States has been helping to renovate after heavy looting and arson gutted the structure in the chaos that followed the U.S. military's entrance into Baghdad.

He told gathered Iraqi diplomats that the establishment of a new government would mark the end of his diplomatic career.

"Although that will mark my final retirement as a diplomat, it will mean that you, the diplomats of Iraq, will be going forward representing a fully sovereign government," he said.

Oil ministry and industry sources told Dow Jones Newswires that Iraq's Kirkuk-Ceyhan oil pipeline is due to start pumping again in early August.

The pipeline, which runs from Iraq's northern oilfields to the Turkish port of Ceyhan, will pump 200,000 barrels a day, they said. The pipeline would increase Iraq's oil exports to at least 850,000 barrels a day, the sources said on condition of anonymity.

Iraq is producing about 1.3 million barrels of crude oil a day, compared with about 2.5 million barrels a day before the war.

Cheering Liberians greet West African advance team

MONROVIA, Liberia (AP) — Tens of thousands of Liberians emerged from hiding places in embattled Monrovia on Thursday to welcome a West African-U.S. advance team they hope signals the start of international rescue after months of devastating siege.

In Ghana, key West African leaders met under building U.S. and U.N. pressure to set a deployment date for peacekeepers. Nigeria, Ghana, Mali, Benin, Senegal and Togo have promised 3,250 soldiers for an eventual 5,000-strong peacekeeping force, said the Economic Community of West African States, the regional bloc arranging the force.

With the new hopes of rescue, people in Liberia's capital passed one of the quietest nights in the last two months of rebel offensives against government forces. Gunfire rattled, but there was some relief from the rocket and mortar volleys of recent days, allowing starving families to scurry out in search of food.

The advance team of 10 West African and U.S. officials, which is led by a Nigerian com-

mander, set off jubilant celebrations in Monrovia as it passed shacks with tin roofs peeled back by explosives. Unexploded shells laid in the streets.

"This is a sign of peace coming," refugee Hamilton Woods said with a smile.

As the advance team arrived at the high-walled, heavily guarded U.S. Embassy, hundreds of refugees taking shelter around the compound spilled out, fluttering handkerchiefs and flashing peace signs while shouting with joy.

"We are hungry, but seeing these people we are full this morning," businessman Mohammed Dauda, 31, said. "We hope this marks the beginning of the end."

Liberia's leading rebel group has pressed since early June to take the capital and drive out President Charles Taylor, a former warlord whose battles to win and maintain power have mired the country in 14 years of conflict. Taylor repeatedly has promised to step down once international peacekeepers arrive.

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STATE

When asked whether he was appointing senators to the committees to try to compel the Democrats to come back to work, Dewhurst said: "I told our senators last week that I would appoint the joint committees (in the) early part of this week and that's what I am doing."

Sen. Eddie Lucio of Brownsville was one of four Democrats appointed to the two committees and said that he believes he and his staff will be able to monitor any progress made while he is away.

"This is going to take several months," Lucio said. "This is not something we can achieve overnight."

Lucio said he was grateful for the appointment.

Dewhurst said he is interested in seeing the Democrats return to Texas. He also was

firm in saying that if some of the Democratic senators show up in Texas, the Senate sergeant-at-arms will be asked to instruct them to return to the Senate chamber, though they would not be handcuffed.

"You're not going to see senators brought back in handcuffs as long as I am lieutenant governor," Dewhurst said.

But, he said lawmakers do not have a constitutional right not to show up for a quorum.

In a news conference, Van de Putte said the Democrats would love to return to Austin but she has said they will not until Perry ends the special session or Dewhurst reinstates the so-called "two-thirds rule" in the Senate.

Democrats were able to block a vote on redistricting during the first special session because of a rule that requires two-thirds of the 31-member chamber to agree to bring a

bill up for debate. Eleven Democrats and one Republican opposed consideration, thwarting the measure.

In a second special session, which started Monday, Dewhurst is arranging the order of bills so that only a majority of senators must vote to debate a bill on the Senate floor.

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PARDONS

Panhandle community of Tulia.

Thirty-eight of the cases were prosecuted, three of which were not part of the board's review.

One of them was a woman who is on deferred probation. Two other cases involved defendants who were not eligible to seek pardons because

of convictions on other charges.

Jeff Blackburn, an Amarillo attorney who represented some of the defendants, said the recommendations show "our system may be broken but it can be fixed sometimes."

"What this shows is that there is a commitment in our state to seeing justice done," he said.

In April, District Judge Ron Chapman recommended the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals overturn the convictions of those prosecuted in the drug sting conducted by Coleman and order new trials. A special prosecutor appointed to handle the cases has said there will be no new trials.

