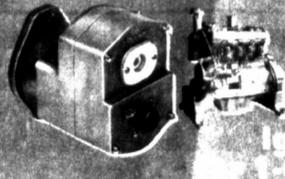


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Curses, foiled again!

Officers responding to report of disorderly customer end up in brawl

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

A Pampa man remains in Gray County Jail as of press time today in lieu of \$15,500 bond after he allegedly came to blows with two Pampa police officers and reportedly attempted to take one officer's weapon.

Doyle Mark Pond, 44, 321 E. Brown #2, was arrested at about 5:30 p.m. Saturday in the 300 block of East Brown and charged with two counts of aggravated assault on a public servant and one count of attempting to take a police weapon.

Bond was set at \$5,500 each on the two aggravated assault charges, and \$4,500 on the attempt to take the weapon.

Officer Jarrett Parsons was dispatched to Family Dollar, 421 E. Frederic, after a call was received by Pampa emergency communications

that a man had "cursed the clerk," according to a spokesperson for the police department.

When Parsons arrived at the store, the alleged offender had left to go to his home at 321 E. Brown, just down the street, the spokesperson said.

It is unclear how the man's address or direction of travel was known, the spokesperson said.

Parsons went to the address to talk to the man, later identified as Pond, about the incident with the

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Deputies find suspected drug lab in McLean

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

Gray County Sheriff's deputies found what is believed to be components of a methamphetamine lab about 7 p.m. Sunday when they executed a search warrant at 211 W. 6th St., McLean.

The suspected components were found in the garage at the residence, said Chief Deputy Kelly Rushing.

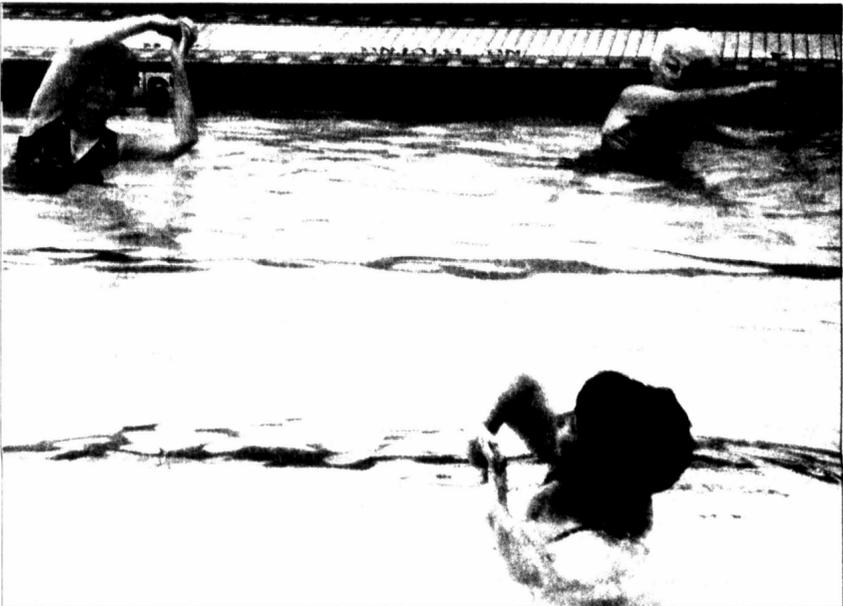
No one was at the residence at the time the search warrant was executed, he said.

"We really don't have a lot of details right now," Rushing said of the find.

Certified lab technicians from Pampa Police Department were called to help with the investigation and cleanup. A hazardous materials cleanup crew from Lubbock was also called to clean the site, Rushing said.

Items found in the garage of the residence included rock salt and ether, both used in the manufacture of methamphetamine, said Deputy Robert Douglas.

"We are continuing our investigation and anticipate filing some criminal charges," Rushing said.



Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS

Water ballet

Laverne Back, left, of McLean, and Mildred Scott of Pampa follow instructor Carol Lee's directions during a water aerobics class this morning at Pampa Youth and Community Center, 1005 W. Harvester.

Meeting Notice

City Commission to meet Tuesday

By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer

Although the Pampa City Commission has few action items for their regular meeting Tuesday, commissioners will hear a number of reports.

The mayor and commissioners will be faced with approving the minutes of their last meeting and paying June bills totaling \$676,248.81.

The commission will hear from Richard Morris, Pampa's director of public works on the 2003 Drinking Water Quality Consumer Confidence Report and hold a public hearing on this year's water consumer confidence report.

Morris will also give a status report on this summer's seal coating project.

City Manager John Horst will report to the commission on the proposed sale of water to Lubbock and present a monthly financial summary along with a budget calendar leading to the commission's adoption of their 2004-2005 budget.

The commission is expected to discuss combining some services with the Pampa Independent School District and to discuss the city's fire service contract with Gray County.

They are also expected to discuss replacing the entrance doors to city hall.

Texas Democrats seek role in national picture

BOSTON (AP) — Some might call the Texas Democrat a dying breed.

Democrats don't occupy a single statewide office or a majority in either chamber of the Legislature. The last Democratic governor was defeated in 1994 by Republican George W. Bush before he marched on to the White House.

Most consider it a foregone conclusion that Bush will carry his home state again in November, but that doesn't dissuade the more than 260 delegates arriving in New England this week for the Democratic National Convention to appoint Massachusetts Sen. John Kerry as their nominee for president.

"I believe that the Democratic Party of Texas is going to emerge from the convention with an exciting outlook about the future of Texas and where we must go from here," said Diane Gonzalez Cibrian, a first-time delegate from San Antonio. "We are strong and we are confident. The critical issues facing our country will be what will vault our party."

Texans don't exactly have much stature at

the convention.

The delegation has been relegated to a hotel that's an underwater tunnel ride away from the downtown convention center. Only one Texas Democrat has a speaking role at the convention, and it's not even in prime time.

"Democrats really, for the most part, have dug a tremendous hole and I don't think they'll be seeing daylight or the end of the rainbow anytime soon," said Chad Wilbanks, executive director of the Republican Party of Texas.

Texans are increasingly aligning themselves with the conservative values of the GOP and that trend translates into more Republicans in office, Wilbanks said.

But not ready to be written off, Texas Democrats believe they have something to offer the party — an offering they hope can help turn their ebbing tide.

