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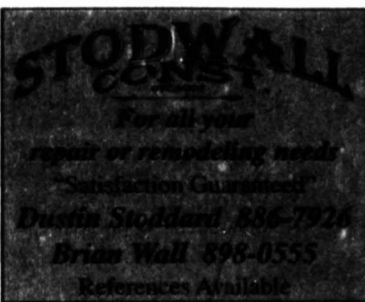


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NEWS

Shootings erupt in Pampa

Investigation continues in two incidents

BY MARIHYN POWERS
 STAFF WRITER

One man remains in intensive care today after surgery to treat at least four gunshot wounds he suffered yesterday evening in Pampa. A 911 caller reported the gunshot victim to police just as occupants of a vehicle were being arrested at another location. The four were arrested as the result of a report of shots fired at the intersection of East Frederic and Tignor streets.

Several callers reported that shots were fired at around 5:02 p.m. at Frederic and Tignor, and that a green sport utility vehicle was involved, according to Pampa Police Lt. Fred Courtney in a press release.

"As officers entered the general area, a green SUV was spotted. The vehicle had four people in it," Courtney said in the release.

The vehicle, a 1999 Chevrolet Suburban bearing Kansas license tag RKS017, would not yield to officers when they attempted to stop it, he said. A pursuit ensued, with Officer Joey Williams in the lead, which lasted five to seven minutes, "taking officers into the county and back into the city," Courtney said, and traveling from Frederic and Tignor to Danziger Railroad Crossing and then to Browning and Harvester avenues. The speed of the pursuit varied from slow to fast, he said, and involved both police and Gray County Sheriff's deputies, with six officers from each agency.

At one point during the pursuit, emergency radio traffic reported a speed of more than 60 miles per hour on Harvester.

Deputies forced the driver of the



(Pampa News photo by Dee Dee Laramore)

Emergency workers transport a gunshot victim from a front yard in the 1100 block of Garland Wednesday evening. The victim's identity had not been released at press time today.

Suburban to a stop in the 500 block of Lowry Street, and the four occupants were arrested and booked into Gray County Jail. Each was charged with evading arrest with a vehicle, deadly conduct, and money laundering over \$3,000 and under \$20,000. A large amount of money was found in the vehicle, along with ammunition for three different caliber of handguns, according to a police department spokesperson. Further details on the amount of money found was not available at press time today.

Two handguns were recovered by law enforcement officers from along the side of the road traveled by the

green Suburban, according to the news release.

As the four were being taken into custody, the 911 call was received on a shooting victim at 1112 Garland. Precinct 2 Constable Chris Lockridge was first to arrive at the scene, and found a Hispanic male lying in the front yard of the residence suffering from at least four gunshot wounds.

The gunshot victim was taken directly to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo, where he underwent surgery last night for the gunshots. He remains in intensive care as of press time today, officials said. The identity of (See SHOOTINGS, Page 3)



(Pampa News photo)

Gray County Sheriff's Deputy Morse Burroughs prepares a Chevrolet Tahoe before it is towed.

Teens get summer cut to help others

BY BEN BRISCOE
 PAMPA NEWS INTERN



(Pampa News photo by Ben Briscoe)

Ramirez and Voyles hold up the "locks of love" they're donating to "Locks of Love," a non-profit program that provides wigs for children.

Sonya Voyles and Raquel Ramirez, recent Pampa High School graduates, walked up to the building with hesitation. As they looked through the glass door and saw the row of five tan barber chairs, both knew there was no turning back. In just under one agonizing hour, Voyles and Ramirez each shed 14 inches of hair for the Locks of Love program, which uses donated human hair to make wigs for children who have lost theirs for one reason or another.

"I'm excited and nervous at the same time, because I haven't had short hair since the 7th grade, but I know I will be helping someone in need out," Voyles said, as she entered the building. "That makes me feel really good." After the first chop of the

scissors, Ramirez was not sure what to think of the new hair style.

"My head's a lot lighter. I really don't feel naked without it, but I feel a little bit like I am missing part of myself," she said.

Voyles, on the other hand, was happy with the results.

"I think I've lost a pound and a half. It's a great diet," Voyles said. "I love my new short hair."

Although the reactions were mixed, both would agree the cut came as a symbolic change for them.

"We're starting a new chapter in our lives. Both of us are heading to Amarillo College in the fall and this is helping to usher us into the change of leaving high school," Voyles said.

Voyles was introduced to Locks of Love in February of (See HAIR, Page 3)

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Troopers find 104 pounds of marijuana in pickup

By MARILYN POWERS
STAFF WRITER

Two Moore, Okla., residents remain in Gray County Jail today in lieu of bond after 104 pounds of marijuana was found in the rear

quarter panels of the 1997 Chevrolet pickup they were driving.

