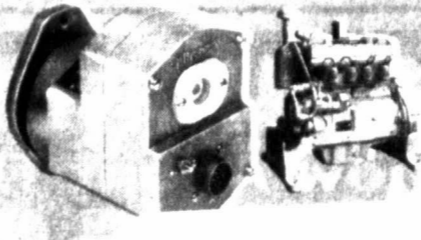


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## Proper rural address may save a life

By MARILYN POWERS  
 Staff Writer

Herndon Sloan thinks Gray County is behind the times. Sloan, 81, lives on County Road 10 and has already placed his rural 911 address on his mailbox and house. "Gray County is 30 years behind the times in putting up rural address signs. The post office says this is the last county in the state to get rural addresses changed," Sloan said. "Also, numbered county roads here start at the west end of the county and go east. Another thing is that the numbered county roads run north and south here, and others use numbers on east-west county roads," Sloan said. For example, in the City of Pampa, numbered streets run east and west.

"Also, in Precinct 3, they use names on signs for county roads, not numbers or letters. You have no sense of where you're progressing to," he said, referring to such roads as Boydston, Baggerman, Babcock and Deep Lake.

*'Gray County is 30 years behind the times in putting up rural address signs.'*

— Herndon Sloan  
 Rural county resident

Sloan points out some of the problems with county addresses when emergency personnel need to respond to a call for help. Not everyone knows where someone used to live 20 years ago, and directions that assume the listener knows where "the old Jones place" is are often not helpful, said Precinct 2 County Commissioner Gary Willoughby. An address such as Route 1, Box 0, doesn't provide locating information either, he said. Sloan's wife Timmie knows how



(Pampa News photo by Marilyn Powers) Herndon Sloan, left, shows Precinct 2 County Commissioner Gary Willoughby the address on his mailbox assigned by the Panhandle Regional 911 Network.

## Horst to file proposed city budget today

By DAVID BOWSER  
 Staff Writer

Interim City Manager John Horst was expected to file the city's proposed budget for 2004-2005 with Pampa's City Secretary Phyllis Jeffers today. The move, a formality, opens the budget to public scrutiny, but it can still be changed prior to approval by the city commission before the end of Pampa's fiscal year Sept. 30. "It doesn't mean there can't be changes later," Horst said. The Pampa City Commission reviewed the water and wastewater part of the budget during their final July meeting Tuesday afternoon. While that part of the

budget showed a deficit of some \$100,000, Horst explained that there is still information that is not yet available to firm up the entire budget yet.



Horst

Horst said that he and Pampa Public Works Director Richard Morris had talked with Lubbock officials about selling part of Pampa's water allotment from the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority to the South Plains city. Horst said Lubbock city officials indicated that they were interested in initially buying 450 million gallons

and possibly raising that to 900 million gallons in future years. If a deal could be reached, he said, that would raise some \$160,000 a year for Pampa.

On the down side, Horst said, Pampa had just been notified that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency would be requiring cities the size of Pampa across the nation to continuously monitor their ground water. While most of the water Pampa uses comes from the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority, Morris said, Pampa does pump some ground water from its well field south of town. He said that they

monitor it periodically, but not continuously. "That means more equipment," City Commissioner Bob Dixon said.



Dixon



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That could mean a one-time cost of \$5 per household to cover the cost of implementing the federally-mandated monitoring plan, Horst said. "We just got the letter today," Horst said. "We're still studying it."

Other costs in the water and wastewater system could drive sewer fees up for residents by \$1.15 a month, he said. Horst recommended selling

certificates of obligation to fund capital improvements for the water system. The commission also heard reports on the status of the seal-coating project, landfill, ambulance service and 2003 Drinking Water Quality Consumer Confidence Report.

Morris said the contractor, G.W. James, Inc., of Pampa, had finished the streets in the south part of Pampa. He said the excavation of Cell Three at the landfill was almost complete. The liner is

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## Lefors ISD head resigns, board meets

LEFORS — Allen Law's resignation as school superintendent upon contract with another school will be the subject of a special meeting of Lefors Independent School District's School Board, 7 p.m. Thursday, July 29, in the high school library at 209 E. 5th Street. Board members will plan for the vacancy of the superintendent's position and will hear the superintendent's report. Other personnel items are also on the agenda. Candidates for the superintendent's post will be interviewed at the school board's special meeting at 2 p.m. Saturday, July 31, in the high school library.



Cheering on the Pampa High School Harvesters will be a part of the opening ceremonies for the 23rd annual Chautauqua scheduled for Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 6, at Central Park here. The community celebration will include 5K and fun runs, free stage entertainment from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., activities for all ages, and a variety of foods.

## Chautauqua offers tastes, arts and fun

Pampa Fine Art's Chautauqua scheduled for Labor Day, Sept. 6, in Central Park will feature the visual arts in a special tent again this year. Brought back by popular demand will be the children's division with artists offering hands-on art activities, according to Janice Sackett, chairman of the art tent. This is in keeping with the original purpose of the celebration organized 23 years ago by Pampa Fine Arts to bring arts to the community. The free stage from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. offers a variety of dancers, singers and musicians that include the Pampa High School Show Choir and musicians from Berger and Canadian. See EVENTS, Page 3

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### Obituaries

#### Bruce I. Barnum, 71

Bruce I. Barnum, 71, of Pampa, Texas, died Tuesday, July 27, 2004, at Pampa.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, July 28, 2004, at Memory Gardens West Mausoleum with the Rev. Jim Sinyard, associate pastor of The Carpenter's Church, officiating.

Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery with military rites courtesy of the U.S. Navy. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley

Funeral Directors.

Mr. Barnum was born Feb. 23, 1933, at Brownwood to George and Lela Barnum. He worked for Ingersol Rand/IRI, retiring in 1994.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy, serving two terms during the Korean Conflict and the Cuban Missile Crisis.

Survivors include his wife, Cora, of the home; one daughter, Darla Hernandez and husband George of Fort

Worth; and two granddaughters, Amanda Hernandez and Laura Hernandez, both of Fort Worth. He was preceded in death by his parents, three sisters and one brother.

The family requests memorials be to the American Cancer Society in care of Gerry Caylor, 2130 Charles, Pampa, TX 79065.

—Sign the on-line register book at [www.carmichael-whatley.com](http://www.carmichael-whatley.com).

#### Dessie Jackson, 94

Dessie Jackson, 94, of Pampa, died Tuesday, July 27, 2004, at Amarillo.

Services are pending under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley

Funeral Directors of Pampa.

### Services tomorrow

**BARNUM, Bruce I.** — 10 a.m., Memory Gardens West Mausoleum, Pampa.

### Emergency Services

#### Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department today reported the following incidents and arrests.

**Tuesday, July 27**

Shoplifting was reported at Dollar General, 2211 N. Perryton Parkway. Candy bars valued at approximately \$2 were taken. A 12-year-old was referred to Gray County Juvenile Probation.

Burglary of a habitation was reported in the 1100 block of Seneca. Compact discs valued at \$200 were taken.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 2300 block of Primrose Lane. A window valued at \$100 was broken.

Theft was reported in the 1000 block of South Banks. A gas cap valued at \$10 was taken.

Burglary of a building was reported in the 1500 block of North Hamilton. Electronics and an Indian statue were taken, for an estimated loss of \$400.

An agency assist was performed concerning forgery which occurred outside the city limits but inside Gray County.

Criminal mischief was

reported at Comet Cleaners, 726 N. Hobart. Three glass windows valued at \$450 were broken.

A husband and wife were arrested in the 2200 block of North Hobart for shoplifting.

Ronny Ray Robles, 28, 1001 S. Faulkner, was arrested on *capias pro* fines for speeding 45 miles per hour in a 35 mph zone, unrestrained child, and failure to report change of address.