Coleman has a pretrial hearing on his perjury cases set for Sept. 25.

WEATHER FOCUS

The forecast today is calling for mostly sunny skies, highs in the mid 90s and south winds 10 to 20 mph. Tonight should see mostly clear skies, lows in the lower 70s and south winds 5 to 15 mph.

Friday should be mostly sunny. Slight chance of thunderstorms in the afternoon. Highs in the mid 90s. Southwest winds 5 to 15 mph. Chance of rain 20 percent. Friday night, partly cloudy. Chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 60s. Light and variable winds. Chance

of rain 30 percent.


Saturday, partly cloudy. Chance of thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 90s. East winds 5 to 15 mph. Chance of rain 30 percent. Saturday night, mostly cloudy. Chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 60s. Chance of rain 30 percent.

Sunday, partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 90s. Sunday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 60s.

Monday, partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 90s. Monday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 60s.

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Vatican coming out against gay marriages, launches global campaign

By NICOLE WINFIELD
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

VATICAN CITY (AP) — The Vatican launched a global campaign against gay marriages Thursday, warning Catholic politicians that support of same-sex unions was "gravely immoral" and urging non-Catholics to follow their lead.

The Vatican's orthodox watchdog, the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, issued a 12-page set of guidelines with the approval of Pope John Paul II in a bid to stem the increase in laws granting legal rights to homosexual unions in Europe and North America.

"There are absolutely no grounds for considering homosexual unions to be in any way similar or even remotely analogous to God's plan for marriage and family," the document said. "Marriage is holy, while homosexual acts go against the natural moral law."

The issue is particularly charged in the United States, where some lawmakers in the House of Representatives have proposed a constitutional ban on gay marriages to counter state laws granting legal recognition to gay unions.

President Bush said Wednesday that marriage was defined strictly as a union

between a man and a woman and said he wants to "codify that one way or the other."

The Vatican document, "Considerations Regarding Proposals to Give Legal Recognition to Unions Between Homosexual Persons," sets out a plan for

politicians when confronted with laws or proposed legislation giving homosexual couples the same rights as married heterosexuals.

It also comes out strongly against allowing gay couples to adopt, saying children raised by same-sex parents

face developmental "obstacles" because they are deprived of having either a mother or a father.

"Allowing children to be adopted by persons living in such unions would actually mean doing violence to these children, in the sense that their

condition of dependency would be used to place them in an environment that is not conducive to their full human development," it said.

It said gay adoptions contradicted the U.N. Convention on the Rights of the Child, which holds that the best interests of the child are to be paramount.

The document says Catholic politicians have a "moral duty" to publicly oppose laws granting recognition to homosexual unions and to vote against them if proposals are put to a vote in legislatures.

If the laws are already on the books, politicians must speak out against them, work to repeal them and try to limit their impact on society, it said.

"To vote in favor of a law so harmful to the common good is gravely immoral," the document said.

The Vatican said its guidelines were not only intended for Catholic lawmakers but for non-Christians and everyone "committed to promoting and defending the common good of society" since the issue concerned natural moral law, not just Church doctrine.

Rolling Stones headline benefit concert in Toronto

TORONTO (AP) — The Rolling Stones — and almost 500,000 people — kicked Toronto out of the SARS sickbed for good.

The Stones headlined a concert Wednesday meant to clear Toronto and Canada of any lingering taint from the SARS virus, which killed 42 in the city and devastated the country's tourism industry.

Master of ceremonies Dan Aykroyd took the opportunity to call for more harmony with the United States, and Mick Jagger proclaimed Canada once again open for business.

"We're here, you're here and Toronto is back and it's booming," Jagger told the crowd.

The Stones' Keith Richards slashed at his guitar for the band's opener "Start Me Up." Its 90-minute set also included "Ruby Tuesday," "Honky Tonk Woman," "I Can't Get No Satisfaction" and, the finale, "Jumpin' Jack Flash."

More than 400,000 tickets at \$16 each were sold for the show, partly sponsored by the government. Hundreds of people spent the night outside the former military airfield north of downtown Toronto and rushed in when gates opened to be near a huge

stage surrounded by video screens.

"I think it is the biggest crowd we have ever played for," Jagger said, no faint praise from one of rock's most traveled bands.

Earlier in the show, early '70s Canadian legend the Guess Who played Bachman Turner Overdrive's "Takin' Care of Business" to rousing applause on the virtually cloudless, sun-baked day.

Teen-throb Justin Timberlake said he felt "like a fish out of water" next to the Stones, AC/DC, and The Flaming Lips.