Eric Amid Colon, 42, and Amy Michelle Reed, 32, both of Moore, Okla., were charged with possession of marijuana over 50 pounds and under 2,000 pounds, a second-degree

felony. Bond on the charge was set at \$50,000 each, according to a jail spokesperson. Reed was also wanted on three bond forfeitures of \$5,000 each, all on charges of prostitution in Oklahoma, according to the spokesperson.

A Texas Department of Public Safety trooper

stopped the two at about 8:30 a.m. yesterday on Interstate 40 near McLean for speeding and a defective stop lamp. They gave verbal consent to search the vehicle, and the trooper discovered the marijuana, said a DPS spokesperson.

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SHOOTINGS

the victim has not been released pending notification of family members, according to a police department spokesperson.

Police Detectives Stephanie Raymond and Connie Lockridge have been to Amarillo to attempt to interview the victim, and plan to renew that attempt today, the spokesperson said.

Witnesses at the scene where the victim was found said at least three persons entered the house before several shots were heard coming from the house, according to the press release. The three, all of whom are believed to be Hispanic, were seen leaving in a blue GMC Yukon immediately after the shots were fired.

"Investigators are pursuing leads connected with the blue Yukon," Courtney said in the news release. "Investigators are trying to piece together the story of how and why this person was shot. Details are sketchy partially because of a language barrier."

Neighbors in the 1100 block of Garland said they heard what they believed were three shots from an air rifle shortly before the injured man was discovered in the yard. They said the victim and others had been working on the house earlier that day.

A woman who did not identify herself that arrived at the scene on Garland Street after the shooting told a reporter that she had witnessed the shootings at Frederic and Barnes streets. She said she had seen the shooting victim, who she

knew by name, had been riding in the back of the white pickup now sitting in the driveway at the Garland Street residence. She said she had seen people in an SUV shooting at and chasing the white pickup at Frederic and Barnes.

Law enforcement officers had placed four orange cones around an area next to the street in front of the Garland Street residence which appeared to be marking possible evidence.

The incident involving the four persons in the Suburban and the incident involving the shooting victim are believed to have a connection, the police spokesperson said, due in part to the timing of each incident.

The four persons arrested in the incident involving the green Suburban are Juan Anaya, 30, Wichita, Kan.; and Rafael Estrada, 56, Armando Anaya, 29, and Darrell M. Perry, 24, all of Oklahoma City, Okla. Bond had not yet been set on any of the four as of press time today, and bond hearings concerning the four were expected to be held this afternoon, according to a jail spokesperson.

Police Detective Donny Brown and Gray County District Attorney Investigator Gary Henderson were to interview the four today.

No information was available as of press time today on whether the caliber of ammunition recovered from the shooting victim matched any of the ammunition found in the Suburban.

Editor Dee Dee Laramore contributed to this report.

HAIR

her junior year.

"I was 16 when I first heard of Locks of Love. My mom and I were watching TV about some special on a child with cancer," Voyles said. "My mother brought up Locks of Love while we were watching."

It wasn't but 10 months later when Voyles's mother, Barbara, would die of cancer herself.

"That's a big part of why I am doing this. My mom had always talked about how great the program was. Since she had cancer, she sympathized with it," Voyles said. "I think she would be really proud of me for going through with the donation."

When Voyles told the story of her mom and Locks of Love to Ramirez in their homeroom, Ramirez was quick to get involved.

"I had been wanting a change anyway, and I thought it sounded like a good cause. That is why I agreed to do it,"

Ramirez said.

Although she was happy about helping others, Ramirez had a hard time giving up her hair.

"It became part of my identity, and that is hard to get rid of," she said. "I'll cry myself to sleep tonight, but I'll get over it. I have no choice but to get over it. It is gone now."

Despite her difficulties she would still recommend the program to others with long hair.

"I think everyone should do it: your loss is someone else's gain and that makes up for it. Beside you can always grow it back, like I am going to do. At least go to their website locksoflove.com and check it out," she said.

For Voyles the difficulties were also well worth it.

"I'm losing my security blanket, but I don't need one anymore," she said. "It's a step towards growing up, and I needed that."



(Pampa News photo by Ben Briscoe)

Voyles expresses shock and sorrow when she sees her shorn locks for the first time.

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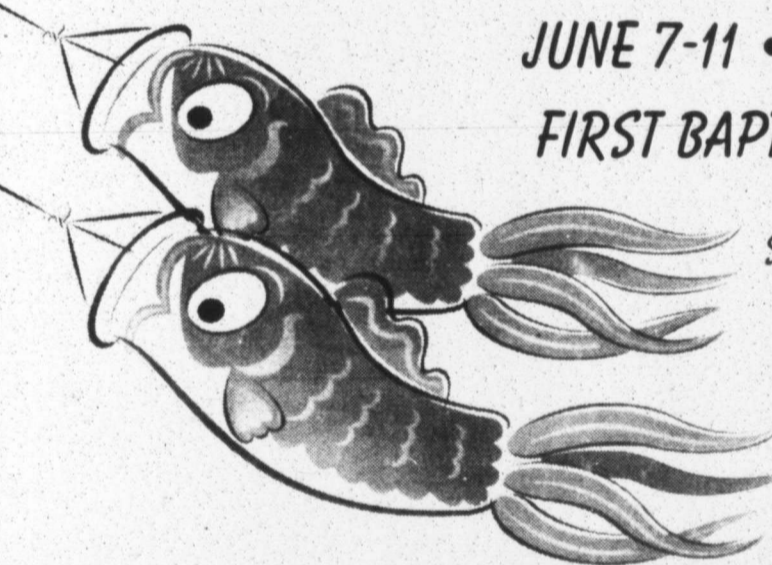
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Wednesday, June 2