Monica Combs, 28, 404 Perry, was arrested in the 2200 block of Hobart for theft over \$50 and under \$500.

**Wednesday, July 28**

Attempted burglary was reported in the 500 block of Doucette. A front door was damaged. Estimated cost of damage is \$20.

#### Sheriff

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

**Tuesday, July 27**

Marilyn Louise Burk, 54, 104 N. Faulkner, was arrested for theft over \$50 and under \$500.

Edward Hernandez, 31,

344 Tignor, was arrested on a Collingsworth County charge of burglary of a habitation with intent to assault.

Kenneth Wayne Hays, 38, 521 Montague, was arrested on a Lubbock County charge of criminal non-support.

Jerry John Cruz, 17, 1137 Seneca, was arrested for theft under \$50, three counts of minor in possession of alcohol, two counts of minor in possession of tobacco and two counts of no valid driver's license.

#### Fire

Pampa Fire Department received no emergency calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

#### Accidents

Pampa Police Department today reported the following accident.

**Tuesday, July 27**

An unknown vehicle collided with a legally parked 1998 Toyota Corolla owned by Glenda Westbrook Walker, 408 N. Christy, in an unknown location at an unknown time.



Pampa News photo by BEN BRISCOE

Eric Luedecke tries to start his moped while Ryan Braswell and Roper Barr watch. The three were enjoying their last few weeks of summer by biking around Coronado Shopping Center.

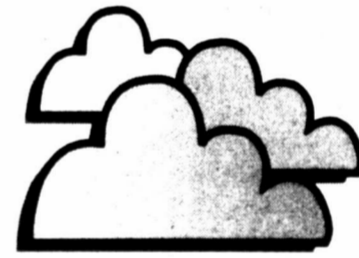
### Gray County Weather

Today: A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 81. South wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Tonight: Showers and thunderstorms likely. Chance of precipitation is 60 percent. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 62. South southeast wind between 5 and 15 mph.

Thursday: Mostly cloudy, with a high near 84. Calm wind becoming north between 5 and 10 mph.

Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low near 64. North northeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south south-



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Friday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly after 7 p.m. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 67. South wind around 10 mph.

Saturday: Mostly cloudy, with a high around 92. South wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Saturday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 7 p.m. Partly cloudy, with a low around 68. South southeast wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Sunday: Partly cloudy, with a high around 94. South wind between 10 and 15 mph.

### Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Atebury Grain of Pampa:

Wheat	3.12
Milo	3.25
Corn	4.02
Soybeans	5.90

The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa:

OXY	48.66	NC
BP	54.34	+0.44

Cabot Corp.	37.11	-0.04
Cabot Oil Gas	41.81	-0.35
Coca Cola	43.86	+0.11
VLO	73.27	-0.02
HAL	31.17	+0.28
Trad	32.60	-2.58
NOI	32.11	+0.11
KMI	59.16	NC
XCEL	16.39	-0.03
Kerr McGree	52.00	-0.03
Limited	19.96	-0.25
Williams	11.75	-0.14
MCD	27.26	-0.23
XOM	45.31	-0.10

Atmos	24.43	-0.32
Pioneer Nat	35.29	-0.35
JCP	38.72	-0.23
COP	76.26	-0.21
SLB	64.84	+0.84
Tenneco	13.11	-0.17
CVX	93.57	-0.28
Wal-Mart	53.56	-0.34
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New York Gold	388.13	
Silver	6.22	
West Texas Crude	41.44	

### CPS looked at family six times before boy's death

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Davontae Williams was 2 months old when child welfare investigators first looked into allegations that his mother was neglecting and emotionally and physically abusing him.

The Tarrant County Medical Examiner's Office investigated Davontae's family five more times between then and Monday, when the 9-year-old's lifeless, emaciated and bruised body was found in his mother's apartment.

has ruled his death a homicide and is conducting tests to determine what killed him, spokeswoman Linda Anderson said.

Officers described Davontae as malnourished and underdeveloped, and at 35.8 months, he did not fall into even the lowest 5 percentile for boys his age on a pediatrician's standard growth chart.

Davontae's mother, 23-year-old Marcella Williams, and her partner, 28-year-old Lisa Ann Coleman, each face charges of injury to a child and remain in the Arlington Jail with bail set at \$200,000.

A Child Protective Services spokeswoman says the agency had tried to work with Marcella Williams for years, but she would frequently move her family to avoid caseworkers.

"This has been devastating for us. Especially so because we did make so many repeated attempts to get in contact with this family," said CPS spokeswoman Marissa Gonzales.

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## Dixie Cafe's rehearsal dinner



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Approximately 500 local citizens responded to Shane and Shelley Dyer's invitation Tuesday night to sample the menu at their new eatery, "Cooder's Dixie Cafe," located at the Pampa Mall in north Pampa. The cafe features homestyle meals in an old-time atmosphere. At left, Shane Dyer and "Cooder" greet guests as they come in the door. The restaurant is scheduled to officially open on Tuesday, Aug. 2.

## Events

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The Labor Day festivities will begin at 7 a.m. with the Pampa Regional Medical Center 5K and Fun Run registrations for the run contests that begin at 8 a.m. A variety of food booths will offer fare throughout the day, as well.

Sales booth entries, including food booth reservations, should be post-marked by Saturday, July

31, for the \$20 registration fee. After July 31, the fee increases to \$25. There is a 10 percent gross sales fee due from sales booths at the 4 p.m. check-in time. All sales booths must be in operation by 9 a.m. with the park cleared of cars and trailers.

Registrations may be mailed to Chautauqua, Pampa Fine Arts, P.O. Box 818, Pampa, Texas, 79066. For additional information, contact the Pampa Fine Arts office at 665-0343 and leave a message and telephone number.

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expected to be laid down in about two weeks.

Guardian EMS was operating out of the south fire station and had hired all the employees of Rural/Metro Ambulance Service.

Morris explained the water quality report that was mailed to citizens earlier this month as the commission went into a public hearing to take comments, but no one from the public spoke.

Horst said he and Morris had met with the Pampa Superintendent of Schools Barry Haenisch concerning sharing maintenance costs like mowing.

"We didn't get into any details," Horst said.

The interim city manager

also told the commission that the entrance doors to city hall needed to be replaced.

"The entrance doors are falling apart," he said.

Horst estimated the cost to replace the doors at the four entrances to be about \$17,840.

He indicated that windows in the building had also been neglected the past few years, but recommended deferring repairs or replacement on them for another year.

Horst reported to the commission that he and Commissioner Faustina Curry had attended a Gray County Commissioners meeting at which Fire Chief Joe Milligan of the Hoover Volunteer Fire Department had made a presentation. Milligan had asked to expand the territory for which the Hoover volunteers are responsible.

Gray County pays the City of Pampa \$130,000 a year for firefighting services covering about 220 square miles. Under the new proposal, they would pay \$17,000 for about 30 square miles. Most of the area that Pampa would give up is rangeland, but Pampa would still retain responsibility for housing additions around the city.

"It's the county's decision on what services they want and what level of risk they want," Horst said.

Dan Redd with the new business incubator program going into the old U.S. Bus Building, 822 E. Foster, presented the commission with a check for \$25,000. It's the first of two checks to pay for changes to the building for the program run through the small business program at West Texas A&M.

## Address

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important it can be to be found in case of emergency. She said a friend who lived at a rural address in Carson County suffered as a result of being hard to find.

"She had called the ambulance service (during an emergency). They didn't find her for three hours. No one on the ambulance service staff knew where she lived," Timmie Sloan said.

Willoughby said prominently displayed "street address" type addresses have advantages in addition to emergency services.