Organizers hope the concert will show that tourists and businessmen need no longer fear SARS and should return to Toronto. Two springtime outbreaks of severe acute respiratory syndrome devastated the crucial tourism industry.

"We're bringing this city back," said actor Jim Belushi, who joined Aykroyd for a set by their Have Love Will Travel Revue blues band.

Jennie Gilstrap, 32, said she drove more than 600 miles from Louisville, Ky., with her husband and sister to add the show to their list of Stones concerts.

Preschool/Head Start registration to take place at Lamar Elementary

Registration for Preschool/Head Start programs will be conducted from 11 a.m. until 6 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 7, at Lamar Elementary School gym, 1234 S. Nelson.

Parents or guardians of children being enrolled in the program must bring the following items with them to complete the application process:

- Court-issued birth certificate(s);
- Shot records;
- Child's Social Security Card;
- Family income verification check stub for two months, income tax for 2002, letter of income verification signed by employer or letter of support from individual

providing financial/housing, food support for family (estimate dollar amount);

—Documentation of disability if any;

—Proof of all public assistance family may be receiving (Medicaid, food stamps, SSI, CHIPS, HUD, TANF, WIC);

—Health insurance card if any;

—CCMS documentation; and

—Parent or guardian's driver's license.

In addition, the school will be taking applications for its community day care programs — 3-year-old Head Start, Early Head Start and Wrap Around Care. For questions or more information, contact the school at 669-4880.

Keep Texas receives GE grant

AUSTIN — Keep Texas Beautiful, a statewide grassroots environmental organization, was awarded a one-year, \$75,000 grant from GE Foundation, the philanthropic organization of General Electric Co., to enhance and to invigorate KTB's Environmental Education Program.

The grant will support the purchase of "Waste in Place" curriculum and materials, provide Environmental Education Kits and statewide training opportunities to formal and informal educators, and provide funding to hire an environmental education coordinator at the organization. As a result of this grant,

an estimated 6,000 Texas youth will receive environmental education.

Through a "train the trainer" education program, KTB will train volunteers in the Waste in Place curriculum which focuses on litter prevention and solid waste management. KTB's education kits provide ready-made lesson plans and other resources for teachers and will be produced and used to train educators who will instruct thousands of students throughout the state.

For more information on this and other KTB programs and activities, call 1-800-CLEAN-TX or visit www.ktb.org on the Internet.

Pond tour winners



(Pampa News photo)

Earnest and Barbara Willis recently won a bench and Chimenea, donated by West Texas Landscape, while participating in the annual Las Pampas Koi and Water Garden Society pond tour. Above, left-right: Brenda Stevens, Barbara Willis, Earnest Willis and Gary Stevens.

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Tralee deliveries



(Courtesy photo)

Officials from Tralee Crisis Center have been around town, delivering surprises to public servants and organizations that contribute to the fight against domestic violence. Recently, Tralee representatives showed up at local fire stations to say thanks for a job well done. Above: Angie Edmondson of Tralee, Chad Ewing, Jerry Tomaschik, Fire Chief Kim Powell and W.D. Thomas.



(Courtesy photo)

Officials from Tralee Crisis Center have been around town, delivering surprises to public servants and organizations that contribute to the fight against domestic violence. Recently, Tralee representatives showed up at local fire stations to say thanks for a job well done. Above: Doug Pritchett, Gary Winton, Jerry Brock and Angie Edmondson of Tralee.

Police: Woman claiming to be girl missing since 1986 a hoax

BY RYAN LENZ
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

THORNTOWN, Ind. (AP) — It sounded too good to be true: The parents of Shannon Marie Sherrill, missing for 17 years, received calls purportedly from their daughter hoping to reconnect. In the end, it turned out to be nothing more than a cruel hoax.

William Michael Sherrill, the father of the 6-year-old girl who was abducted in 1986 while playing hide-and-seek, collapsed in tears when

he learned of the hoax only minutes before it was announced during a news conference Wednesday.

"I wasn't expecting this at all. I thought they were going to bring Shannon in here," Sherrill told reporters.

Police issued an arrest warrant for Donna L. Walker, 35, of Topeka, Kan., who faces a felony charge of identity deception and a misdemeanor charge of false reporting.

Police said Walker called the parents of the missing girl last weekend, claiming to be

their daughter. She may also have contacted news organizations to spread word about the possible break in the case, said state police 1st Sgt. Dave Bursten.

Walker has not been arrested, and police were uncertain of her whereabouts. Neighbors have given varying dates when they last saw her in the red-brick condominium in a middle-class Topeka neighborhood where she lived.