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Built-in fly swatters

While these horses graze on the plentiful grass in a pasture off Harvester Avenue in east Pampa, their tails keep the flies away. The colt probably wishes its little "broom-tail" was as long as its mother's and companion.

Brawl

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store clerk. Pond allegedly would not give Parsons his name and claimed Parsons "was not

the police," the spokesperson said. Pond reportedly was agitated, so Parsons called for backup, the spokesperson said.

Officer Brett Watson arrived at the scene to help Parsons, and both received injuries in the melee that resulted after Pond allegedly went from

uncooperative to combative.

Watson suffered a bump on the head, and Parsons had scratches around his eyes, the spokesperson said.

The reason for the man's allegedly cursing at the store clerk was not reported.

Texas

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Democrats from the Lone Star state had a front-row seat to Bush's storied bipartisan rule as governor from 1994 to 2000 and were overshadowed by his popularity when he sought the presidency.

And they were at the receiving end of a mighty Republican takeover scheme engineered by another powerful, yet polarizing Texan, U.S. House Majority Leader Tom DeLay, who pushed for a GOP-leaning congressional redistricting map.

Now, they're just plain mad.

"Texas Democrats, of course, know the opponent a little more intimately than anyone else," said Democratic strategist Kelly Fero. "Texas Democrats will be at the vanguard of 'defeating' Bush.

Kerry's campaign already has tapped Texas Democratic legislators to criticize Bush's record on patient rights while Texas governor. There may be more to come.

"They would be in a good position to lay claim to being plausible critics of Bush, not just for what he did then, but for what he's doing now,"

said Bruce Buchanan, a government professor at the University of Texas-Austin.

Perspective is just one valuable asset they offer the Kerry camp.

"Texas is important because it's a source of a lot of money for Democrats," Fero said.

In fact, as some Texas Democrats planned to spend convention eve at a string of kick-off parties in Boston, others were set to see vice

Fred Baron, a major campaign contributor to Democrats both nationally and in Texas, served as co-finance chairman for Edwards, also a trial lawyer. Texans love Edwards, Baron said.

"There are a lot of major cities in the United States, like New York and Los Angeles, where the fundraising is more intense," said Baron, now co-chair of Kerry-Edwards Victory '04 campaign in Texas. "But

Texans Democrats want to be involved in national elections and this is certainly one way that they can support the party."

Baron plans to raise millions of dollars for the Democratic ticket as the campaign heads into the fall. So far, Kerry has raised about \$2.4 million

hopes in future elections.

"What's going on here is not just one electoral cycle, it's not just about this Nov. 2, it's about 2006, 2008, 2010 ... this is a long-term rebuilding process for Texas Democrats," Fero said. "Democrats didn't lose power in Texas over night and won't gain it back over night."

On the Web: Texas Democratic Party: www.txdemocrats.org

At a Glance

Texas Democrats

By The Associated Press

A look at the 232 delegates representing Texas Democrats at the Democratic National Convention, July 26-29 in Boston. The statistics are based on surveys conducted by The Associated Press.

- First-time delegates: 67 percent.
- Marital status: 47 percent are married, 29 percent are single and 13 percent are divorced.
- Race: 67 percent are white, 16 percent are black, 7 percent refused to answer and 4 percent were multi-racial. Asians, American Indians and other races made up the other 6 percent.
- Ethnicity: 30 percent described themselves as Hispanic.
- Gender: 56 percent female; 44 percent male.
- Generation: 48 percent are Baby Boomers between the ages of 40-58.

presidential candidate John Edwards at a Sunday fundraiser in San Antonio. Donors could enjoy brunch at Aldaco's Mexican restaurant for a suggested \$1,000.

Edwards, a North Carolina senator, raised \$2.1 million in Texas before dropping his own presidential bid a few months ago, according to federal election reports compiled by the nonpartisan Center for Responsive Politics.

Dallas-based trial lawyer

The presidential campaign has energized the party in Texas, Baron said.

"I truly believe that in the next few years, with the changes we're seeing in Texas' voter paradigm, we're going to see Texas Democrats go back into power again," he said.

Big wins by Texas congressional Democrats or a small margin of victory by Bush in Texas could set a positive tone for Democrats'

Suicide bomber attacks near U.S. base; truckers nabbed; senior official killed

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — A suicide car bomber attacked near a U.S. base in the northern Iraqi city of Mosul, assassins gunned down a senior Interior Ministry official, and militants said they kidnapped two Jordanian truck drivers in spiraling violence that left eight people dead on Monday.

Employees leaving the base in Mosul said a Chevrolet sedan drove up and exploded about 50 yards from the gates, setting nearby cars on fire.

U.S. military spokeswoman Capt. Angela M. Bowman said a woman and a

child standing nearby and an Iraqi guard were killed. Three U.S. soldiers and two Iraqi guards were injured. Mosul has been the scene of numerous terrorist attacks, including two car bombings in January and June that each killed nine people.

The crises were the latest in a wave of attacks against coalition forces and abductions of foreigners designed to pressure countries to withdraw their troops from Iraq and to hamper efforts to rebuild the country.

George Sada, spokesman for interim Prime Minister

Ayad Allawi, said the abductions were affecting Iraq's reconstruction because some countries were now preventing their citizens from coming to help. The kidnappings "might delay the process but they are not going to stop it," he said.

Many of those abducted have been truck drivers bringing needed supplies. Adel Abou Hawili, a manager for Kuwait's Al-Roomi Shipping Agency, said the wave of kidnappings has forced transport costs up "50 to 65 percent" and made it harder to find drivers to work in Iraq.

Sheriff

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Sunday, July 25

Jeffery Whatley, 39, 1909 N. Dwight, was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety for driving while intoxicated, first offense.

Ramon Campo Garcia, 36, 712 S. Finley, was arrested for driving while intoxicated, third offense.

Fire

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

Saturday, July 24

8:42 a.m. — One unit and two firefighters responded to a medical assist on County Road 10.

5:32 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 300 block of East Brown.

5:52 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist at Meredith House, 825 E. 25th.

Sunday, July 25

10:09 a.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a minor motor vehicle collision in the 2700 block of Cherokee. Firefighters cleaned up a small spill from the wreck.

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Viewpoints

This is going to be an interesting election

Okay, with the Democratic Convention beginning today, what would be more appropriate than a column about politics?

I think I'm on every political email list in the country. Let me share some of them with you.