"Utilities, such as electric, telephone, gas and cable television companies are beginning to require a physical address to start a new account or service an existing one. Similarly insurance compa-

nies often require such information about the property for which they are providing coverage.

"Registered voters or persons attempting to register as well as persons attempting to renew a driver's license may also be asked to provide a physical address for registration and documentation," Willoughby said.

The Panhandle Regional 911 Network, in cooperation with Gray County, has been assigning street-type addresses to rural county residents since August 2002, Willoughby said. The network "assumed the county addressing project at the behest of Gray County," he said.

New 911 equipment will soon be installed in the county, Willoughby said, which will allow storage of information such as medical conditions, disabilities or other circumstances for persons living at the designated address.

This information can be stored and attached to a resident's telephone number for 911 use, he said. The information must be provided by the resident, who must ask that it be stored, and it cannot be attached to a cellular telephone number.

"You will also be able to designate that emergency personnel come into your home whether or not anyone answers the door," Willoughby said.

The best places to display a rural 911 address are on the front gate, fence, mailbox and above the garage door and front door, he said.

Rural residents can verify that their 911 address and service address are accurate for all telephone numbers at their address by calling their local telephone service provider.

To establish a rural 911 address, call the Panhandle Regional 911 Network at 1-800-687-7911.



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# Viewpoints

## Defend against Muslim aggression in Africa

Will Sudan finally have peace? Years of pressure by American Christians and Jews led to Secretary of State Colin Powell's peace-making visit to the ravaged country early this month — but any truce is likely to be short-lived as long as radical Muslims continue their attempt to force non-Muslims into submission.

That means the eagle in the Great Seal of the United States needs to continue to hold in its right talon an olive branch but in its left a bundle of arrows. We need to push for peaceful relations whenever they can be maintained in a way that promotes freedom. We need to help those who face

aggression to defend themselves.

Ideally, a training program for villagers in Sudan and elsewhere would include the basics of survival: the right way to dig a trench to dispose of human waste, how to dig a well, how to provide emergency medical help and so on. But it should also teach them how to hunt and shoot, including how to shoot at a marauder who is attacking them. All of that is part of helping people to survive in the face of a hostile environment or hostile human forces.

Many Christians tend to shy away from such practical realities, in part because

some turn Christ's admonition to turn the other cheek when facing personal offenses into a pacifist edict. Although we don't do nearly enough, some American Christians are generous in providing funds for international relief that provide food to help people stay alive, but react with horror at the idea of contributing to a fund that could help them to fight back against oppressors.

The Bible, though, certainly honors self-defense and going to the military aid

of those who are being mistreated. Abraham and his small army rescued captives, including Abraham's nephew Lot. Moses fought the Amalekites, and David the Philistines. The tide



**Marvin Olasky**  
Columnist

turned in the book of Esther when Mordecai won for the Jews of Persia the right to defend themselves against attacks by the followers of Haman, a descendant of Amalek.

I spent some time recently with Jack Buckner, who was head of U.S. Special Forces in Afghanistan before he

retired last year after three decades of service, and wants to apply that biblical principle of the present. Lt. Col. Buckner notes about the situation in Sudan and elsewhere, "Somebody has to come in and provide those Christian villagers with the knowledge and equipment they need to protect themselves."

Emeke Izeze, a Christian journalist who writes for The Guardian, one of Nigeria's leading newspapers, is also thinking long-term. He notes that "Muslims in the north (of Nigeria) are ready to kill for their religion," and that they are receiving aid from aggressive Islamists abroad: "Christians in Nigeria need

assistance as well. They need to know that people in the United States care."

Care, of course, can come in a variety of ways. The U.S. State Department has finally responded to pressure to act on Sudan, and we similarly need to wake up our Foggy Bottom diplomats to the facts of life and death in northern Nigeria. In Izeze's words, "Any bit of pressure put on the U.S. government will help it understand that every step must be taken to preserve the religious balance in Nigeria."

Every step? Teaching and helping Nigerian Christians to fight if Muslim aggres-

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## Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, July 28, the 210th day of 2004. There are 156 days left in the year.

### Today's Highlight in History:

On **July 28, 1945**, a U.S. Army bomber crashed into the 79th floor of New York's Empire State Building, killing 14 people.

### On this date:

In **1540**, King Henry VIII chief minister, Thomas Cromwell, was executed, the same day Henry married his fifth wife, Catherine Howard.

In **1750**, composer Johann Sebastian Bach died in Leipzig, Germany.

In **1821**, Peru declared its independence from Spain.

In **1868**, the 14th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, guaranteeing due process of law, was declared in effect.

In **1896**, the city of Miami, Fla., was incorporated.

In **1929**, Jacqueline Bouvier Kennedy Onassis was born in Southampton, N.Y.

In **1932**, Federal troops forcibly dispersed the Bonus Army of World War I veterans who had gathered in Washington to demand money they weren't scheduled to receive until 1945.

In **1943**, President Roosevelt announced the end of coffee rationing.

## Our readers write

### Pack of lies

To the editor,  
By this time, anyone who reads or watches a cross-section of liberal and conservative news, including CNN and MSNBC, knows we were misled about the reason to go to war with Iraq. If you watch only Fox news and listen to Rush Limbaugh, I will forgive you because you are still ignorant of the facts.

This administration skewed all the intelligence about what we know or didn't know by slanting, lying, and misleading the public and any country we could buy (through loans and assistance) to believe we had to take Saddam Hussein out.

"Dubya" was so popular after 9-11 that almost everyone was afraid to disagree with him for fear they would be accused of being weak or unpatriotic; consequently, he got a blank check to do anything he wanted to do.

I think anyone who has kept up with everything that has gone on knows down deep that the nation has been taken for roll.

The people who still take up for "Dubya" probably believe they have to go with him because they haven't got another pretty boy to keep in power.

Another reason may be that they believe anyone who "takes orders from

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## Kerry's convention quandary

John Kerry has a fundamental strategic problem that he must resolve during this week's Democratic National Convention in Boston: Should he campaign on the nexus of issues surrounding terror or focus on domestic concerns?

As Kerry wrestles with this strategic decision, he has to be watching the ground eroding beneath his feet. Good economic news saps his core appeal. The liberal media has retreated from lamenting the recession to bemoaning the "jobless recovery," to wailing that while the recovery is

creating jobs, wages aren't keeping pace with inflation. With each month, the economic case for the Democrats ebbs away.

Similarly, President Bush is making real progress in putting Iraq behind him. In April, his presidency seemed in danger when 125 American soldiers died. But in May, the death toll was 64 and in June it fell down to 31. The July data indicate a slightly higher death toll as

the transition in Baghdad forces the terrorists' hand, but the long-term trend toward pacification erodes Kerry's other key issue against Bush.

Beneath the relatively even division in the polls lies a fundamental reality: Voters overwhelmingly side with Bush as the better wartime president — the best at handling terror, weapons of mass destruction, North Korea, Iran, and homeland

security. But by equally large margins, they feel Kerry is the better peacetime president — the man best suited to creating jobs, improving education, the environment, health care, prescription-drug prices, Social Security and Medicare.

Until now, terrorism and national-security issues have dominated the national dialogue. Despite the casualties in Iraq, the failure to find weapons of mass destruction, the faulty intelligence before the war, the lax response to the pre-9/11

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**Dick Morris**  
Columnist

## Taxpayers need pit bull in Austin

Austin American-Statesman on the state's mishandling of contracts:

State contract management is not the sort of public issue that stirs the blood, except, perhaps, in places like the LBJ School of Public Affairs. But it is just the sort of mechanical, out-of-sight problem that wastes millions of taxpayers' dollars.