Bursten said Walker had given three different fictitious

names to investigators in recent days.

"We don't know what her motivation was and it is impossible for us to guess," Bursten said. "We live in an age today where people like to receive attention."

Bursten told ABC News "Good Morning America" on Thursday that at first, authorities "thought it was very plausible" that the caller could be Shannon.

Over the next few days, the caller began postponing meetings with authorities, who wanted to conduct DNA testing. Authorities think Walker even called and posed as the caller's husband, offering more excuses on why a meeting had to be postponed, Bursten said.

Both Bursten and William Sherrill said the caller appeared to have researched Shannon's case.

"She had a bunch of real answers," Sherrill told ABC. "She knew stuff that nobody did. I didn't doubt it, not at that time, not at all." He recalled she did ask him what her birthday was, and, learning Shannon was born in August, said, "Good, it's close. Maybe I'll get to spend my real birthday with my real family."

The family had become the center of a media storm when the possible break in the case, was reported and appeared emotionally drained when their hopes collapsed.

"It tore me apart," William

Sherrill said Thursday. "It's like living 1986 all over again. I wanted it to be her so bad."

"I am very disappointed the case has taken this turn," said Boone County prosecutor Todd Meyer. "The case I want to prosecute was the case of an abductor, and the happy ending is the child coming home. Unfortunately that's not the closing argument I get to make."

Shannon vanished Oct. 5, 1986, outside her mother's mobile home in Thorntown, about 30 miles northwest of Indianapolis. Hundreds scoured fields and neighborhoods for days.

Jody Ames, an aunt of Shannon's, agreed that the last several days had taxed the family.

"It's been a very big roller coaster," she said. "We've been up and down, we've hoped for the best. We still hope for the best. We can only hope and pray."

Topeka police Lt. John Sidwell said officers there were helping in the search for Walker. Indiana State Police have said they expect her to be arrested soon.

"We know who she is; she can't hide forever," Bursten said. "Now the rest of the country will know what she's accused of and what she's done."

On the Net:
Center for Missing & Exploited Children:
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Montana blaze still not totally controlled

WEST GLACIER, Mont. (AP) — Urging displaced residents to have patience, firefighters capitalized on a break in the weather by burning dry trees and grasses in the path of a wildfire that's been moving toward this gateway to Glacier National Park.

Officials planned to continue using what they say has been a successful strategy and said that progress made over the next day or so will be key in determining when residents will be allowed to return to their homes, beyond the eastern edge of the fire.

"We feel pretty confident with what we've done," said Joe Stam, who is leading the team of firefighters. He addressed dozens of residents at a community meeting late Wednesday.

Firefighters set their own fires, called "burnouts" or "backfires," Tuesday to create a line meant to block the fire and draw it away from park headquarters near West Glacier.

Fire officials said a successful burnout near West Glacier likely added about 2,500 acres to the size of the fire, which was estimated at 14,500 acres before officials could conduct an aerial survey. Spokesman Pete Buist said there was still concern about the eastern edge of the fire and that further burnouts were planned.

"We feel a lot better after yesterday and today's burnouts, than we did two days ago," Buist said Wednesday, adding that fire officials do not yet consider the area safe from the advancing fire.

The fire remained west of West Glacier, which has about 250 year-round residents and about 400 residents during the summer. About 500 residents of the town and the forested area along the edge of the park are out of their homes.

Burnouts are a common tactic used in wildland firefighting. Fire officials say the main fire creates a draft as it consumes oxygen, and that draws the backfire toward it. This was visible Wednesday from the West Glacier golf course, where some people gathered to watch the plumes of smoke on the nearby mountain. When the two fires meet, they have no more fuel to burn.

The fire is one of three major fires burning partly or wholly in the park. They total more than 50,000 acres and are being battled by more than 2,000 firefighters.

A second fire in extreme northwestern Montana and just six miles from the Canadian border has charred 21,374 acres and has also burned into the western edge of the park from the Flathead National Forest. It has destroyed six homes and 19 outbuildings and is still threatening about 100 homes and cabins near the North Fork of the Flathead River.

The third fire has burned about 18,600 acres on Flatop Mountain. The fire is now threatening some historic buildings, including the Granite Park Chalet.

Firefighters in Washington state, meanwhile, paused to remember a fallen comrade Wednesday, then battled scorching heat and conditions so dry that any spark could instantly start a new wildfire.

A memorial service was conducted at a fire camp for helicopter pilot Randall Harmon, of Grants Pass, Ore., who died in a crash Friday while dropping water on a fire on the Colville Indian Reservation.