IT'S TOUGH BEING A REPUBLICAN

Things you have to believe to be a Republican today:

Saddam was a good guy when Reagan armed him, a bad guy when Bush's daddy made war on him, a good guy when Cheney did business with him and a bad guy when Bush needed a "we can't find Bin Laden" diversion.

Trade with Cuba is wrong because the country is communist, but trade with China and Vietnam is vital to a spirit of international harmony.

The United States should get out of the United Nations, and our highest national priority is enforcing U.N. resolutions against Iraq.

A woman can't be trusted with decisions about her own body, but multi-national corporations can make decisions affecting all mankind without regulation.

Jesus loves you, and shares your hatred of homosexuals and Hillary Clinton.

The best way to improve military morale is to praise the troops in speeches while slashing veterans' benefits and combat pay.

If condoms are kept out of schools, adolescents won't have sex.

David Bowser

Staff Writer

A good way to fight terrorism is to belittle our long-time allies, then demand their cooperation and money.

Providing health care to all Iraqis is sound policy. Providing health care to all Americans is socialism.

HMOs and insurance

companies have the best interests of the public at heart.

Global warming and tobacco's link to cancer are junk science, but creationism should be taught in schools.

A president lying about an extramarital affair is an impeachable offense. A president lying to enlist support for a war in which thousands die is solid defense policy.

Government should limit itself to the powers named in the Constitution, which include banning gay mar-

riages and censoring the Internet.

The public has a right to know about Hillary's cattle trades, but George Bush's driving record is none of our business.

Being a drug addict is a moral failing and a crime, unless you're a conservative radio host. Then it's an illness, and you need our prayers for your recovery.

You support states' rights, which means Attorney General John Ashcroft can tell states what local voter initiatives they have the right to adopt.

What Bill Clinton did in the 1960s is of vital national interest, but what Bush did

in the '80s is irrelevant.

QUOTES FROM JOHN KERRY:

"The vast majority of our imports come from outside the country." — John F. Kerry

"If we don't succeed, we run the risk of failure." — John F. Kerry

"One word sums up probably the responsibility of any governor, and that one word is 'to be prepared.'" — John F. Kerry

"I have made good judgments in the past. I have made good judgments in the future." — John F. Kerry

"The future will be better

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Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, July 26, the 208th day of 2004. There are 158 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On **July 26, 1947**, President Truman signed the National Security Act, creating the Department of Defense, the National Security Council, the Central Intelligence Agency and the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

On this date:

In **1775**, Benjamin Franklin became postmaster-general.

In **1788**, New York became the 11th state to ratify the U.S. Constitution.

In **1908**, U.S. Attorney General Charles J. Bonaparte issued an order creating an investigative agency that was a forerunner of the FBI.

In **1948**, President Truman signed a pair of executive orders prohibiting discrimination in the U.S. armed forces and federal employment.

In **1952**, Adlai E. Stevenson was nominated for president

by the Democratic national convention in Chicago; John J. Sparkman was nominated for vice president.

In **1952**, Argentina's first lady, Eva Peron, died in Buenos Aires at age 33.

In **1952**, King Farouk I of Egypt abdicated in the wake of a coup led by Gamal Abdel Nasser.

In **1953**, Fidel Castro began his revolt against

Fulgencio Batista with an unsuccessful attack on an army barracks in eastern Cuba. (Castro ousted Batista in 1959.)

In **1971**, Apollo 15 was launched from Cape Kennedy.

In **1990**, President Bush signed into law the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Ten years ago: The House Banking Committee opened limited hearings on the Whitewater controversy. A car bomb heavily damaged the Israeli embassy in London, injuring 14; hours later, a second bomb exploded outside a building housing Jewish organizations in north London.

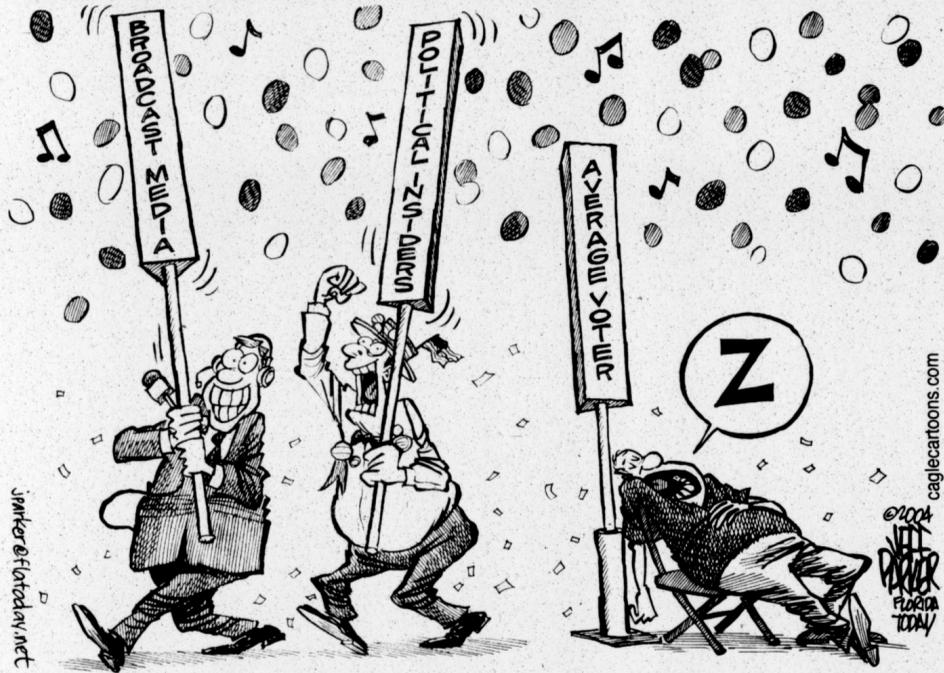
Five years ago: Secretary of State Madeleine Albright and her Russian counterpart, Igor Ivanov, announced a second Washington-Moscow "hot line" would be installed to help avoid misunderstandings like those that had developed over Kosovo. Cary Stayner, a motel handyman, described in detail for an off-camera jailhouse interview with San Francisco TV station KBWB how he'd killed a naturalist and three Yosemite sightseers.

One year ago: Backers of a drive to oust California Governor Gray Davis held a boisterous celebration at the state Capitol in Sacramento, more than two months before the Oct. 7 recall election.

'One brave deed makes no hero.'

— John Greenleaf Whittier
American poet, essayist

WHO'S READY FOR A GOOD OLD FASHIONED POLITICAL CONVENTION?