The problem is that too many state agencies lack the expertise needed to negotiate and monitor effective contracts with private individuals and businesses to carry out state work about \$28 billion worth a year. The problem may well be grow-

ing because the state's new Republican leadership likes to "outsource" or "privatize" turn jobs once done by state employees over to private contractors who, GOP theology holds, are inherently more efficient and less costly than a bumbling state bureaucracy.

Unfortunately, there is evidence that at least some of those outside contractors do a lot more for their own bottom lines than for taxpayers or state government, or can't deliver what they promise and that too many

state agencies lack the expertise to figure that out before the contract is signed. As Rep. Carl Isett, R-Lubbock, put it in a report by this newspaper's Laylan Copelin, "We have yet to see a state agency that deals with contracts that does a good job of it."

The most recent example comes from the State Auditor's Office, which criticized the state's human services commission for overpaying \$20 million to Clarendon National Insurance Group to run the

Children's Health Insurance Program.

Another: After two years, the state is still trying to get back as much as \$51 million it says it overpaid a subsidiary of Electric Data Systems Corp. for administering the Medicaid program.

And still another: Last month the state fired Scribcor Texas LLP, which had a contract signed last year to handle office space leasing for state agencies. The contract was supposed to save the state \$17 million; instead, an internal audit criticized Scribcor's compli-

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# Kerry arrives home for Democrats' nomination

BOSTON (AP) — John Kerry arrived home Wednesday to collect the Democratic Party's nomination for the White House and watch his running mate test his courtroom-developed Southern charm on convention delegates and a nationwide TV audience.

After campaigning his way home through Florida,

Virginia and Pennsylvania this week, the Massachusetts senator was greeted at Logan Airport by crewmates aboard his Vietnam War swiftboat crewmates for a journey across Boston Harbor.

"Welcome home. Welcome to the Super Bowl," Kerry, pumping his fist, told reporters in the back of his plane after it landed at Logan Airport. He

said he felt, "great, ready to go, pumped" and promised that his speech Thursday night will be a surprise.

The convention's 4,350-plus delegates turned their attention to John Edwards, the North Carolina senator Kerry picked to be his vice presidential running mate.

Aiming to infuse the Democrats' drive for the

White House with youth and energy, Edwards will address delegates just before they begin the once-every-four-years roll call of states to make Kerry their presidential nominee. The convention concludes Thursday night with Kerry's acceptance speech, one Democrats are counting on to boost his standing with the nation's voters.

As the party's choice for vice president, Edwards will "be talking both about the big themes of this campaign and optimism searching for a better tomorrow that this nation has always represented," his wife, Elizabeth, said Wednesday.

Edwards and his wife went to the convention floor for a microphone check early Wednesday. "Should I just go ahead and give the speech now?" he asked a nearly empty hall.

"It was actually a little less scary than I thought it would be when we got up there on the stage," she said later on CBS-TV's "The Early Show." "It felt a lot more intimate than you would expect if you were standing on the sidelines watching it, so I felt a lot more at ease."

Edwards' speech follows two days in which some of the Democratic Party's best and brightest have praised Kerry with stories of his service in

Vietnam while criticizing Bush's handling of the war in Iraq.

Kerry planned a dramatic arrival, riding a water taxi across the harbor. On Tuesday, he cited his qualifications to be commander in chief and asserted, "I will and I can fight a more effective war on terror than George Bush is."

Campaigning in California, Vice President Dick Cheney said both Kerry and Edwards voted yes for war, but against subsequent funding for the troops. "We need a president who will back our troops 100 percent, and that's exactly what we've got in George W. Bush," the vice president said.

Kerry is even or slightly ahead of President Bush in many pre-convention polls. At the same time, a new Washington Post-ABC poll showed that more than half those surveyed said they knew only a little or hardly at all about the Massachusetts senator's positions on issues.

## Man at work



(Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS)

Doug Pollard of Pampa builds a brick planter in the 2100 block of Zimmers. Pollard says he creates a variety of brick structures for friends and others.

## Taxpayers

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ance and lease management practices and ineffective state oversight.

State Sen. Steve Ogden, R-Bryan and chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, points to another problem, "a temptation toward cronyism, favoritism and outright corruption when you let a bureaucrat award a contract to people with a profit motive."

On the cronyism score, Gov. Rick Perry is not setting a sterling example: His office recently helped the wife of a lobbyist with links to the governor get

a state job that pays \$40,000 a year for 30 hours a week of work. The job was not posted for other would-be applicants.

State Rep. Dianne White Delisi, R-Temple, has proposed requiring contractors to disclose information to the Texas Ethics Commission and to have the attorney general review all state contracts worth at least \$50 million before they are signed. Her bill got nowhere last year, but it deserves serious consideration when lawmakers meet in January.

However, while the attorney general's office can provide a solid legal review and a check on cronyism, it cannot guarantee expertise on the type

of work the contract calls for designing computer software, for example, or administering a health program.

Experts in state government management warn that it is important not only that a state agency negotiate a good contract but that it is relentless in ensuring that the contractor meets its terms after signing. In both negotiating and monitoring, state leaders should ensure that the agencies have enough people to do the job right and are paid enough that the agencies don't serve simply as training ground for the contractors to hire from.

Taxpayers need their own pit bulls at the table.

## Kerry

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warnings and the lack of anticipation of Iraqi resistance, Bush still holds a big lead on terror-related issues. All the negative press has really been positive for Bush, because it ratifies his strength as the issue.

At his convention, Kerry has a chance to turn the national debate to the domestic-policy issues on which he holds a lead.

He can warn about the budget deficit, convince voters that Social Security and Medicare are in jeopardy, attack Bush's prescription-

drug plan as inadequate and say the recovery has failed to make the lives of individual Americans any better.

In doing so, he could bank on his ability to increase the saliency of these issues and seek to turn the election back to turf on which he holds a natural partisan advantage.

But, in focusing on these peacetime issues, Kerry implicitly cedes the terror issue to Bush.

He fails to make the case that he is up to handling the al Qaeda threat and does nothing to reinforce his credentials as a leader in a time of international crisis.

Revisiting his Vietnam War record won't do enough to bolster the credentials he

needs. He has to weigh in on today's terror issues and show he is up to the job.

Yet the more he talks about terror, 9/11, Iraq or any of these national-security issues, the more he ratifies them as the key questions on which the election must turn.

But he can't hope to match Bush's proficiency here — and his attempts to do so will likely just elevate the centrality of these issues in the voters' minds.

Kerry has to use the convention, essentially, to turn back the clock to the pre-9/11 days and focus the election of 2004 on the same questions over which the election of 2000 was fought.

Yet to do so, he has to

swim uphill against the current. The recent release of the 9/11 report, four days before the Democratic Convention opens, makes it harder than ever to swing attention back to John Kerry's issues.

For Kerry to gain, he has got to introduce other issues into the national agenda. That has to be the goal of his convention.

## Letter

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God" wouldn't lie, and if he did it would be for their own good.

Regardless of how many families are broken up by loss of loved ones and how long we stay in Iraq, when we leave there will be a civil war and a theocracy (leader-

ship by the church/religious leaders) will control that country. When that happens, the oil companies and Halliburton will be thrown out, and remember the Bush family is heavily involved with the oil companies and in bed with the Saudis.

By the way, I have a personal ax to grind in all this lying. I have one grandson in Iraq now and another will soon be sent there. I spent 20

years in the National Guard. I got out in 1974. Early in the Vietnam War, I was a hawk, but after 50,000 of our troops were killed, I realized how our Democratic government was lying to us. Now this Republican administration is doing it to us all over again. When will we get elected representatives we can trust?