3:39 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Pampa Regional Medical Center and transported a patient(s) to a local nursing facility.

4:22 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Hilton Road and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

5:16 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1300 block of Garland and transported a patient(s) to Northwest Texas Hospital, Amarillo.

11:06 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 100 block of South Russell and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

Thursday, June 3

3:26 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1100 block of Garland and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

It does take a village

To the editor,
 Mother, Dad, Grandparents, conservative folk — you too, Rush; please forgive me for what I'm writing? To quote Hillary, "It takes a village," it truly does. What I'm writing is from a generational viewpoint (my age group), so please, readers, don't feel maligned by my words and feel that you were "left out."

The "village" of Pampa has succeeded because of those people who chose to make Pampa their home, foregoing larger cities and in some cases, greater incomes. These people chose Pampa for it's way of life and a place to raise their families, or maybe their family business' needed continuation, or they saw an opportunity with Pampa that others passed on for "greener fields."

Pampa should be thankful for citizens — many, multi generational like Dr. Jay and Linda (Brumley) Johnson; the Franklin and McComas family, namely Larry Franklin and Mike and Jean (Franklin) McComas; Hal and Sue Cree; Jerry and Brenda (Duncan) Noles and Brian and Gail Duncan — sorry, Gail, I can't recall your married name; Mark and Vanessa (Arthur) Buzzard; Richard and Jane (Howard) Steele; Lee Waters; Doug Carmichael; Richard Stowers; Rick Roach; and yes, the list can be much longer. But, my point is that each and every one of these citizens have helped Pampa along by their service to the community as a taxpayer and employer, educator, philanthropist, or public servant. They have unselfishly given back to Pampa what was given to them — a village.

Dennis Palmitier
 Pampa

TODAY IN HISTORY

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Thursday, June 3, the 155th day of 2004. There are 211 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On June 3, 1963, Pope John XXIII died at age 81. He was succeeded by Pope Paul VI.

On this date:

In 1621, the Dutch West India Company received a charter for New Netherlands — now known as New York.

In 1808, Jefferson Davis — the first and only president of the Confederacy — was born in Christian County, Ky.

In 1888, the poem "Casey at the Bat," by Ernest Lawrence Thayer, was first published, in the San Francisco Daily Examiner.

In 1937, the Duke of Windsor, who had abdicated the British throne, married Wallis Warfield Simpson in Monts, France.

In 1948, the 200-inch reflecting telescope at the Palomar Mountain Observatory in California was dedicated.

In 1965, astronaut Edward White became the first American to "walk" in space, during the flight of Gemini 4.

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Drugs aren't always the answer

In an article recently unearthed from The Associated Press wire, researchers are fretting because, in their opinion, not enough mental illnesses are being treated either domestically or abroad. The researchers base this opinion on a study led, the AP said, by Harvard Medical School researcher Ronald Kessler.

This study, which AP reports was set to be published this week in the Journal of the American Medical Association, seems somewhat contradictory in the face of a quite different study reported on-line by WebMD Medical News.

In its article, WebMD reports that prescription drug use to treat depression and behavioral problems among children in the United States is significantly on the rise.

"Researchers found prescription drug spending for behavioral conditions, such as attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), depression, and autism," the WebMD article said, "rose by 77 (percent) between 2000 and 2003 due to both higher drug costs and wider use of these medications."

The report from WebMD went on to say more children are taking antidepressants and other drugs for a myriad of "behavioral conditions."

"Specifically," the WebMD article states, "spending on drugs to treat severe



SKYLA BRYANT
 NEWS EDITOR

behavioral conditions related to autism or conduct disorders such as ADHD rose a staggering 142 (percent) from 2000 to 2003 while the number of children on these drugs increased by more than 60 (percent).

"An even greater increase was found among young children aged 5 to 9 years old. Utilization of behavior drugs increased 85 (percent) among this age group while spending rose by 174 (percent)."

These facts I find extremely alarming, especially when coupled with yet another article — this one by Reuters posted recently on-line at CNN Science News — about antidepressant drug use in adults.

