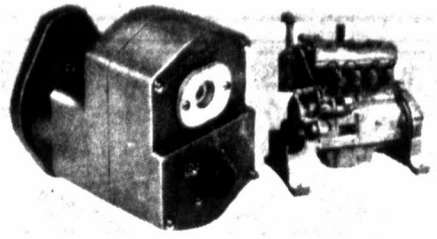


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School board rescinds PJH mascot

By DEE DEE LARAMORE
 Editor

A mascot for Pampa Junior High remains in limbo today as school officials struggle to find an appropriate symbol for the school.
 At a meeting Thursday night, Pampa Independent School District's Board of Education unanimously agreed to rescind "Shockers" as the

school mascot.
 Board members also voted to postpone action on a name until school officials could do more research on other proposed mascot names.
 Earlier this year, the board changed the school's name to Pampa Junior High School from Pampa Middle School because of certain connotations of the acronym "PMS." They also changed the mascot from

"Patriots" to "Shockers," to be more in line with the high school's "Harvesters" mascot.
 When selecting the name "Shockers," the board believed the archaic term referred to a group of agriculture workers who went out in the field, bound the cut wheat into tepee-like "shocks" that stood in the fields until they could be brought into the barns.

However, school officials received a "shock" when they learned from students that the term has a vulgar meaning in popular culture and was prominently featured on a pornographic website.
 So the committee that's been working on the name changes went back to the proverbial drawing board

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Budget, tax rate awaits final values

By DEE DEE LARAMORE
 Editor

Pampa Independent School District's 2004-2005 budget and tax rate are to be decided on Aug. 31, but the board has yet to set a proposed budget and tax rate.

Carol Fields, business manager, said the district has not yet received the certified tax values from the Gray County Appraisal District. She needs those figures to be able to present a proposed budget and calculate the tax rate for the next year, she told the board at a meeting Thursday night at Carver Center.
 Board members were required to set a date to take action on the budget and tax rate to comply with state law for advertising the proposed tax rate and budget.
 Fields said she did not have any new budget information to present to the board at the

'You'll probably have to have a special meeting in early August for the proposed budget and tax rate.'

— Carol Fields
 School Business Manager

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Pampa News photo by REDONN WOODS

He's a winner

Willie McElroy, a resident of Coronado Healthcare Center, cuddles "Scrappy," a Chihuahua which won first place at CHC's recent 'dog show' for residents. With her is fellow resident, Pearl Skeen. Second place winner of the show was "Nala," a Chinese pug owned by Aline Burlee, and "Ewok," a black Pekingese.

Rancher conference addresses wildlife care

By DAVID BOWSER
 Staff Writer



Pampa News photo by BEN BRISCOE

This species of squirrel is a common sight in the Texas Panhandle.

It's about wildlife in the northeast Texas Panhandle. "Boone Pickens is dedicated to being a good steward of the land," said Bobby Stillwell, representing Mesa Water, Inc., who hosted a wildlife enhancement conference here Thursday.
 About 60 landowners from Gray, Roberts and Hemphill Counties gathered Thursday night at the Pampa Country Club for barbecue and to hear from state and federal officials talk about technical and financial programs that could help their rangeland and benefit local wildlife such as prairie chickens, prairie dogs, antelope and

white-tailed deer.
 The deer population in the northeastern panhandle, said Jeff Bonner, a wildlife biologist with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's Pampa office, has increased steadily for the past 14 years.
 The area, he said, has an abundance of wildlife.
 Roberts County had the highest pheasant population in the state last year, Bonner said. Pheasant populations elsewhere in the state are down.
 If ranchers improve the quality of habitat, it will improve the quality of wildlife, Bonner said. That will improve the quality of hunting, which

in turn will improve income from those ranches that offer hunting leases.
 "Wildlife is owned by the citizens of the state," said Gene Miller, a biologist from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's Pampa office, who said his agency handles the Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program, or WHIP, to help restore degraded native habitat, whether it's rangeland or cropland. He said they were especially interested in upland
 ranchers who own that land.
 While Miller outlined state programs that offered landowners free technical assistance and financial help in improving wildlife habitat, Charles Coffman, a wildlife biologist with the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service, talked about federal cost-sharing programs.
 Coffman said his agency handles the Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program, or WHIP, to help restore degraded native habitat, whether it's rangeland or cropland. He said they were especially interested in upland

'Wildlife is owned by the citizens of the state, but they live on private land. Wildlife is ultimately in the hands of ranchers ...'