C. Calvin Lacy  
Pampa

accepting genocide or religious tyranny. If we say fighting back is never warranted, then we are likely to see Middle Eastern history multiplied, with churches turned into mosques and evangelism prohibited.

Peaceful paths may still be possible, but Buckner's

conclusion is right: "If we care about the survival of Christians in areas where they are most under attack, more of us will have to step out of that nice comfortable house with a swimming pool and air conditioning, and get involved in something thousands of miles away."

## Sudan

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sion continues? This is hard, but we have to realize that turning the other cheek to individual, personal offenses is not the same as

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THE PAMPA NEWS COMICS

# Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: Last weekend, I gave my hairdresser, "Zelda," an especially generous tip. She had done a particularly good job and I thought she deserved it.

The next time I visited Zelda, she charged me a higher price to include the amount I had tipped her. I paid the bill without disputing it, and now she expects that much every time. I feel taken advantage of. In addition, if Zelda isn't there when I need an appointment and I use another hairdresser, I am asked how much I pay Zelda before I'm told how much I owe. I have heard them charge other customers a smaller fee.

I'm annoyed and upset, but I don't know what to do about it. I like the job Zelda does, so I don't want to switch. I just wish I had never been so generous.

—PULLING MY HAIR OUT IN L.A.

**DEAR PULLING YOUR HAIR OUT:** Bald may be beautiful, but pulling your hair out isn't the answer. Having a frank discussion with Zelda and clearing the air is. Prices for services should be posted — or available upon request — so customers know what they're expected to pay.

To tip for exceptional service is the correct and accepted thing to do. For Zelda to have then added that tip to her regular fee was presumptuous. Since you don't want to change hairdressers, you may have to tolerate being "clipped." However, if I were you, I'd start asking women whose hair I admire whom they're patronizing and what they are being charged. The beauty business is competitive, and you might be pleasantly surprised.

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DEAR ABBY: You sometimes offer advice to women who have

trouble meeting eligible men. You suggest they do volunteer work, get involved in church groups, etc.

Well, I have a suggestion for another good "hunting ground." Years ago, I worked at the chamber of commerce in a large Midwestern city. While paid staff did the "heavy lifting," dozens of members worked on committees, special events and other civic activities.

Our female assistants were continuously interacting with young company executives, hard-working, civic-minded guys with good jobs and great potential. I recall several romances that deprived us of good female staff when the woman left to marry some committee volunteer.

So, Abby, consider suggesting to your readers that they look in that direction -- chambers of commerce, manufacturing associations, any civic organization that relies on a lot of volunteer participation from its members. Not only will they have a job doing something worthwhile, they'll be brought into frequent contact with potential partners.

—CUPID IN SAN DIEGO

**DEAR CUPID:** Thank you! Those are terrific suggestions, and I'll add them to my collection. I'll bet your arrows strike a few bull's-eyes today.

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**FROM MY COLLECTION OF LIMERICKS:**

A quiet young lady called Snookie  
At betting was quite a smart cookie.

Before every race  
She went home to her place  
And curled up with a very good bookie.

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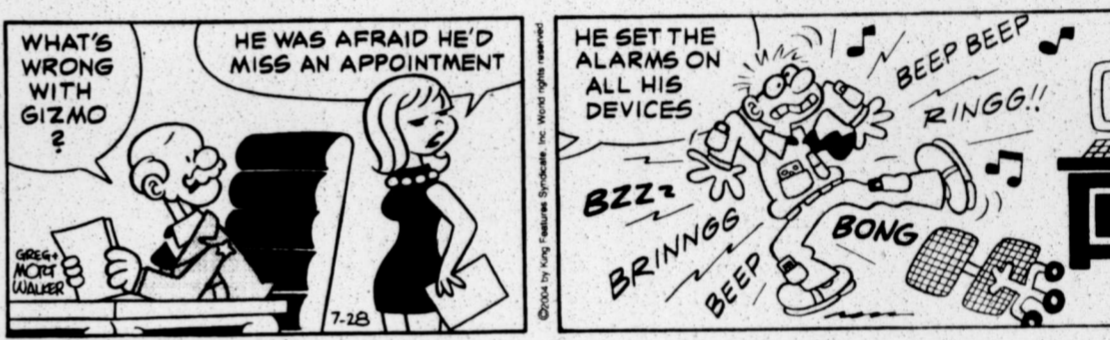
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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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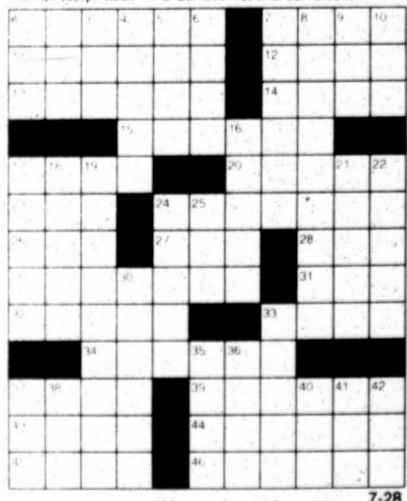
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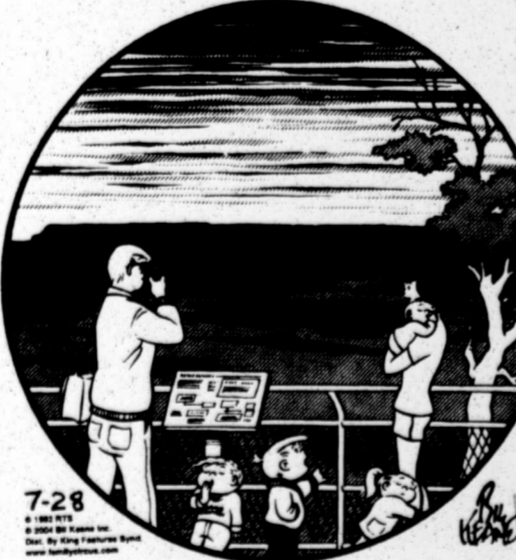
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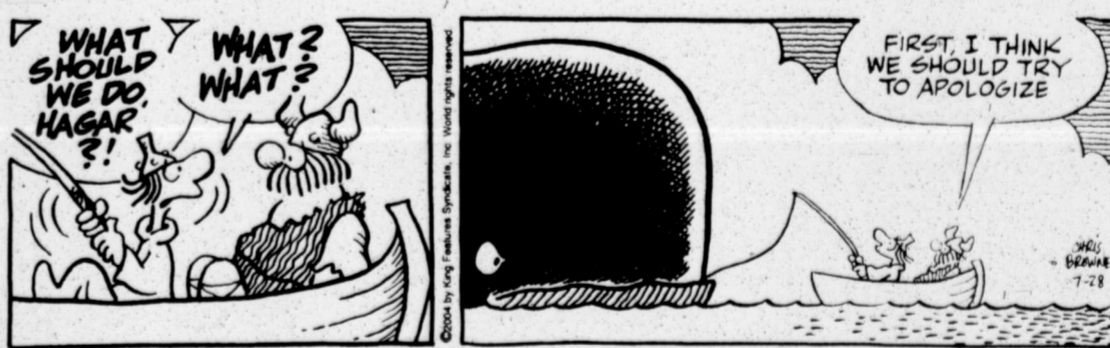


"After we see the sunrise, THEN can we all go back to bed?"

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## Maddux

By THOMAS JOSEPH

National Greg Maddux... on 300 wins

The Chicago Cubs in 1998, will face the Sunday.

"That was 300 where Dusty Baker..."

The 38-year-old first National since Philadelphia in 1983.

Maddux get through

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By ARNOLD KLUG

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# Sports Day

## Maddux one win away from 300, Sheffield's 400th homer leads to Yankee win

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

### National League

Greg Maddux has always relied on efficiency. He's not wasting any time closing in on 300 wins, either.