The focus of the Reuter's article is a new device by Aspect Medical Systems Inc. The device is being developed to help determine the effectiveness of certain antidepressants on individual patients. What I gathered from the text, and consequently found so disturbing, is that most adults are mere human guinea

pigs while being "tried-out" on virtually one medication after another.

"It can take months," Reuters reported, "even years, for a doctor to prescribe the best-performing antidepressant because people react differently to different drugs."

"Most antidepressants take at least two weeks to alleviate symptoms, creating a sometimes agonizing delay in determining how well a particular drug works."

And more and more of the nation's children are being prescribed these types of medications?

Aspect Medical's device isn't being hailed as an earth-shattering scientific breakthrough either. On the contrary, Reuters said "critics" likened such technology to "crude and inexact science."

Okay, back to the international study reported on by The Associated Press. AP said the study's researchers, astoundingly enough, discovered a high prevalence of depression and "mood disorders" in the Ukraine "where unemployment is rampant as the country struggles with westernization."

So ... people aren't allowed to be "depressed" and "moody" because their country is in an upheaval? Let's rush 'em some drugs.

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Triage applicable to any disaster

Imagine you're a head physician faced with a large-scale disaster such as the Sept. 11 attack on the World Trade Center, the Oklahoma City bombing or battlefield casualties. The first thing that must be acknowledged is that you have limited resources. That means treatment priorities must be set. This is the foundation for triage, a word from the French verb "trier," which means "to sort."

Some disaster victims are critically injured and require immediate treatment if they are to survive. Other victims are already dead, and others, though alive, are so severely injured that no degree of medical help will enable them to survive. Then, there are others who are injured and require medical attention, but they will not die if care is delayed.

It's a waste of resources to give medical attention to a victim who's going to die no matter what is done or to give medical attention to a victim who, though injured and requiring medical attention, won't die if care is delayed when to do so takes medical attention from a victim who will survive only if he's given immediate treatment. For efficient, not to mention humane, resource allocation, medical resources should first be spent on victims who will die if unattended but will survive if attended. Next, treat victims who will get better (or at least survive until more resources are available), and last, treat and give comfort to those who will die, even if attended.

Any doctor who'd say, "In the inter-



WALTER WILLIAMS
 COLUMNIST

est of fairness, I'm going to treat all victims equally or on a first-come, first-served basis or those who're nearest death" shouldn't be seen as compassionate and caring.

The triage principle is applicable to any disaster. When the average black high school graduate has an academic achievement level on par with that of a white seventh- or eighth-grader, and the achievement levels of white seventh- and eighth-graders are nothing to write home about, I think we can reasonably say black education is a disaster. As such, we might benefit from what could be called educational triage.

There's no question that black youngsters from female-headed and/or low- and moderate-income households can excel academically. Partial evidence is the achievement levels of black youngsters who attend private schools such as Marcus Garvey (Los Angeles), Marva Collins Preparatory (Cincinnati) and Ivy Leaf (Philadelphia) and public schools such as Frederick Douglass (New York). At these schools, nearly all students are at grade level and often several years above.

Educational triage would acknowl-

edge that there are black youngsters who cannot benefit academically no matter how many educational resources are spent on them. They have little or no family support. Their very presence in school, through disruptive and criminal behavior, makes education impossible for others. Spending resources on these youngsters is the educational equivalent of medical practitioners spending resources on disaster victims who'll die even if treated. These youngsters should be removed and not allowed to take resources from and make education impossible for those who do have a chance for academic achievement.

Some might suggest that the idea of educational triage represents a callous lack of concern for students most in need. But would that same argument make sense when there's a terrorist or battlefield disaster? In other words, would it also be seen as callous for doctors not to treat victims most in need — those who're going to die anyway? Efficiency criterion dictates that resources be allotted to those who can best use the resources as opposed to those who best need it.

By the way, there's another triage category that doctors won't own up to, and that's disaster victims who will survive only if they don't receive medical treatment. The educational equivalent of this category, where education victims are made worse off, is found in programs such as bilingual education and fuzzy math.

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Pampa Community Concert Association Presents "Live on Stage" 2004-05 concert series includes the following programs: Artie Shaw Legacy, Rhythm in Shoes; Southern Fried Jazz Band; and pianist Richard Glazier. For more information on any of these events, contact Ronnie Holmes, PCCA president, at 665-2631.

LECTURE SERIES

Harrington House Connoisseur Lecture Series will begin Tuesday, June 1 at Harrington House in Amarillo. "Couture Designers: Mrs. Harrington's Collection" will be showcased. Two identical lectures will be offered at 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. with each limited to 10 people. The series will be offered the first Tuesday of each month June through October. Regular hours of the house will not be scheduled on this day. For more information or for reservations (required), call (806) 374-5490.

ERICK SALES

The city of Erick, Okla., is planning a citywide garage sale Saturday, June 5. A list of the sales will be available at C&K Quickstop, Pucketts Grocery and Currell's.