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PPHM EXHIBITS

This summer, Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum in Canyon will exhibit "Neighbors: Texas Artists in New Mexico" and "Three Pueblo Painters" from June 21 through Oct. 5 at its location in Canyon.

ARC SWIM LESSONS

Gray County chapter of the American Red Cross and the City of Pampa will be offering swim lessons throughout the months of June and July and the beginning of August at M.K. Brown Pool for a variety of age and experience levels, starting with ages 3 through 5. Each two-week class will be 30-minutes in length and cost \$35. To enroll or for more information, call the local Red Cross office at 669-7121.

OHS/WIC

Stay-at-home moms who would like to work a few hours a week may be eligible for a part-time position as a breast-feeding peer counselor for Outreach Health Services Women, Infants and Children program. Applicants must have a high school diploma or equivalent and a telephone, must have successfully breastfed an infant and must be a current or former WIC client. For more information, call 1-800-200-7121.

TDHS VOLUNTEERS

Texas Department of Human Services is seeking volunteers for its Texas Works Services Program. Tasks are varied and placement is based upon the volunteer's interest, capability and availability of openings. Hours are flexible. For more information, contact Beth Miller at 665-1863.

SOUTHSIDE SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER

Southside Senior Citizens Center will be open this summer from 9 a.m.-3 p.m., and from 6-9 p.m., starting June 9. The center will host a variety of activities for all ages including games, crafts, billiards, domino tournaments, free computer classes and Friday Fun Nights.

STARS OVER TEXAS

The cast, staff and crew of "Lone Star Rising," the outdoor musical staged at Lake Meredith National Recreation

Area near Fritch, will present its "Stars Over Texas Revue" Monday nights, June 17-Aug. 12, at the Ambassador Hotel in Amarillo. For more information, call (806) 274-9050 or visit www.lonestarstaring.com on the Internet.

IMMUNIZATION CLINIC

The Texas Department of Health will be offering immunization clinics for vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases including polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, rubella, mumps, HIB (haemophilus influenzae Type B) and chickenpox (varicella). Flu vaccines may also be offered at designated clinics. The TDH will charge money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability to pay. The following clinics will be offered: 9:30 a.m.-12 noon and 1-4 p.m., Aug. 6 and 20, TDH, 736 S. Cuyler, Pampa.

HOLLINGHEAD REUNION

The Hollingshead family

reunion will be held August 2003 at Moorestown, N.J. The first Hollingsheads arrived in the American colonies around 1700. If you are a descendant or know one who might be interested, more information is available from Brian Hollingshead at HYPERLINK.hollingshead@telus.net or write: 2692 Mountview Place, Burnaby, BC, V3J 1E3, Canada.

ACS PARENT CONFERENCE

American Cancer Society will host its 18th Annual Parent Teaching Conference for families of children with cancer on Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 2-3, at the Omni Hotel in Austin. Registration fee is \$70 per parent and includes lunch, hotel, lodging, reception, breakfast and conference materials. The fee is \$55 for parents not staying at the hotel. For a registration form or for more information, call (512) 919-1850.

AG EXPO

High Plains Ag Expo is slated Aug. 5-7 in Dumas. The show will offer equipment demonstrations, product comparisons and on-site company representatives.

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BLACK-EYED PEA FESTIVAL

The 15th annual Black-Eyed Pea Festival will kick-off Saturday, Aug. 9, at Hollis, Okla. The event, sponsored by Harmon County Historical Museum, will include "The Black-Eyed Pea Opry" at 7 p.m., Friday and Saturday at Hollis High School, music, dancing, a parade, a health fair, an old iron tractor pull, games, an arts and crafts show and much more.

COIN CLUB

COLLECTOR'S SHOW Golden Spread Coin Club will hold its annual collector's show and sale fund-raiser from 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 16, and from 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 17, at Amarillo Civic Center. Door prizes will be given away and a drawing conducted during the event which will feature coins, gold, silver, jewelry, stamps, knives, antique glassware and col-

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USS MADDOX

USS Maddox Destroyer Association (DD-168, DD-622, DD-731) is seeking members for a reunion celebration Sept. 4-7, 2003, at Buena Park, Calif. For more information, contact Cliff Gillespie, 215 Wichita Ave., #605, Huntington Beach, CA 92648, (714) 960-5283, cwgilles45@aol.com.

USS LONG BEACH

USS Long Beach CGN-9 Association, Inc., is planning a reunion celebration Sept. 8-14 at the Radisson Hotel and Suites in Buffalo, N.Y. For more information, call (866) 3352-2469 or (716) 569-2314; e-mail LBCGN9@aol.com; or visit www.usslongbeach-assoc.org on the World Wide Web.