Journalism not safe under Putin

As the United States has developed under President Bush the much-desired friendlier relationship with Russia, we have ignored a disturbing development in Moscow that casts a heavy cloud over that relationship.

On July 9, Paul Klebnikov, the American-born editor of Forbes Magazine's Russian edition, was gunned down as he left his office in Moscow, making him the 15th journalist to be murdered in Russia since 2000, and showing once again that Vladimir Putin's Russia is one of the most dangerous places in the world for journalists to prac-

tice their trade.

In 2002, Valery Ivanov was shot and killed outside his home. Ivanov was the founding editor of the leading newspaper in Togliatti, a one-industry town that makes the AutoVAZ car. The Togliatti Observer had been running tough investigations into local crimes and corruption, and sometimes fingering local-officials and police.

Alexei Sidorov, Ivanov's successor at the Observer,

vowed to continue the investigations, and kept his word. In October of 2003, he, too, was murdered — stabbed with an ice pick.

This time, Russia's deputy prosecutor general, Vladimir

Kolesnikov, came to town, and, according to a BBC report, authorities soon announced they had nabbed the killer — a local factory worker.

The man from Moscow then took pains to point out

that the case was a common street killing and bore no relation to Sidorov's journalism. That conclusion was greeted with much skepticism, because other officials had given conflicting statements and because of allegations that police had beaten the factory worker, allegedly to write a confession from him. The worker's friends said the police had pressed them to testify falsely that they had seen the accused making the murder weapon.

In most of these cases, there is good reason to suspect organized crime and/or

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Walter Cronkite
Columnist



More Patriot Act data necessary

Fort Worth Star-Telegram on USA Patriot Act:

By its very title, the USA Patriot Act — passed in the wake of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks — implies that it aims at combating terrorism.

When President Bush signed the Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism Act, he said it would "help law enforcement to identify, to dismantle, to disrupt and to punish terrorists before they strike."

Attorney General John Ashcroft and a new Justice Department report have

made a credible case that the Patriot Act has made it easier for federal agents to uncover and thwart potential violence.

But the report's selective compilation of Patriot Act successes leaves unanswered worrisome questions for which Congress must demand — and receive — answers before lawmakers can adequately assess whether to renew, revise or abandon provisions of the law that are due to expire

next year.

For instance, the report says that the Justice Department "has charged 310 defendants with criminal offenses as a result of terrorism investigations" since 9-11, and that 179 have been convicted. However, this doesn't make clear how many convictions were for terrorism-related charges and how many for ordinary crimes. Nor does the report say anything about investigations that resulted in no charges, dropped

charges or acquittals.

The report gives many examples of prosecutions aided by various Patriot Act provisions — including those of six men in Lackawanna, N.Y., who trained at an al-Qaida-linked camp in Afghanistan; men involved with the Palestinian Islamic Jihad; men who received paramilitary training in northern Virginia, Pakistan and Afghanistan; and Yemeni men connected to al-Qaida and Hamas.

But the report also gives ample evidence that the law

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Lady golfers sign up here

Several community members joined in registering lady golfers at the Pampa Country Club Sunday as the Tri-State Senior Golf Tournament activities began. Seated from left are D.J. Pettit, Elnora Haynes, and June Beyer. Standing are Barbara Talley and Janice Sackett.

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corrupt local officials and oligarchs — ruthless men, some of them former Soviet officials, who managed to grab huge fortunes for themselves in the breakup of the Soviet Union and who are frequently the targets of investigative reporting. Klebnikov had written extensively about the oligarchs. But some think the federal government might have blood on its hands, too.

2003 also saw the murder of Yuri Shechekochikin, a crusading former member of the Russian Parliament who had suggested a possible involvement of Russian security forces in the Moscow apartmentbuilding bombings of 1999. The government had blamed those bombings on the Chechens.

The killers in these cases seem to act with near impunity; few are ever caught and prosecuted. And these murders occur as Putin progressively squeezes what little freedom of the press Russians have been allowed by taking over virtually all TV outlets, firing outspoken broadcasters and, according to The Christian Science Monitor, shutting down one popular program as it began showing an interview with a Chechen separatist leader.

And there are more common, lesser harassmentes.

Journalists critical of the government frequently receive threatening phone calls, and their movements are shadowed.

The Glasnost Defense

Foundation, a nongovernmental organization devoted to a free press and the work and welfare of journalists, reported that last year 96 journalists were assaulted, 24 media offices were attacked, 378 court cases were brought against the media and 24 cases resulted in the plug being pulled on 24 programs — while they were on the air!

It is a truism in the democratic West that a minimum level of transparency is as essential to that form of government as oxygen is to biological life, and that a free press is necessary to provide it. Russia's last presidential election was a

bad joke, with Putin, the former KGB agent, controlling the nation's television and shutting out opponents almost entirely. Imagine an election in this country in which the White House controlled all the networks (and individual stations), and the other party couldn't even buy spots.

All the good that Boris Yeltsin did when he faced down the forces that overthrew Mikhail Gorbachev might have been undone when he chose Putin to succeed him.

As hopeful as much of the world had been that a truly democratic evolution would occur, it would appear that Russia today is sliding back into the autocracy it has known, in one form or other, throughout its history. And if a free press is truly the oxygen of democracy, then all the signs show that Russian democracy is being suffocated in its crib.

'Journalists critical of the government frequently receive threatening phone calls...'

— Walter Cronkite
Columnist

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is being used to go after child pornographers, drug distributors, kidnappers and "phishers" — online thieves of financial information.

All are offenses worth policing, to be sure. But they are unrelated to terrorism, and the prosecution of such crimes may have gone beyond what many lawmakers

were contemplating in relaxing some criminal procedure requirements to assist terrorism investigations.

The report, which addresses the Patriot Act section by section, does not discuss at all a pair of provisions that civil liberties groups have criticized repeatedly. One allows investigators to request business records, including those from libraries and bookstores; another enables law enforcement officials to conduct

"sneak-and-peek" searches without immediately notifying the suspects.

Parts of the report also are troubling in their tone: There are sweeping references to "numerous arrests," "numerous criminal investigations," "extraordinary dividends" and the like. Several references characterize the fulfillment of previous procedural steps requiring court approval for certain actions as being "forced to waste valuable time."