ACT

The next ACT Assessment test will be administered nationwide Saturday, June 12. College-bound high school students must register for the college admissions exam by May 4, the postmark deadline. The late postmark deadline is May 21 and includes an extra fee. For more information, contact your high school counselor or go on-line to www.act.org.

**ERICKSON
MEMORIAL CONCERT**

The 15th annual Erickson Memorial Concert will be held at 7 p.m., Saturday, June 12, in the auditorium at Perryton High School, 1102 S. Jefferson, Perryton. The concert is free and open to the public. Rooster Morris and Eddie Collie will present a one-hour concert, performing songs considered authentic old-time western fiddle tunes.

WINE&CLAY FESTIVAL

Llano Estacado's Seventh Annual Wine & Clay Festival will be held Saturday and Sunday, June 12 and 13 at Llano Estacado Winery, 3.2 miles east of US87 on FM

1585. Demonstrations are planned throughout the day. Admission is free. Hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, and 12 noon-5 p.m., Sunday.

SWIM CLASSES

Gray County American Red Cross and the City of Pampa will be offering 30-minute swimming classes in two-week sessions throughout the summer. Class levels range from one all the way up to level five with one open to children between 3 and 5 years of age. The first two-week session will be offered between June 14 and 25. The second session is scheduled from July 12-23 and the third from Aug. 2-13. Classes are at different times for different levels. Each two-week session will be \$35. To register and pre-pay, stop by the local Red Cross office, 108 N. Russell. For more information, call 669-7121.

BEEF BULL SEMINAR

A Beef Bull Seminar entitled "Getting an Edge - Bull Selection for Today's Market" will be conducted Tuesday, June 15, at R.A. Brown Ranch near Throckmorton. Registration for the free seminar, worth three CEUs, will be from 8-8:30 a.m. on the 15th. Participants must RSVP for the event by June 11. For more information or to sign-up call, (940) 864-3496.

Community, Churches

ACCORD. Gray County Chapter of Active Citizens, Concerned Over Resource Development in Agriculture, Inc. (ACCORD INC.), meet the first and third Thursday of each month, 7 p.m., at the Lovett Memorial Library. For information, call 665-8516 or 665-7659.

Boy Scouts. Boy Scout leaders meet at 6:30 p.m. the first Thursday of each month at First Presbyterian Church of Pampa. The Golden Spread Council of Boy Scouts of America is open to boys between the ages of 6 and 18 and includes a 27-county area in the Texas Panhandle. The BSA program includes Club Scouts, Boy Scouts and Venturing, a new program for 14- to 20-year-old boys and girls. For more information, call (806) 358-6500.

Celebration of Lights. The

Celebration of Lights project will hold regular workshop meetings—at 6:30 p.m. on Monday nights at 822 E. Foster. Anyone wishing to help with the project is invited to attend any work session.

Church of the Brethren. Church of the Brethren hosts country singing and regular fellowship at 7 p.m., every Monday at its location at 600 N. Frost. Public invited.

Clean Pampa, Inc. Clean Pampa, Inc., holds its monthly membership meeting at 12 noon on the second Tuesday of each month at Clint and Sons, 1421 N. Hobart. The public is welcome. No fee to join. For more information, call 665-2514. Office hours are 11:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Eastern Star. Pampa Chapter No. 65, Order of the Eastern Star meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. Meeting starts at 7:30

p.m. at 420 West Kingsmill.

Fellowship of Christian Cowboys. The Fellowship of Christian Cowboys potluck will meet on the fourth Saturday of each month at 6 p.m. in the Clyde Carruth Pavilion. For more information, contact Jim Greene at 665-8067 and Bill Kidwell at 669-6347. For memorials or donations write Fellowship of Christian Cowboys, P.O. Box 91, Pampa, TX 79065.

Girl Scouts. Pampa Girl Scouts meets at 7 p.m. the first Thursday of each month at Pampa Girl Scout House on Kingsmill.

Gospel Singing. First Pentecostal Holiness Church, 1700 Alcock, hosts a Gospel Singing from 2-4 p.m. every second Sunday of the month. Pastor Albert Maggard and the congregation of First Pentecostal cordially invites the public to attend. Singers and musicians from area churches participate in this informal congregational singing and enjoy various special vocal and instrumental presentations.

Highland Baptist. Highland Baptist Church, 1301 N. Banks, will host prayer time from 11 a.m.-2 p.m., each Thursday with a special time of prayer from 12:15-12:30 p.m. For more information, contact the church office at 669-6509.

Macedonia Baptist

Church. Macedonia Baptist Church, 441 Elm, will hold daily prayer services at 7:30 a.m., 12 noon and 6 p.m. for the citizens of Pampa — churches, schools, etc. The prayer services are open to everyone. For more information, call 665-4926.

Pampa Area Literacy Council. Pampa Area Literacy Council office is open from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday. For more information, call 665-2331.