ACT EXAM

The next ACT Assessment will be administered on Sept. 27. The postmark deadline for college-bound high school students is Aug. 22. A late registration postmark deadline will be extended to Sept. 5 and will include an extra fee. For more information, log onto www.act.org on the Internet.

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written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

Sex Tape Is Rude Awakening For Woman 'Sleeping It Off'

DEAR ABBY: Two weeks ago, I went to a party with "Brady," my live-in boyfriend of five years. To make a long story short, I had too much to drink. Brady took me home and put me to bed so I could "sleep it off." I remembered nothing the next morning.

A few days later, I ran across an unfamiliar videotape and popped it into the VCR. I couldn't believe my eyes! It was Brady and me having sex the night I was so "out of it." When I confronted him, he said he had always wanted to document our love-making. Then he apologized. I made Brady promise to destroy the tape.

I feel angry, hurt and violated! I can hardly look my boyfriend in the eye right now. Am I making too much of this?

NOT INTO PORNO IN WASHINGTON STATE

DEAR NOT INTO PORNO: Not at all. What Brady did was indeed a violation. I urge you to make absolutely certain that the tape has been destroyed and there are no other copies. And if I were you, I'd reconsider a relationship with a man who appears to regard you as a sex "object" rather than a person.

P.S.: Drinking and blacking out are signs of alcoholism. Please get the help you need to stop now.

My mom made my dress; a friend who was handy with a camera took the photos; we were married in the garden of my ex-roommate's large home; my husband made his own DJ, tapes by recording songs off the radio; and I asked each of my female friends to bring a plate of hors d'oeuvres. Everyone knew our financial situation. No one was offended. On the contrary, we were told repeatedly how happy they were to contribute.

One hundred and fifty people attended our wedding and everyone agreed it was one of the best times they ever had. The cost? \$1,500.

Twenty-one years later, we are still madly in love and have not changed our priorities. Ironically, we have friends who were still paying off their wedding debt while ironing out their divorce settlements.

"Trying" is a wise young man whose priorities are in order. No one should be pressured into spending what he or she doesn't have to begin with.

HAPPY IN HUNTINGTON BEACH, CALIF.

DEAR HAPPY: I agree. To go into debt to fund a wedding is, in my opinion, foolish and unnecessary. Books have been written about how to plan a wedding on a budget, and they are available in libraries and bookstores. A wedding does not have to be expensive to be beautiful, memorable and a happy occasion for all concerned. Your wedding is proof.

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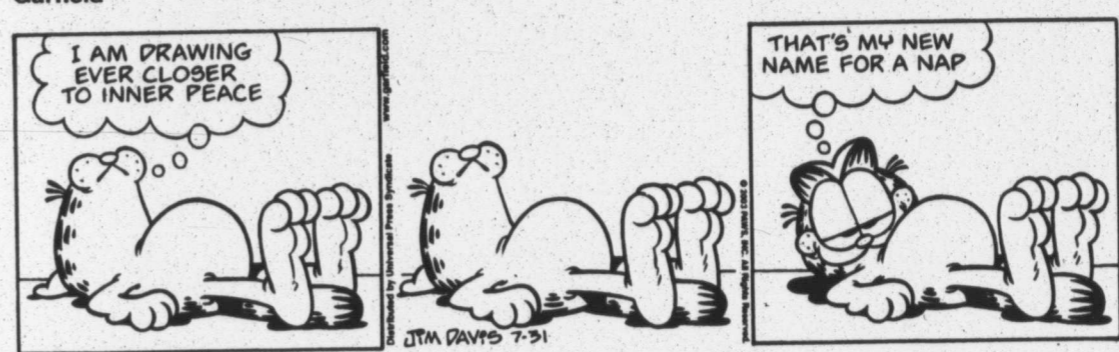
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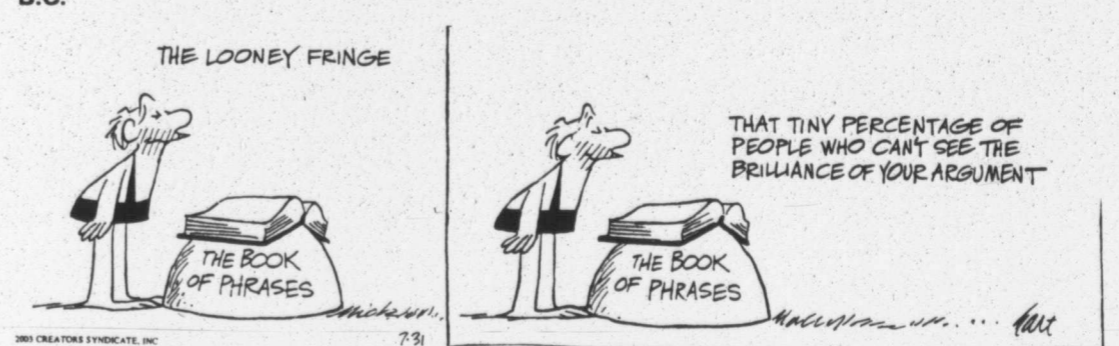
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Economy grows at 2.4 percent rate in second quarter