The Chicago Cubs right-hander won his third consecutive start Tuesday night, earning career win No. 299 with a 7-1 victory in Milwaukee.

Maddux, who began his career with the Cubs in 1986 and rejoined them last off-season, will try to become the 22nd major league pitcher to win 300 games when he faces the Phillies at Wrigley Field on Sunday.

"That would be great, to hopefully win 300 where he started," Chicago manager Dusty Baker said.

The 38-year-old Maddux would be the first National Leaguer to accomplish the feat since Philadelphia's Steve Carlton on Sept. 23, 1983.

Maddux (10-7) needed only 79 pitches to get through six innings against the slumping

Brewers, allowing one run and four hits. He struck out six and walked one in a game that lasted just 2 hours, 30 minutes.

Typical. But he shied away from the attention that will accompany his attempt to join the exclusive club.

"It's not about me. It's about us doing what we can to get into the postseason," Maddux said.

"Let's just stay focused on what we have to do as a team. The last thing that I want to be is just any kind of distraction."

In other NL games, it was: New York 4, Montreal 2; Pittsburgh 8, Atlanta 4; Florida 5, Philadelphia 2; St. Louis 6, Cincinnati 0;

Houston 10, Arizona 3; Colorado 7, Los Angeles 2; and San Francisco 6, San Diego 4.

### American League

Gary Sheffield's 400th home run helped the New York Yankees overcome the loss of yet another thirty something starter.

This time Orlando Hernandez left with a hamstring injury, but the visiting Yankees hit four more homers — including Jorge Posada's three-run shot in the eighth — to beat the Toronto Blue Jays 7-4 on Tuesday night.

The 38-year-old Hernandez, on the disabled list all last season with Montreal, was

making his fourth start for the Yankees because Kevin Brown, 39, and Mike Mussina, 35, were on the disabled list with various injuries.

Also, spot starter Tanyon Sturtze, 34, injured his right pinky in the brawl with Boston on Saturday and will miss his next scheduled outing.

"I don't even want to think about it. We've been lucky," manager Joe Torre said.

"There's not a whole lot of skilled involved. We've been able to dance around this thing right now, but you certainly don't want to make a living doing that."

The Yankees keep on winning, though, thanks mostly to home runs. On Tuesday night, Alex Rodriguez homered on his 29th birthday and Bernie Williams also connected to help New York push its major league-leading homer total to 153.

Sheffield's homer in the ninth made it 7-2.

"This means everything because I never thought I'd reach 400 home runs," Sheffield said. "I was just hoping to get 100."

*'It's not about me. It's about us doing what we can to get into the postseason. Let's just stay focused on what we have to do as a team. The last thing that I want to be is just any kind of distraction.'*

— Greg Maddux  
Pitcher, Chicago Cubs

## Packers VP dead at 54

By ARNIE STAPLETON  
The Associated Press

Mark Hatley, the Green Bay Packers' vice president of football operations, has died at age 54.

The cause of his death wasn't known, and the Brown County medical examiner didn't return a call from The Associated Press.

Hatley was second in command behind coach and general manager Mike Sherman on personnel matters in Green Bay, where he was responsible for overseeing the team's scouting efforts.

"Today, the Green Bay Packers not only lost a valuable member of its team but also a trusted and loyal friend," Sherman said in a statement he read at team headquarters late Tuesday. "Mark Hatley loves his family, he loved his friends and he loved football."

"He lived each day completely, filling each with his

enthusiasm and passion for life and those in it. We should all be so fortunate to live like he did. He will be missed by many."

Hatley's agent, Bob LaMonte, said he received a call from Sherman on Tuesday morning informing him of Hatley's death overnight.

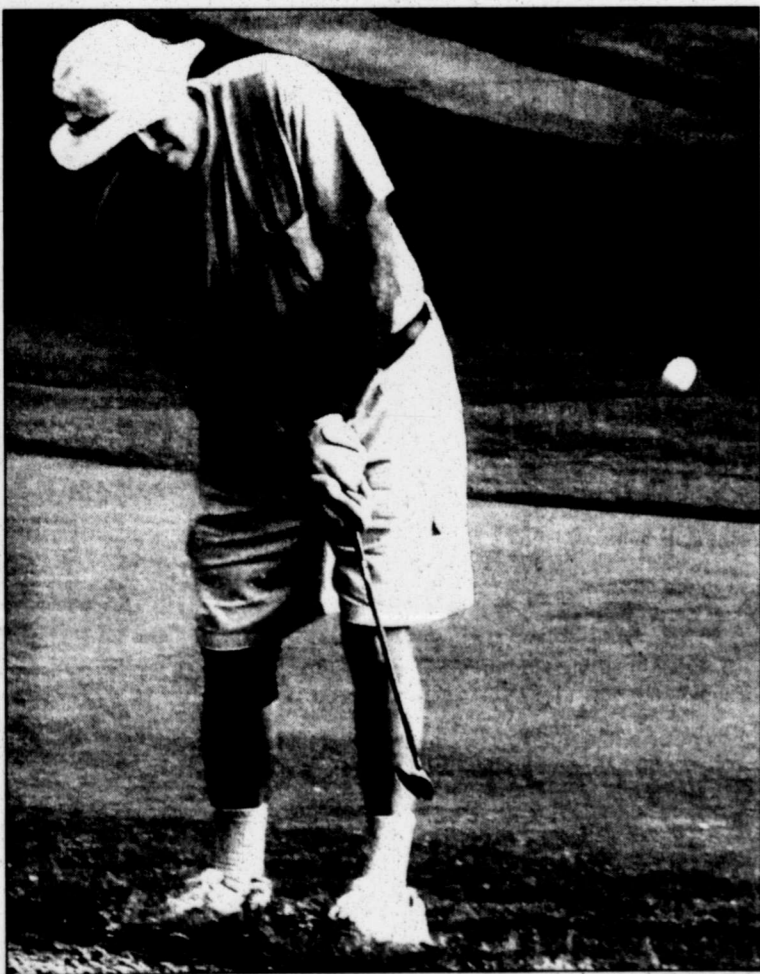
Hatley joined the Packers in May 2001 after a four-year stint in Chicago, where he drafted back-to-back rookies of the year in Brian Urlacher and Anthony Thomas in 2000 and '01.

Hatley was known as a tireless worker who spent countless hours in the film room scouting college talent.

Mike Acker of Borger, who grew up with Hatley, was surprised by the death.

"I don't know if he ever had a better friend, but I know I didn't," Acker said in a story in Wednesday's Amarillo Globe-News. "We were just two guys who clicked from the very beginning."

## Feeling chipper



Pampa News photo by BEN BRISCOE

Roy Morriss, of Pampa, uses his pitching wedge to bring this ball out of the rough on the fringe of the fairway, just slightly overshooting the green.

## TSSCT Leaders after first round

Standings after the first round of match and stroke play from the 70th annual Tri-State Senior Championship Tournament at the Pampa Country Club are as follows:	First- (tie) Scott Mack	80
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	Third- (tie) Grover Wade	81
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<b>Championship Flight-</b>		
First- George Bebbe	73	
Second- Tommy Wilson	75	
Third (tie) Duane Pittman	76	
Third- (tie) Jay Sherrard	76	
Fifth- Merle Terrell	77	
<b>Presidents Flight-</b>		
First- (tie) Roy Hartman	80	
	First- John Pettit	76
	Second- Frank Howell	80
	Third- Gene Hall	83
	Fourth- Gerald Creasy	85
	Fifth- Ken Pierce	86
	The second round of match and stroke play teed off this morning. Stroke play gets underway Thursday.	