The Justice Department insists that, in its fight against terrorism, it maintains "a constant awareness of its obligation to preserve freedom" and acts "with scrupulous attention to the legal and constitutional protections for civil liberties."

Congress must make sure that it truly does so. Lawmakers who hastily passed the Patriot Act in an atmosphere of fear must be far more deliberate in their reconsideration of the law.

Election

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tomorrow." — John F. Kerry
"We're going to have the best-educated American people in the world." — John F. Kerry
"I stand by all the misstatements that I've made." — John F. Kerry
"We have a firm commitment to NATO, we are a part of NATO. We have a firm commitment to Europe. We are a part of Europe." — John F. Kerry

"Public speaking is very easy." — John F. Kerry
"A low voter turnout is an indication of fewer people going to the polls." — John F. Kerry
"We are ready for any unforeseen event that may or may not occur." — John F. Kerry
"For NASA, space is still a high priority." — John F. Kerry
"Quite frankly, teachers are the only profession that teach our children." — John F. Kerry
"It isn't pollution that's harming the environment. It's the impurities in our

air and water that are doing it." — John F. Kerry
"It's time for the human race to enter the solar system." — John F. Kerry
Politics always makes for a few good laughs, but now for the interesting parts of these two missives.
The first, bashing Republicans, was sent to me by a friend who is a Republican.
The second, concerning John Kerry, was sent to me by a friend who is a Democrat.
It's going to be an interesting election.

Congress pares fall agenda to essentials

WASHINGTON (AP) — With most of Congress vacating the Capitol for the five weeks of politics and vacations, lawmakers already are predicting that little will get accomplished when they return this fall before the last campaign swing and elections.

Halfway through the year, Congress has spent its time on a mix of politics and business, but leaves for the remainder of summer with some major work yet unfinished. Lawmakers return after Labor Day and plan to break again Oct. 1.

"When we return after the recess, we have a real challenge," said Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn.

"Indeed, we only have probably 20 legislative days left in this session."

Left uncompleted last week were spending bills covering all government spending after Sept. 30, except for the military.

Finishing the defense spending bill for next year was one of the last things Congress did Friday night before adjourning.

Two major tax bills also were left undone. One would extend beyond their scheduled Jan. 1 expiration some of President Bush's most popular tax cuts: the \$1,000 per child tax credit, an expanded 10 percent

bottom tax bracket and elimination of the so-called marriage penalty paid by working couples.

The other would restructure tax breaks now enjoyed by U.S. exporters and create billions of new dollars in new corporate tax breaks.

Europe began putting punitive tariffs on many U.S. products last March in retaliation for what the World Trade Organization said were illegal subsidies in current U.S. corporate tax law. Without action by Congress those tariffs could reach 17 percent by early 2005.

Despite the legislative backlog, Frist found time in July for the Senate to debate at length a constitutional amendment to ban gay marriage. The effort, supported by Bush and conservative Republicans, failed.

Americans on AIDS

AP Poll: Despite fewer fears, many still worry for children

WASHINGTON (AP) — Fewer people believe the overall threat of AIDS is very serious these days, but a majority of Americans say they worry about the impact of the sexually transmitted disease on the nation's children, an Associated Press poll found.

That decline in fears about AIDS comes at a time the disease is showing signs of making a comeback in the United States.

About six in 10, 61 percent, said they feel AIDS is a "very serious" problem, according to the poll conducted for the AP by Ipsos-Public Affairs. When people were asked in 1987 how serious AIDS was as a national health problem, almost nine in 10 said it was "very serious."

Revolutionary new drugs allow people to live longer with AIDS, and young gay men have no memories of the devastating early days of the sexually transmitted disease two decades ago. Health officials fear complacency could contribute to a comeback of the disease.

Their fears were confirmed a year ago when AIDS diagnoses increased for the first time in a decade.

Only two in 10 polled said they were concerned they would personally be infected with HIV, but more than half, 51 percent, said they were worried that a son or daughter could be infected.

"The way I look at it, kids are going to be kids," said Mike Savicz, a 45-year-old father from Albuquerque, N.M., "like what we did when we were teenagers."

More than six in 10 of those with children said they were concerned that a child might be affected. Even four in 10 of those with no children acknowledged fears about the possibility of a

child being infected, if they had one.

Teaching safe sex should be a high priority to curb AIDS, Savicz said, noting that promoting abstinence is likely to get a cynical reaction from teenagers: "Yeah, yeah, like I'm going to do that."

A majority in the poll, 55 percent, said teaching safe sex should be the focus of efforts to prevent AIDS, rather than promoting abstinence, backed by 40 percent.

The United States provides financial help to developing countries that support President Bush's insistence that abstinence — rather than condoms — should be the main way to prevent the disease.

Americans say they support the \$15 billion the United States has pledged to help fight AIDS in developing countries overseas. But when asked whether the money should go abroad or be used to fight the epidemic at home, they choose keeping the money here by a 2-1 margin.

Recent increase in diagnosed cases of AIDS is likely a sign of things to come, said Dr. Jim Curran, dean of the Rollins School of Public Health at Emory University and a longtime veteran of AIDS prevention efforts.

"There are a number of factors that would suggest that AIDS and HIV infections will continue to be on the rise in the United States," Curran said. "There are more people infected than ever, there's a lower death rate, a rise in infection rates among young gay men."

Four in 10 in the AP poll said they know someone who had AIDS, died of it or has been infected by HIV.

'There are more people infected than ever, there's a lower death rate, a rise in infection rates among young gay men.'

— Dr. Jim Curran
AIDS prevention leader

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THE PAMPA NEWS COMICS

Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I have a 1-year-old daughter with a man I chose not to marry. Every time I take my little girl to visit her grandparents, they bombard me with comments about who my child favors. Everything, from his family's point of view, comes from her father -- down to her baby noises and facial gestures.

What makes this so hurtful is it's simply not true. I have tried to politely slip some baby pictures of myself to them in the hope they'd take the hint and stop. My daughter does resemble her daddy, but she also has my hair, eyes, skin and some facial features. Nothing has worked so far, and I am beyond frustrated.

Please print this because, childish as it may seem, being made to feel like a test tube who contributed nothing really hurts.

— INVISIBLE IN ALABAMA

DEAR INVISIBLE: Stop hinting and tell your daughter's grandparents exactly what you have told me and the rest of my readers. But please say it gently, because what they are doing isn't unusual. When a child is born, it's natural for families to look for and recognize their own genetic traits. They may be tactless, but I'm sure they don't mean to be cruel. You are far more than a "test tube." You're a caring and conscientious mother for making sure that your child has a relationship with her grandparents.