Pampa Masonic Lodge #966. Pampa Masonic Lodge #966 meets every Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at 420 W. Kingsmill, stated meeting is the third Thursday of each month at the same time.

Pampa Ministerial Alliance. Pampa Area Ministerial Alliance meets the first Monday of every month. Location changes monthly.

Pampa Prison Ministry. The Pampa Prison Ministry meets the first Tuesday of every month at Central Baptist Church located at Francis and Starkweather at 7 p.m. sharp. For further information call or J.B. Walker at 669-2266.

RCIA. St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church hosts Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) beginning at 7:15 p.m., Wednesdays at 2004 Williston. For more information, call Aloise Martin at 883-4901 or Peggy Rodriguez at 669-2683.

Crude prices plunge as Saudi raise OPEC oil output ceiling

By BRUCE STANLEY
AP BUSINESS WRITER

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — Encouraging signals from OPEC that it would raise production and had the immediate and desired effect of lowering record-high oil prices. The question now is, how long will it last?

Oil prices plunged 6 percent Wednesday, after the United Arab Emirates and Kuwait pledged during a meeting of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries to join Saudi Arabia in adding fresh barrels to global supplies.

On futures markets, U.S. light crude oil for July delivery tumbled by \$2.37 to \$39.96 in New York on Wednesday, a day after settling at \$42.33 — the highest settlement price in the contract's 21-year history on the New York Mercantile Exchange. In London, July contracts of Brent crude fell by \$2.22 to close at \$36.86 on the International Petroleum Exchange.

Growing support for higher limits on OPEC production

also contributed to the price drop, as did Saudi efforts to ease fears the country's vital oil facilities are threatened by terror attacks.

But oil showed a partial rebound in light after-hours trading early Thursday, suggesting that doubts were creeping in about whether OPEC would follow through with its promises. By afternoon in the Asian trading day, the price on New York's electronic trading system had risen to \$40.72.

That was still well short of U.S. crude prices' record finish Tuesday, which followed a suspected al-Qaida assault at the Saudi oil hub of Khobar. The attack — which killed 22 people, mostly foreign oil workers — stunned markets that were already nervous about stretched oil inventories and Middle East tensions.

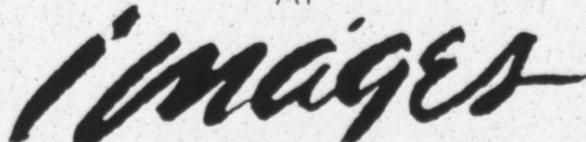
Kuwait, Qatar and Nigeria backed the Saudi plan to raise OPEC's production ceiling.

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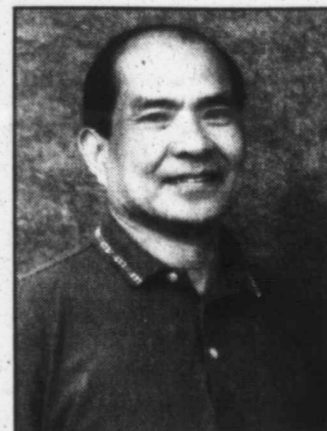
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The Pampa News Comics

DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

PENNY FROM HEAVEN SHOULD BE RETURNED TO RIGHTFUL OWNER

DEAR ABBY: Your "Penny From Heaven" letter about the coin found by the employee of a car reconditioning business (the penny was given to his boss) missed one important fact. That penny belongs to the owner of the car and should not have been taken without the owner's permission. It is called stealing. Shame on you, Abby. -- HONEST TO A FAULT IN PHOENIX

DEAR HONEST: Your letter was one of hundreds I've received from sticklers for honesty who also scolded me for not chastising her. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: That penny could well have been "from heaven" for the client who owned that vehicle. It could easily have fallen from the client's pocket or purse and have been presumed lost. That writer should have offered the penny back to the customer. And you, Abby, instead of taking pleasure at the taking of another's property, should have pointed that out. -- C.R. IN WALLER, TEXAS

DEAR C.R.: Thanks for putting your helpful criticism so kindly. One reader from Studio City, Calif., asked me if I had a geranium in my cranium for overlooking the point.

DEAR ABBY: My daughter, "Melanie," and her fiance, "Tom," expect their first child next month. Tom's mother, "Shirley," currently has no home of her own and is living with relatives. Shirley plans to attend Melanie's baby shower three weeks before the baby is due, and remain indefinitely with them in their apartment. The apartment is big enough for Tom, Melanie and the baby, but certainly no more.

Tom can't bring himself to say "No" to Shirley, and Melanie is distraught over this. She doesn't like having people around her 24/7, and

she's physically sick to her stomach about it. Shirley was not invited. She simply informed my daughter when she would arrive and where she would be sleeping.

Should I get involved, or should I let the children work this out themselves? Please advise. -- ANXIOUS MOTHER IN MASSACHUSETTS

DEAR ANXIOUS: I advise you to stay out of the fray. Offer your daughter emotional support, but do not fight this battle for her. As much as you might like to help, it is time for your daughter to strengthen her backbone and learn to assert herself. It would be nice if her fiance had matured enough to tell his mother to back off at some point, but it appears he hasn't.