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. economy, lifted by consumer and business spending, broke out of the doldrums and grew at an annual rate of 2.4 percent in the second quarter of 2003, the strongest showing in nearly a year.

The improvement in the gross domestic product in the April to June quarter, reported by the Commerce Department Thursday, came after two straight quarters of lousy economic growth. GDP increased at just a 1.4 percent pace in both the final quarter of 2002 and the first three months of this year.

The report reinforced the hope that the nation's economy, shedding war and other uncertainties that had bogged it down earlier, would gain more traction in the second half of this year.

Considered the broadest barometer of the economy's health, GDP measure the total value of goods and services produced within the United States.

The 2.4 percent growth rate turned in during the second quarter showed more energy than the limp 1.5 percent pace that economists were predicting. The second quarter's performance was the best since the third quarter of 2002, when economic growth clocked in at a healthy 4 percent rate.

New applications filed last week for unemployment benefits dropped by 3,000 to a five-month low of 388,000, the Labor Department said. It marked the third week in a row that jobless claims went down and suggested that the pace of layoffs is stabilizing.

A second Labor report showed that U.S. workers' wages and benefits grew by 0.9 percent in the second quarter, down from a 1.3 percent rise in the previous quarter.

To give the recovery a push, the Federal Reserve cut a key interest rate by one-quarter percentage point on June 25 — to 1 percent, a 45-year low.

With the economy showing scattered signs of improvement, economists believe the Fed will hold short-term rates steady at its next meeting on Aug. 12.

Fed Chairman Alan Greenspan and private economists believe

the economy will stage a material rebound in the second half of this year. President Bush's tax cuts along with near rock-bottom short-term interest rates should help out on that front, economists say. Some are predicting growth in the second half in the range of a 3.5 percent to 4 percent rate.

Analysts believe the combination of lower borrowing costs and fatter paychecks and other tax incentives might spur consumers and businesses to spend and invest more.

Even if that turns out to be the case, the job market is likely to remain sluggish, economists say. The unemployment rate hit a nine-year high of 6.4 percent in June. It could hover in that range and possibly move higher in the months ahead because job growth probably will not be strong enough to handle an influx of people looking for work amid an improved climate, economists say.

The stagnant jobs market so far hasn't taken a big bite out of consumer spending, the main force keeping the economy going.

Consumers in the second quarter increased their spending at a

brisk 3.3 percent rate, up from a 2 percent pace in the previous quarter. After trimming spending on big-ticket items, such as cars and appliances, in the first quarter, consumers ratcheted up such spending on "durable" goods in the second quarter by a whopping 22.6 percent.

Especially encouraging in the GDP report was budding signs that the big freeze on business spending is beginning to thaw. Businesses, which cut spending on equipment and software in the first three months of this year, boosted such investment in the second quarter at a sizable 7.5 percent rate. That marked the biggest increase in three years.

And, after six straight quarters of slashing spending on new plants, office buildings and other structures, businesses boosted this spending by 4.8 percent in the second quarter.

A sustained turnaround in capital investment by businesses is a crucial ingredient to the economy's ability to get back to full throttle, economists say.