DEAR ABBY: I just got a phone call from my father. He hadn't called in more than three months, so I was a little surprised to hear from him. The first words out of his mouth were, "Can I borrow \$250 to get my car fixed? You don't even have to get me a Father's Day present."

Abby, my dad is not poor. Now he is mad at me for saying no. He says I'm ungrate-

ful, and that I owe it to him for all the years he paid child support to my mom.

I don't have the money to spare. I just spent a lot to have my own car fixed, and I'm saving for a new one. Was I wrong not to give him the loan? Should I have done it to keep the peace?

— SECOND THOUGHTS IN OGDEN, UTAH

DEAR SECOND THOUGHTS: It depends on your relationship with your father. Obviously, you are not particularly close or there wouldn't have been a three-month gap between conversations. And since "the first words out of his mouth" were to ask for money, your dad's diplomatic skills could use some sharpening.

I don't think you were wrong to refuse. The worst reason in the world to make a loan is to "keep the peace."

P.S. Your father paid child support because he was required by law to do it. You do not owe him money in return.

DEAR ABBY: What is the proper way to communicate to your work colleagues the reinstatement of your maiden name after a divorce?

— SINGLE AGAIN IN SAN RAMON, CALIF.

DEAR SINGLE AGAIN: Tell your co-workers about your name change and have new business cards printed. For those with whom you do business but do not see on a daily basis, a short note informing them of the name change would be suitable. If you are asked the reason for it, a two-word explanation, "I'm divorced," should suffice.

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

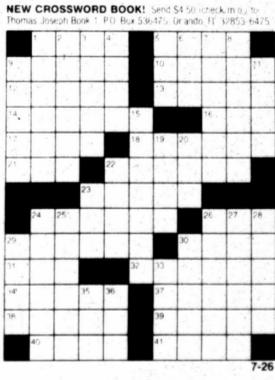
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Sports Day

Pampa All Stars eliminated

Allen scored six runs in the first inning and coasted to a 12-2 win over the Pampa Optimist 9-10 Cal Ripken All Star team in Amarillo Saturday in the Southwest Regional 9-10 Cal Ripken Tournament.

Pampa committed five errors which led to eight unearned runs. Dane Pereira made the outstanding defensive plays for Pampa with two running catches of fly balls in center files. Latigo Collins made an over-the-shoulder grab of a soft fly at second base for another defensive gem.

Reid Miller got the only hit for Pampa leading off the fourth inning with a Texas League single to left field. Cole Engle followed with a walk. Both runners moved up on a ground ball hit by Collin Killgo. After a strikeout, Miller stole home when the catcher threw back to the pitcher. Engle moved to third on the play and scored on a wild pitch. Pampa would not get another base runner.

Miller started for Pampa and gave up four unearned runs on four hits. He walked two and hit a batter. Engle relieved in the

top of the first and got the side out but two more unearned runs scored and were charged to Miller. Engle allowed two unearned runs in the third as an error allowed both runs to score. In the fifth inning, three walks and two errors led to four more unearned runs.

Engle allowed one hit. He walked six and struck out four. Pereira relieved in the fifth inning and faced only one batter.

The East Texas champions played an error free game. Three pitchers combined to strike out eight Pampa batters in the five inning game. They walked one and gave up one hit.

Other players on the team include James Thompson, Zach Ruth, George Patterson, Zach Grimes, Ryan Pearson, Shelby Carpenter and Ian Smith. Chris Engle was the team manager. Clint Miller and Kent Collins were the coaches.

With the loss, Pampa was eliminated from the tournament.

The Pampa Optimist Youth Club is a Pampa United Way agency.

RICKY WILLIAMS RETIRES

Dolphins running back runs away

So Ricky Williams is retiring. It would be easy to suggest Williams is giving up. It would be easy to suggest Williams simply can't handle the game, the fame and all that both provide. And you should know by now, I am not a big fan of doing things the easy way.

So let's break this thing down, shall we?

Ricky has only been in the league for five years or so. In that time he was, based on his projected potential coming out of the University of Texas, an average running back. In five years, the only season that stands out to me is last season where the guy was the bulk of the Miami Dolphins' offense. But one season does not erase the oddity that was Ricky Williams. Leaving his helmet on during interviews was about as close to leaving your head under the pillow and hope it all just goes away as I have ever seen in sport.

But it never went away for Ricky.

I think he was unable to shed some vices that have haunted him most of his life. He has faced and failed the NFL's drug test, which makes me wonder what his off-campus life was like at UT and how much of it was known? Again, he is not that far removed from his Longhorn days and you would be hard pressed to make me believe that some of the issues that plagued his professional life weren't present in his collegiate life.

One columnist writes of Ricky's complexity, describing him as having artist-like qualities. That the decision to retire is "So Ricky". It is one thing to go where the heart leads you. It is another when you abandon the source that allows you to do so. I doubt this is something that came to him in a

dream. I believe he has felt this for some time. I wonder if he should have entered the National Football League at all? Still, he should have given his employer, his team, the source that provided him the means to go "wherever the wind takes him", time to fill the void he will leave behind. This would have been the responsible thing to do. This may be where the pillow might come in handy.

He has apparently struck up a friendship with former running back turned actor Jim Brown, enough said.

Ricky retired on his terms. Frankly, I have no problem with that. I do believe however, had he



Michael J. Stevens

Sports Editor

made this announcement in January or February of this year, we would be speaking of him in an elevated manner. His retirement would then rank for years as one of the most shocking announcements in sport history. To be so young (27), in the shape he is in and only five years into a professional career and to give it all up to satisfy his heart's calling would have been the stuff fans weep over. But to do so just one week away from the start of training camp is almost unforgivable, no matter the reasons. It is this that has thrust sports pontificators into a quandary today. How do you fault a man for being human?

Timing is everything in sport and business. Ricky has just never had a good sense of it.

To be fair, Williams has already sold cars and at least one house and given the money away. He has done this many times before. He doesn't seem to be driven by material gains or possessions. What does drive Ricky? That seems to be the question.

Globetrotters win MAYB tournament

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

The Pampa Globetrotters 7th grade basketball team won the 8th grade division in the first annual Mid America Youth Basketball Tournament held in Pampa over the weekend of July 16-18.