DEAR ABBY: My son-in-law, "Donald," ransacks our desk and bureau drawers and looks at everything when he comes to visit. He doesn't take anything, but he goes through anything that arouses his interest.

Donald has a pleasant disposition, but his pawing through our things makes my other daughter furious. Neither of us knows what to do about it because we don't want to alienate my younger daughter.

Anything you suggest will be appreciated. Last week, he opened a small drawer where I keep my checkbook and monthly payment records. It's driving us batty. Help! -- GOING BATTY

DEAR GOING BATTY: Relocate your financial and personal papers to a locked filing cabinet. Put a lock on your bedroom door and use it when Donald is in the house. Actions speak louder than words.

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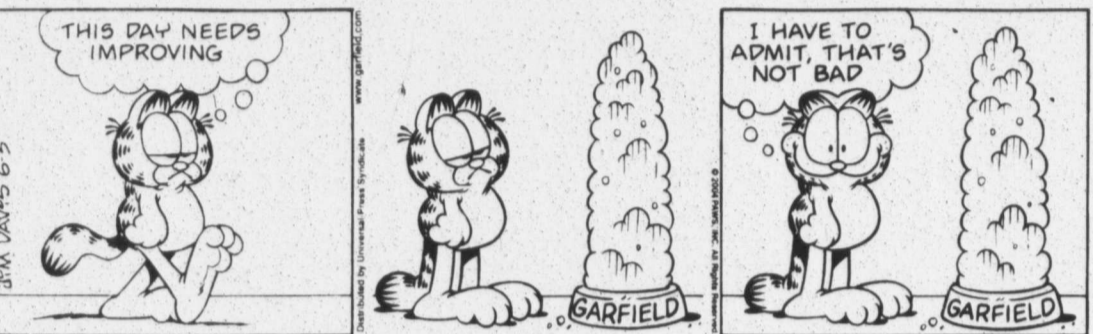
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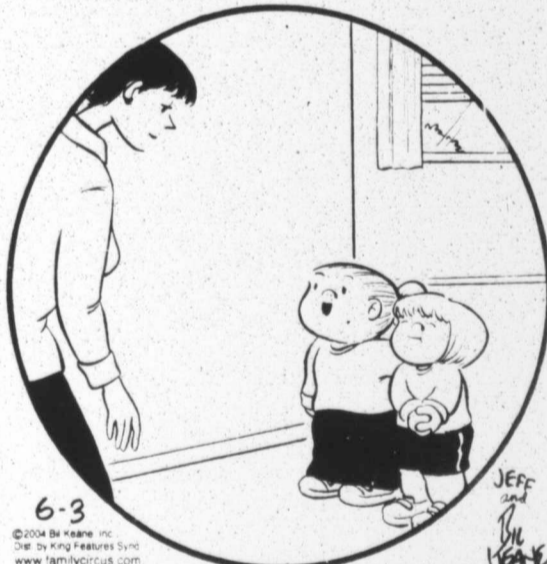
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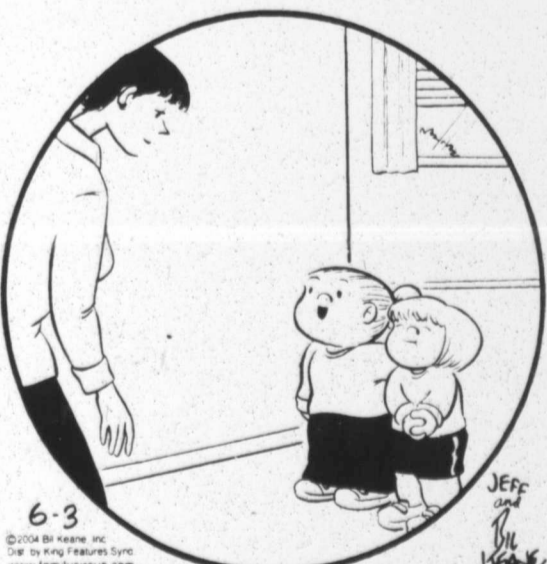
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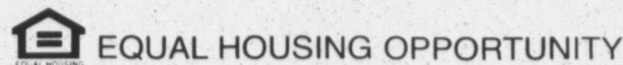
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5 Special Notices

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Thousands still without power in Texas; severe summer storms move northward

By SHEILA FLYNN
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

DALLAS (AP) — Thousands of Texans remained without power early Thursday, victims of severe storms packing hail and high wind that rolled north into Oklahoma, where they downed power lines and delayed airline flights. Three people were killed in storm-related incidents, authorities said.

About 280,000 homes and businesses across the Dallas-Fort Worth area remained without electricity, and it could be several days before power is fully restored, said TXU Electric Delivery spokeswoman Carol Peters.