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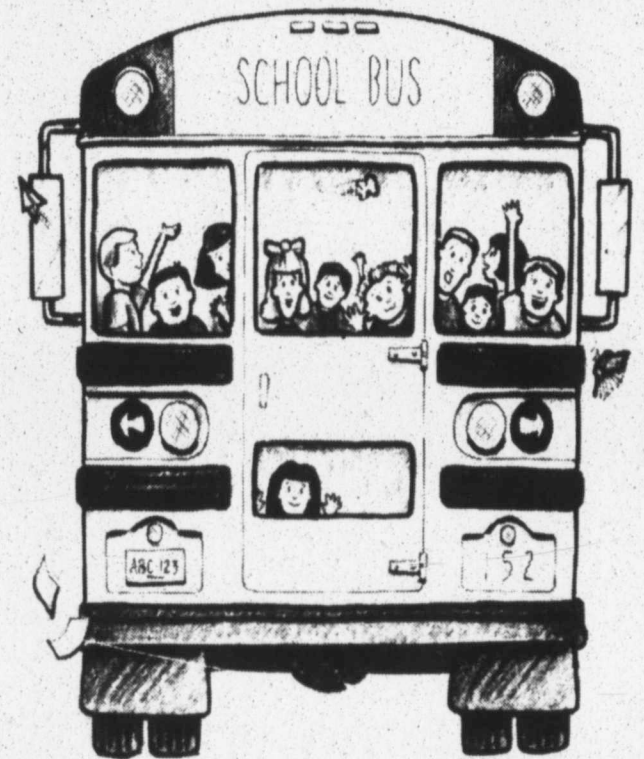
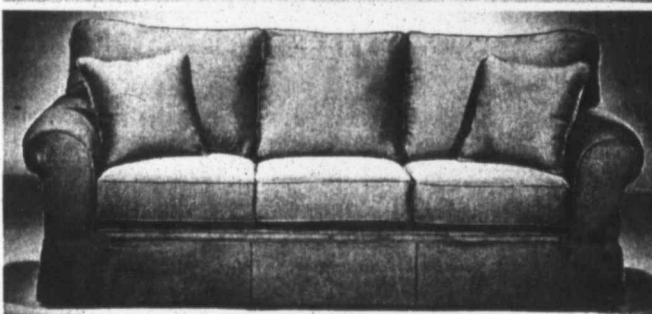
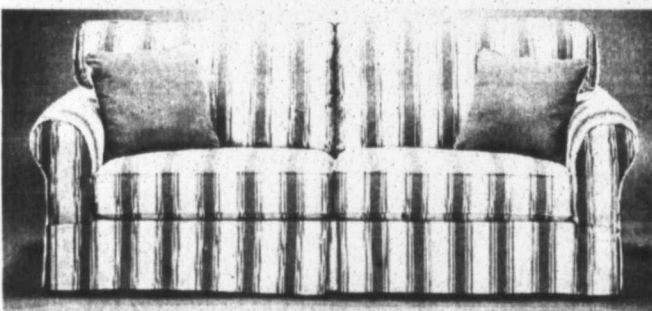
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Possibility of an Internet attack alarms authorities

WASHINGTON (AP) — Government and industry experts are increasingly concerned about brewing hacker activity they consider a precursor to a broad Internet attack that will target a serious flaw in Windows software from Microsoft Corp.

Experts are advising computer users with renewed urgency to apply a free repairing patch that Microsoft has offered on its Web site since July 16, when it acknowledged that the flaw affected nearly all versions of its flagship Windows operating system software.

The Homeland Security Department cautioned Wednesday that hackers in recent days have successfully tested new tools to seize control of such vulnerable computers over the Internet, stealing data, deleting files or eavesdropping on e-mails. The government also said it had detected an "Internet-wide increase in scanning" for victim computers.

Security companies guarding government and corporate networks have identified sporadic break-in attempts worldwide using such tools and monitored hackers in discussion groups and chat rooms exchanging tips about how to improve the effectiveness of their programs.

Applying Microsoft's repairing patch takes a few moments for home users but is a more daunting challenge for large corporations with tens of thousands of Windows computers — leading to a race against hackers for frazzled computer administrators.

"People are definitely aggressively trying to patch this," said Ken Dunham, an

analyst at iDefense Inc., an online security company. "But a large rollout may need to take some time."

Researchers' biggest fears — that hackers will quickly unleash automated "worm" software that attacks large numbers of computers within minutes — have so far been unrealized. Although a major hacker convention, known as "DefCon," takes place this week in Las Vegas, experts said an attack could be launched within days, weeks

Sam Phillips dead at 80

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Sun Records founder Sam Phillips, who decided that a then-unknown Elvis Presley deserved a recording contract when he heard him sing songs for his mother, has died. He was 80.

"When I first heard Elvis, the essence of what I heard in his voice was such that I knew there might be a number of areas that we could go into," Phillips once said.

Phillips, the record producer who helped usher in the rock 'n' roll revolution, died Wednesday of respiratory failure at St. Francis Hospital, his son Knox Phillips said. He said his father had been in declining health for a year.

The elder Phillips founded Sun Records in 1952 and helped launch the career of Presley, then a young singer, who had moved from Tupelo, Miss.

In the summer of 1953, Presley went to the Sun studio to record two songs for his mother's birthday. Phillips noticed him and offered Presley a recording contract.

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