In the first game, the Globetrotters beat Dalhart 8th grade 62-39. Hayden Skinner and Blake Sieck led Pampa in scoring with 14 points each.

The second game pitted the Globetrotters against the Pampa 8th grade team with the trotters coming out on the winning end of a hard-fought 39-35 final. Matt Smith led the Globetrotters with 17 points.

Game three of the tournament had Pampa facing a tough 8th grade team from Amarillo known as the Renegades. Pampa fought hard but succumbed to Amarillo in

overtime 47-46. Smith once again led all Pampa scorers with 16 points.

In the final game of pool play, Pampa hooked up with the Fritch 8th grade team and won 53-44 with Smith leading the way putting up 15 points.

With a 3-1 record, the Globetrotters earned the right to avenge their only loss by facing the Amarillo Renegades again, this time for the MAYB tournament championship.

Strong defense and the ability to overcome a late 10 point deficit earned the Globetrotters a well deserved win and championship.

Matt Smith and Alex Clandening both chipped in 9 points each. Sieck tossed in 8 points.

The Pampa Globetrotters are coached by Jeff Skinner and Monte Covalt.

Eckersley, Molitor inducted into hall

COOPERSTOWN, N.Y. (AP) — Dennis Eckersley knew the tears would flow — and it didn't matter a bit.

"I practiced it and I cried every time," Eckersley said Sunday after he and Paul Molitor were inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame. "I knew I had no chance going in."

Though Eckersley had to pause several times to regain his composure during his emotional speech, the longest delay came when he talked about being a recovering alcoholic for 17 years.

"I was spiraling out of control personally. I knew I had come to a crossroads in my life. With the grace of God, I got sober and I saved my life," Eckersley said as the crowd applauded loudly. "I was a new man, a renewed man. It took a great deal of acceptance to come to terms with being an alcoholic, but acceptance was the key to my sobriety. If I had not gained acceptance at that time in my life, I would not be standing here today. My career would not have taken me this far."

Even Molitor, who spoke first, wiped his

eyes as Eckersley spoke.

"It definitely hit me," said Molitor, whose sweet swing produced 3,319 hits in his 21-year career with Milwaukee, Toronto and Minnesota. "I was emotionally taken to

tears. Part of it is knowing Dennis and knowing his heart is in it. Part of it rings a bell to things that you go through on your own. I know that there are battles out there that can be won, but they take their toll."

Flanked by a record 50 returning Hall of Famers, cheered by hundreds of fans, and often staring at his parents as he spoke, Eckersley somehow completed his speech.

"It was brutal. I've never been through something like this," said Eckersley, who was elected on the first ballot in January with Molitor. "I'd rather pitch. It's overwhelming."

Molitor, only the third player in major league history with at least 3,000 hits, 600 doubles and 500 stolen bases, appeared calm at the outset. He didn't anticipate the emotion that repeatedly tinged his voice as he spoke.

"I practiced it and I cried every time. I knew I had no chance going in."

— Dennis Eckersley
MLB Hall of Fame inductee



From left to right, Duane Kuntz, Floyd Sackett and Tom Holmes visit during registration Sunday, July 25, at Pampa Country Club in preparation for the 70th annual Tri-State Senior Championship Tournament.

Tri-State Senior Championship in full swing

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

The Tri-State Senior Championship Tournament got underway in earnest today at the Pampa Country Club with the men's scramble teeing off at 7:30 a.m.

The 18-hole medal play Senior Wives Putting tournament was scheduled for 9:30 a.m. The ladies also had a 9-hole scramble

in the afternoon.

On tomorrow's schedule is the first round of match and stroke play for the men with starting times 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

A ladies luncheon and book review is also on the off-course schedule as well as bridge and a 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. hospitality hour.

PHS football players, a call to action

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

Equipment checkout day for all Pampa High School football players will be Monday, August 2.

Seniors should plan on checking out equipment 8 a.m. to 8:45 a.m., juniors 8:45 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., sophomores 9:30 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. and freshman from 10:15 a.m. until checkout is completed.

That evening, varsity position meetings

will be held from 5:30 p.m. to 6 p.m., with an all practice for varsity, JV and 9th graders set for 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

The Tuesday through Friday schedule (8/3-8/6) calls for varsity and JV practice only from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. with varsity, JV and 9th grade practices 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Contact the PHS athletic office at 669-4830 for additional information.

Ricky Williams phones in retirement

MIAMI (AP) — Ricky Williams phoned it in.

From Hawaii, he shared his stunning decision to retire with Miami Dolphins coach Dave Wannstedt. Their conversation lasted three or four telephone calls.

"I was having lunch with my wife — that was a great lunch," Wannstedt said Sunday. "We kept getting cut off. He was using calling cards because he didn't have his cell phone, so it was difficult."

Yes, Williams could have handled his decision a bit more smoothly. Not only did it come from the middle of the Pacific, but it left the Dolphins with a huge void less than a week before

training camp.

"I was definitely surprised," quarterback Jay Fiedler said, "especially with the timing."

Williams, who rushed for 3,225 yards in two seasons with the Dolphins, notified Wannstedt on Friday and planned to file retirement papers early this week with the NFL. Miami holds its first training camp workout Saturday.

Williams has always been a breakaway threat. But retirement at age 27 after five seasons in the NFL?

"I was surprised, as everybody in the organization is," Wannstedt said. "But it's a team game. Every great team meets challenges. Every great

team has to overcome obstacles. And we have people at all positions that will do that."

Williams' decision was first reported Sunday by The Miami Herald.

"You can't understand how free I feel," he told the Herald in a phone interview from Hawaii before continuing his travels with a flight to Tokyo.

Long ambivalent about life in the spotlight, he said there's no chance he'll change his mind. But his agent, Leigh Steinberg, held out the possibility that the retirement could be temporary.

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Armstrong rides into history books

PARIS (AP) — Lance Armstrong rode into history Sunday, winning a record sixth Tour de France and cementing his place as one of the greatest athletes of all time.

The ride into Paris and its famous tree-lined boulevard was a lap of honor Armstrong savored with a glass of champagne in the saddle. Even Jan Ullrich, his main adversary in previous years, gulped

down a glass offered by Armstrong's team manager through his car window.