"This particular storm was in another realm," she said.

The storms also left about 100,000 Oklahomans without power.

Two people died in Texas: one while driving on a rain-slick road, the other killed when a tree fell on his mobile home. One woman was killed in a weather-related accident in Oklahoma City.

In Kansas, high wind derailed an empty train.

Damage in the Dallas-Fort Worth area was tentatively estimated at about \$100 million by the Southwestern Insurance Information Service, an industry group.

Most of the damage was due to wind, spokeswoman Sandra Ray said.

Many Texans dealt with the lingering outage as best they could.

Joy Nguyen's family in Dallas had their refrigerator shut off about 9 p.m. and she was trying to preserve food by packing it with dry ice.

"My husband, who works at home and uses his computer to do most of his work, is pulling his hair out because he can't get anything done," she said. "Today is such a bad day."

As Dallas-Fort Worth assessed the damage, travelers were told to stay away from windows at the Tulsa International Airport in Oklahoma as winds up to 80 mph raked the area, said Ken Miller, the airport's deputy director. Flights were delayed until the storm passed.

Airport Director Brent Kitchen said a 50-foot-by-75-foot strip of insulation was torn off a concourse's concrete roof. "It was blowing pretty strong," he said.

Utility companies reported about 100,000 without power in Oklahoma. In Tulsa, windows were shattered and roofs damaged.

At the 15-story WilTel Co. building in downtown Tulsa, dozens of windows were broken, forcing about 1,300 employees to be evacuated, said compa-

ny spokeswoman Cheena Pazzo.

Glass covered a street in front of the building and the Federal Aviation Administration closed the airspace above to prevent vibrations from media helicopters from sending more windows crashing to the street below. Police closed streets surrounding the building.

Outside Wright, Kan., high winds derailed 68 empty grain cars, officials said. The cars were empty and no one was injured.

The Burlington Northern-Santa Fe train, bound for St. Joseph, Mo., was returning from El Paso, Texas, said company spokesman Steve Forsberg.

A quarter-mile away, winds also blew over a tractor-trailer, Smith said. No injuries were reported.

On Tuesday, thunderstorms pounded parts of Texas with hail as big as tennis balls and wind blasting to more than 80 mph, halting flights at two airports and blacking out more than a half-million customers.

Some of the areas of northern and central Texas got 2 1/4 inches of rain late Tuesday, flooding streets in Arlington more than a foot deep.

By Wednesday morning, the storms had blown east and north. More than a half-million customers lost power.

Getting ready



(Community Camera photo)

Miss Rodeo Top O' Texas Courtney Stephens has her nails done by Sandra Elliott located at Song's Salon.

Judge in OKC bombing case warns jury not to be swayed by emotional outburst in courtroom

By TIM TALLEY
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

McALESTER, Okla. (AP) — The judge in the state murder trial of Terry Nichols admonished jurors against

allowing emotion to sway their decision whether to sentence the Oklahoma City bombing conspirator to life in prison or death.

Judge Steven Taylor issued the warning after the young daughter of a witness broke down in tears. Nichols' attorneys had sought a mistrial because of the emotional outburst, but the judge denied the request.

"In no way can you consider any emotional response," Taylor told the jurors. "Whatever occurs in the gallery of the courtroom is not evidence."

The display came after the testimony of Kathleen Treanor, whose daughter, Ashley Megan Eckles, 4, and in-laws Luther and LaRue Treanor were among the 160 victims of the April 19, 1995, bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building.

Jurors and spectators cried softly as Treanor said she was "plunged into the depths of depression" by the loss.

"For weeks I prayed for death," Treanor testified, fighting back tears.

After testifying, Treanor joined her 5-year-old daughter and her daughter's aunt, Darlene Welch, on the front row of the gallery, a short distance from the jury box. They huddled in an emotional embrace, and the girl started crying.

Taylor ordered a recess and jurors left the courtroom.

Defense attorney Brian Hermanson said the emotional display was an attempt to sway Nichols' jury.

"To place that child on the front row while her mother is testifying in tears is completely improper," Hermanson said. He said prosecutors should "take appropriate measures to protect this jury."

Earlier in the day, Taylor excused juror Dorma Jean Carrion and jury foreman Wayne Gates for undisclosed reasons and replaced them with alternates.

Jurors convicted Nichols on May 26 of 161 counts first-degree murder for the April 19, 1995, bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building.

The penalty phase of Nichols' trial began Tuesday, when members of victims' families began testifying about the emotional, psychological and financial impact of the victims' deaths.

Nichols could face life in prison or death by injection.

Nichols already is serving life in prison on federal charges for the deaths of eight federal agents in the bombing, which killed 168 people.

Oklahoma prosecutors charged Nichols for the other 160 people who died and one victim's fetus. The jury has sentenced him to life in prison without parole for the count involving the fetus.

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