## NFL TRAINING CAMPS OPEN

# Woodson, Mobley given early releases

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Rod Woodson and John Mobley are looking for work.

The Oakland Raiders released Woodson on Tuesday after the 11-time Pro Bowl defensive back failed his physical, and the Denver Broncos cut Mobley after the former All-Pro linebacker also flunked a physical.

While the old stars were leaving, former University of Miami teammates Sean Taylor and Jonathan Vilma signed their first NFL contracts. Taylor, a safety drafted fifth overall, signed with the Washington Redskins, and Vilma, a linebacker taken with the No. 12 pick, agreed to terms with the New York Jets.

The 39-year-old Woodson made the Pro Bowl 11 times at three positions — cornerback, safety and kick returner. He had a chronic left knee injury, finished last season on injured reserve and had surgery in December.

"Rod Woodson is one of the greatest defensive backs to ever play the game," Raiders coach Norv Turner said. "He has been a leader on and off the field."

Woodson played 11 seasons for Pittsburgh, one for San Francisco, four with Baltimore — helping the Ravens win the 2001 Super Bowl — and two with the Raiders. He was voted to the NFL's 75th anniversary team and the all-decade team for the 1990s.

A call to Woodson's agent, Eugene Parker, was not immediately returned.

The 31-year-old Mobley injured his neck last season. He and the Broncos held out hope he might be able to return once the injury heals.

"You have to release him to get down to the maximum number of players you can have on the team," coach Mike Shanahan said. "It doesn't mean we don't want John

Mobley back on our football team. If six months to a year from now he feels like he is ready to go, then we will assess him then."

Taylor became the highest draft pick to sign so far this year, even though he fired his agent shortly after the draft and didn't hire new ones until last week. He agreed to a seven-year, \$18 million contract with the Redskins.

"I'm real happy to have all the business stuff out of the way and all the agent issues out of the way and get back to football," Taylor said.

With Vilma's signing, the Jets have got their top draft choice into camp on time for the seventh straight season. His agents flew to New York three days ago and negotiated all day Sunday and Monday, reaching an agreement in principle late Monday.

"I'm here, I'm ready to go," Vilma said.

Philadelphia and Atlanta also signed first-round picks. Former Arkansas offensive lineman Shawn Andrews — the No. 16 pick — agreed to a six-year contract with the Eagles, and former Ohio State receiver Michael Jenkins — the No. 28 pick — signed with the Falcons.

Also, Super Bowl champion New England placed linebacker Rosevelt Colvin on the physically unable to perform list, and Dallas waived Chad Hutchinson, ending the Cowboys' attempt to turn the former major league pitcher into a starting quarterback. Colvin, who missed most of last year because of a broken left hip, could still be activated for the start of the regular season.

Minnesota signed Brock Lesnar, better known to World Wrestling Entertainment fans as "The Next Big Thing." The 6-foot-3, 286-pound Lesnar, an NCAA heavyweight wrestling champion at Minnesota, has not played football since high school.

*'Rod Woodson is one of the greatest defensive backs to ever play the game. He has been a leader on and off the field.'*

— Norv Turner  
Coach, Oakland Raiders

## North 51, South 25 in Texas High School All Star Game

HOUSTON (AP) — Rhett Bomar will cross over to the other side of the Red River soon. Probably not soon enough for the Oklahoma Sooners.

Bomar tied a record with four touchdowns and Brendan Pahulu had two interceptions that set up scoring drives, leading the North All-Stars over the South 51-25 on Tuesday night in the Texas High School Coaches Association All-Star game.

Bomar, an Oklahoma signee and one of the nation's top three quarterback recruits, was the runaway winner of the game's offensive MVP honors after completing 12 of 15 passes for 214 yards.

"I came out here to represent Oklahoma pretty good," Bomar said. "I think I did alright. Hopefully they're excited."

The standout from Grand Prairie High School led the North to scores on five of his six possessions, dazzling

the crowd with his strong arm and deft touch downfield. Three of the touchdown passes were to Nathan Jones.

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— Rhett Bomar  
QB, All Star MVP

Bomar also equaled Houston Sam Houston quarterback Robert Armstrong's all-star game record, set in 1971, for touchdown throws.

Jones, a Texas recruit and Texarkana

Texas product, finished with six receptions for 139 yards. Jones tied Pasadena's Bryan Willingham for the game's touchdown receptions mark, also set in 1971.

Pahulu, a linebacker from Eules Trinity, made it a sweep for the North, winning top defensive honors.

The game was held in conjunction with the 72nd annual Texas High School Coaches Association's coaching school, conducted this week in Houston. The contest features 70 high school standouts from across the state and is the highlight of the coaching school.

The 76 points and 884 total offensive yards between both teams set all-star game records, and Bomar played the biggest role in the offensive fireworks.

"He's got a tremendous deep ball," said North coach Todd Dodge, also head of Southlake, Carroll's program.

## Palmer wins silver medals

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS  
Sports Editor

Wendell Palmer of Pampa captured five silver medals in triple digit heat over the weekend.

Palmer competed in the 70-74 age division of the Texas Maters Track and Field meet held at Coppell High School.

Palmer took medals in the Hammer, Discus, Javelin, Weight Throw, Weight Pentathlon and Shot Put.

Former Dallas Cowboy strength and conditioning coach Bob Ward bested Palmer in the Hammer Throw by setting a new world record at 171 feet. He also won the Weight Pentathlon.

Palmer next competes at the National Masters Track and Field Meet in Deatur, Ill., August 5-8.

## PHS gridiron reminder

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.

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# Tuesday's Major League Baseball box scores

**By The Associated Press**  
**AMERICAN LEAGUE**  
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Knotts, DPatterson (3), Bonderman (5), JWalker (7), Urbina (8) and IRodriguez; Sabathia, Betancourt (7), Riske (8), Wickman (9) and VMartinez. W—Sabathia 7-5. L—Knotts 5-6. HRs—Detroit, RoWhite (14), Cleveland, Crisp (7), Broussard (7).

Kansas City 010 000 100 — 2 7 1  
 Tampa Bay 102 200 01x — 6 10 0

May, Seanez (6), Cerda (7), Sullivan (8) and Buck; Brazelton, Harper (7), DBaez (9) and THall. W—Brazelton 3-3. L—May 7-11. HRs—Kansas City, Randa (3), Tampa Bay, THall (6).

New York 001 000 042 — 7 7 0  
 Toronto 001 001 002 — 4 13 1

OHernandez, Padilla (3), Heredia (5), Prinz (6), Proctor (7), Gordon (8) and Posada; Lilly, Frederick (7), Lichtenberg (8), Speier (8), Nakamura (9) and Zau. W—Proctor 1-0. L—Lichtenberg 1-3. Sv—Gordon (3). HRs—New York, BWilliams (12), Sheffield (21), ARodriguez (25), Posada (13), Toronto, VWells (11), Hinske (9).

Minnesota 000 031 003 — 7 10 0  
 Chicago 000 000 102 — 3 4 0

Santana, JRincon (7), Romero (8), Roa (9) and LeCroy, HBlanco (8); FGarcia, Marte (8), MJackson (9) and BDavis. W—

Santana 9-6. L—FGarcia 8-9. HRs—Chicago, CaLee 2 (19), CEverett (2).

Seattle 100 000 200 — 3 9 1  
 Oakland 020 110 01x — 5 7 0

RFranklin, Sherrill (8), Hasegawa (8) and Olivo; MRedman, RRincon (7), Lehr (8), Mecir (8), Dotel (9) and Melhuse. W—MRedman 7-8. L—RFranklin 3-9. Sv—Dotel (6). HRs—Seattle, Leone (4), Oakland, EChavez (17), Crosby (15).