Belgian rider Tom Boonen won the final sprint, with Armstrong cruising safely behind with the trailing pack to claim his title. Armstrong's winning margin over second-placed Andreas Kloden was 6 minutes, 19 seconds, with Italian Ivan Basso in third (6:40).

Kurt Busch takes win in Loudon

LOUDON, N.H. (AP) — Kurt Busch moved from ninth to sixth in the Nextel Cup points race with his convincing victory in the Siemens 300 at New Hampshire International Speedway on Sunday.

Busch was the only driver to stay with pole-winner Ryan Newman through most of the 300-mile race, passing him twice and, finally, pulling away from Newman and runner-up Jeff Gordon at the end for his second win of the season and 10th of his career.

In Hockenheim, Germany, Michael Schumacher won the German Grand Prix on Sunday to tie his own record with 11 victories in a season and close in on his seventh championship.

It was Schumacher's sixth straight victory, matching Alberto Ascari's single-season record set in 1952. Schumacher, who has won all but one race this season, finished 8.3 seconds ahead of Jenson Button. Fernando Alonso was third.

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cense to sell beet at retail at a location not heretofore licensed. The substance of said application is as follows: WINE & BEER RETAILER'S OFF-PREMISE PERMIT Location of business: 2801 N. CHARLES ST. Assumed or Trade Name Quality Licensing Corp. (Store #600) Corporation name Quality Licensing Corp. Officers of Corporation Daniel Glen Hughes, President; Gerald Franklin, Vice President / Secretary / Treasurer Any person shall be permitted to contest the facts stated in said application and the applicant's right to secure said license or permit giving security for costs as provided by law. WITNESS MY HAND this the 23rd day of July, 2004 SUSAN WINBORNE, County Clerk, Gray County, Texas By ELAINE LANGLEY, Deputy E-76 July 25, 2004

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WEEKEND RN Needed for every other weekend. Immediate Opening. Contact: McLean Care Center 806-779-2469 for the Administrator of the D.O.N.

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Sprinkler magic



Pampa News photo by BEN BRISCOE

Ashlynn Organ, 5, plays outside in the sprinkler on Somerville during a hot summer afternoon before this weekend's cool front brought daytime temperatures down into the 70s.

Dairies find new cash crop

FRESNO, Calif. (AP) — More than a dozen dairies in California are building contraptions to turn one of their least-valued products — the gases that rise from decomposing manure — into one of the state's most sought-after commodities — energy.

The state's 1.72 million dairy cows, clustered heavily in the Central Valley, have made California the country's top dairy state. Their milk and cream sell for more than \$4 billion a year, and the industry brings jobs and tax revenue to counties with double-digit unemployment.

But according to air officials, the state's cows also contribute about 10 percent of the chemical compounds that combine in the atmosphere to produce ozone, a principal component in the smog that plagues the San Joaquin Valley's air.

By capturing the offending gases of dairy air, farmers are not only reducing the emissions that cloud the valley, but cutting their own electricity costs. The decidedly low-tech technology also has the potential to play a role, albeit a small one, in meeting the state's constant hunger for new power sources.

To produce energy, the farmer has to scrape up the manure, mix it with water, and pour it into a lagoon typically covered by an enormous plastic bag. When the mixture is heated, it produces methane, which is trapped by the bag, piped into a generator, and burned to create electricity.

The experiment comes a time when the agriculture industry is having to abide by air pollution regulations for the first time. By the end of the month, the local air district is expected to issue guidelines for clean-air technology that will be required in new dairies — and so-called "methane digesters" are part of the solution, officials said.

"This is probably one of the best forms of emission control from dairies," said

Dave Warner, who leads the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District's permit program.

But what really got farmers interested, they said, was that the machines literally turn manure into money.

Ron Koetsier, who has

hooked up to the local utility company, Koetsier said he'll be able to bank energy with the company. When he feeds excess energy into the system, his electricity meter will run backward.

Methane digesters won't produce enough energy to make a significant dent in the state's energy demand — or even come close, experts said.

Manure from one cow can generate up to two kilowatts per day — enough to brighten two light bulbs, said Warner, and it takes a dozen cows to power an average house.

Even if all of the 65 billion pounds of manure produced in California every year went into a methane digester, the energy generated could only power a medium-sized town like Modesto.

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Thousands search for pregnant woman as relatives' hope fades

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Churches canceled meetings and services to allow hundreds of congregants to flood neighborhoods and go door-to-door in search of a missing pregnant woman whose disappearance has baffled friends and neighbors.

More than 3,000 people turned out Sunday to distribute fliers and join the search for Lori Hacking. The turnout was the largest since she vanished last Monday.

Later Sunday, about 200 people attended a candlelight vigil at a park where the woman's car was found and where it had been presumed that she disappeared while jogging.

The family has been holding as many as two news conferences a day since the 27-year-old was reported missing. But they have been more reluctant to face reporters since questions arose about the credibility of Hacking's husband, Mark.

"We are all exhausted and we feel we need to concentrate our efforts and our energies on finding Lori," said Thelma Soares, Hacking's mother.

Scott Dunaway, a leader in Soares' church and the family's newly named spokesman, said they had learned little as far as new developments in the investigation.

A clump of brown hair was found Saturday in a trash bin at a gas station less than a block from the store where Mark Hacking bought a mattress before reporting his wife missing. But police say they don't know whether the hair was Lori's.

Detective Dwayne Baird, a police spokesman, wouldn't confirm or deny a Deseret Morning News report, citing unnamed sources, that a bloody knife with strands of hair was among items taken from the Hackings' apartment.

"We took a lot of things out of that apartment," Baird said. He said police were still waiting on test results from a search of the apartment and surrounding area.

Baird said Mark Hacking, 28, was still a "person of interest" in the case, but he would not elaborate.

Mark Hacking reported his wife missing just days before they were to move to North Carolina, where he had said he was going to attend medical school. But he had lied to his wife and family — he had not been accepted to any medical school and never even graduated from college.

He also had initially said his wife did not wake him up after coming home from an early morning jog, as usual, and never showed up to work.

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Missing woman's mother

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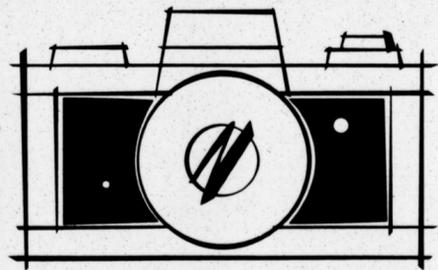
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