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Regilio, Benoit (6), Mahay (8) and Barajas; Colon, FRodriguez (8), Percival (9) and JMolina. W—Colon 9-8. L—Regilio 0-1. Sv—Percival (16).

**NATIONAL LEAGUE**  
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Byrd, Gryboski (7), Mcconnell (8), JuCruz (8) and JEstrada; KWells, Gonzalez (7), STorres (8), Mesa (9) and Kendall. W—Gonzalez 3-0. L—Gryboski 1-2. HRs—Atlanta, JEstrada (5), Pittsburgh, Kendall (3).

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Marquis, Calero (8), Haren (9) and YMolina; Lidle, RWagner (6), PNorton (8) and Valentin. W—Marquis 11-4. L—Lidle 6-9. HRs—St. Louis, Edmonds (26),

RSanders (17).

Arizona 000 000 030 — 3 6 1  
 Houston 113 140 00x — 10 12 0

EGonzalez, Sparks (5), Koplove (8) and Brito; Oswalt, Bullinger (8), Harville (8) and RChavez. W—Oswalt 10-8. L—EGonzalez 0-3. HRs—Houston, AEverett 2 (8), JKent (12), Bagwell (14).

New York 000 003 100 — 4 9 2  
 Montreal 000 101 000 — 2 10 0

TGlavine, DeJean (7), Stanton (8), Looper (9) and JPhillips; Day, Vargas (7), Horgan (9), Ayala (9) and EDiaz, Schneider (9). W—TGlavine 8-8. L—Day 5-10. Sv—Looper (21). HR—New York, Cameron (18).

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 Milwaukee 000 001 000 — 1 6 1

Maddux, Leicester (7), Mercker (7), Farnsworth (9) and Bako, Barrett (9); BSheets, Burba (8), JBennett (9) and Moeller. W—Maddux 10-7. L—BSheets 9-8. HRs—Chicago, TWalker (12), SSosa (21), Milwaukee, Branyan (1).

Philadelphia 000 000 200 — 2 7 1  
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Wolf, Cormier (7), RHernandez (8) and Lieberthal; Pavano, JManzanillo (9) and Redmond. W—Pavano 11-4. L—Cormier 4-4. Sv—JManzanillo (1). HR—Florida, Lowell (22).



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## Southpaw pitch

Norman Sublett, a left-handed golfer, pitches his ball close to the pin at the Tri-state Senior Golf Tournament at the Pampa Country Club on Tuesday.

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**Okur signs big-bucks deal with Jazz**

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Mehmet Okur signed a six-year, \$50 million deal to join the Utah Jazz. The Turkish center signed the deal three days short of the deadline the Detroit Pistons had to match Utah's offer. But knowing they wouldn't be able to come up with the money, the Pistons let Okur go early.

## Okafor sprains ankle

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) — Emeka Okafor's sprained ankle and Tim Duncan's absence from a practice put a spotlight on the U.S. Olympic team's lack of frontcourt depth. "Yeah, I worry, but hopefully it's not anything real bad," coach Larry Brown said. "If it is, we've got to go to the (selection) pool."

X-rays on Okafor's right ankle were negative, and the former Connecticut star was to be re-evaluated Wednesday. He landed awkwardly and turned his ankle during a drill about an hour after practice began during the second day of the training camp.

Duncan felt ill and had a slight fever, prompting trainers to have him skip the morning session of the team's two-a-day practices. He participated in the entire evening practice, a team spokesman said.

The absence of the two left power forwards Carlos Boozer and Amare Stoudemire as the only big men. Okafor is the U.S. team's only true center, although Duncan is expected to man that position for long stretches during the Olympics.

Even at full strength, the Americans will be at a disadvantage in terms of size and bulk against several opponents, a deficiency that should be exposed the next two weeks in exhibition games against Puerto Rico, Italy, Germany and Serbia and Montenegro.

The U.S. team has several versatile players who can play several positions, but the Americans also might have to use Lamar Odom and/or Shawn Marion at power forward.

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### Winning hand

Tony Santacruz and Wendel Wiinkleblack at the Fourth Annual David Luedecke Memorial Poker Run held recently at Top O' Texas Rodeo Grounds in Pampa. During the poker run, Santacruz won the 100 percent payback hand which totaled \$1,020. He turned around and donated half of his award to the David Luedecke Memorial Fund. Proceeds from the event benefited Tralee Crisis Center and Khiva and Pampa Shrine Club.

### More North Koreans defect to South Korea

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — The second wave in the biggest mass defection of North Koreans to South Korea arrived Wednesday on a flight from an unidentified Southeast Asian country, bringing the total in the two-day airlift to nearly 460.

The group of 227 North Koreans arrived at Incheon International Airport on a chartered Korean Air plane arranged by the South Korean government, South Korea's Yonhap news agency said.

South Korean government officials have been reluctant to confirm the arrival of the North Koreans and have declined to reveal which country they are coming from, but news reports said that 230 arrived Tuesday.

A trickle of defectors to the South has grown into a steady stream in recent years as more North Koreans flee hunger and repression in their communist country, mostly fleeing across its long border with China before heading to other countries.

Human rights groups have said that hundreds of North Koreans were living in Vietnam, Thailand, Cambodia and other Southeast Asian countries, and were eager to travel to South Korea.

The government has barred reporters from covering the arrival of the defectors. But television footage captured from afar Tuesday showed the first group arriving and then being swiftly taken away in five buses.

The government typically puts defectors through a month of questioning before giving them a two-month orientation course on how to make their way in their new capitalist home.

### Costa Rican police officer kills himself, three others

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica (AP) — A job dispute turned into a deadly standoff when a Costa Rican policeman apparently distraught over an impending job transfer killed himself and three of the 10 hostages he had taken at the Chilean embassy.

A seven-hour standoff ended Tuesday after police — along with the wife and

curtains in one embassy window in a signal requested by police. It was unclear at what point he shot himself and the others.

Six other embassy employees were found safe, but hiding in the building. It appeared they had survived by locking themselves in another room.

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*'This is a  
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At least  
two of the  
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hostage were  
Chilean citizens.

They police entered the building and found the embassy secretary Roberto Nieto, Consul Cristian Jimenez, 54, bleeding to death, and three hostages dead of gunshot wounds.

Each of the hostages had been shot at least twice.

"The police controlled the situation as soon as we arrived, but everything indicates that the victims were killed right at the start," Ramos said. "This is a tragedy, these were terrible acts."

Jimenez had shot himself in the chin, and later died of that wound.

However, for hours before, Jimenez had moved

were tentatively identified as embassy secretary Roberto Nieto, Consul Cristian Jimenez, 54, bleeding to death, and cultural attache secretary Rocio Sariego. Three Costa Rican and one Nicaraguan employee were assumed to be among the survivors.

In Santiago, the Chilean capital, Foreign Minister Soledad Alvear said his government had authorized the police entry to the embassy after being convinced there was no way to convince the police officer to surrender.

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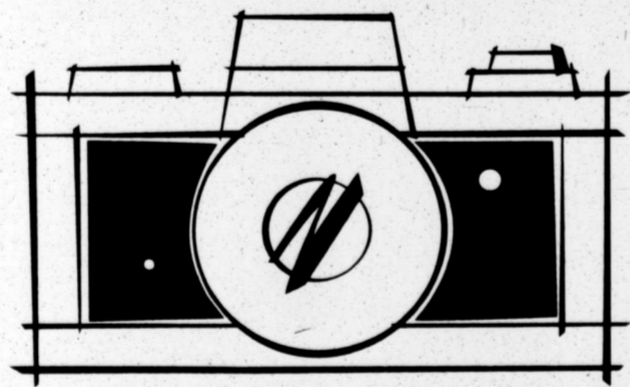
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