— Gene Miller
 Biologist

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Obituaries

Michael "Mike" Anderson, 50

Michael "Mike" Anderson, 50, of Pampa, Texas, died Thursday, July 22, 2004, at Pampa. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Anderson was born Nov. 13, 1953, in Amarillo. He had been a resident of Pampa since 1960. He married Beverly Gish on Oct. 3, 1984, in Pampa. He worked for Triangle Well Service as a dispatcher for 25 years, and he was a Baptist.

Survivors include his wife, Beverly, of the home; two daughters, Amber Freeman of Chickasha, Okla., and Tabatha Anderson; one stepdaughter, Brandy Peden of Pampa; his mother, Nancy Skinner of Amarillo; two brothers, Danny Anderson and Lester Anderson, both of Amarillo; eight grandchildren, Ashleigh, Tyler, Evan, Cheyenne, Dalton, Dakota, Brandon and James; two nephews, Scott Anderson and Dee-Jay Anderson; and one niece, Kristal Anderson. He was preceded in death by his father, H.C. Anderson, Jr., and his stepfather, Oran F. Skinner.

The family requests memorials be to a favorite charity.

—Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichael-whatley.com.

Louise Hause, 81

Louise Hause, 81, of Pampa, died Wednesday, July 21, 2004, at Williamsburg, Va. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Memory Gardens Cemetery with the Rev. Charles Lowry, pastor of Fellowship Baptist Church, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Hause was born Nov. 15, 1922, at Moffitt, Okla., and moved to Pampa in 1946. She married George B. Hause on Sept. 5, 1942, at Seminole, Okla.; he died in 1990.

Mrs. Hause was a member of Fellowship Baptist Church.

Survivors include one son, George Hause of Williamsburg, Va.; several grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren.

—Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichael-whatley.com.



Pampa News photo by BEN BRISCOE

A goose takes a drink from City Lake during a recent 90-degree-plus day.

Services tomorrow

GOFF, Alecia Joy — 10 a.m., Victory Memorial United Methodist Church, Guymon, Okla.
HAUSE, Louise — Graveside services, 2 p.m., Memory Gardens Cemetery, Pampa.
KRAMER, Mary E. — 10 a.m., Memory Gardens Cemetery, Pampa.

Ethics committee extends review of complaint against Rep. DeLay

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House ethics committee will spend another 45 days reviewing allegations against House Majority Leader Tom DeLay, whose fundraising activities and use of federal resources have been questioned, the committee announced Friday.

The extension could push a decision on whether to investigate the charges levied by Rep. Chris Bell, D-Texas, to around Labor Day, when the fall election campaigns shift into high gear.

DeLay has dismissed the complaint as frivolous and continued to rebut its claims. "We've repeatedly pointed out that these partisan accusations by Chris Bell are untrue, based on innuendo and prompted by campaign considerations. We have and will continue to disprove them all," DeLay's office said in a statement issued late Thursday after the ethics committee had met.

The committee said the extension will ensure "that we have sufficient time to obtain and consider information pertinent to the determination we are to make" on the complaint. The extension is not a reflection on the substance of the allegations in the complaint, the committee said.

Faculty, friends invited to Class of '94 reunion

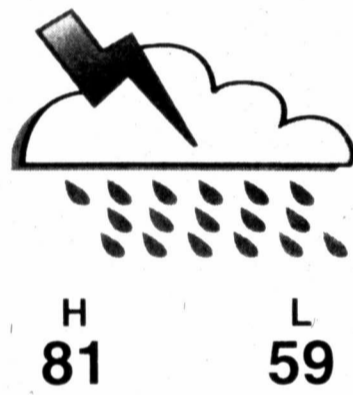
Pampa High School Class of 1994 will be having their 10-year reunion this Friday and Saturday, July 23 and 24.

Alumni will have a picnic at Central Park on Saturday from 12 noon until 3 p.m. Any faculty, family or friends are welcome to join them.

For more information, call Tiffany Lane at 662-1009.

Gray County Weather

Today: Showers and thunderstorms likely. Some of the storms could produce heavy rain.
Chance of precipitation is 60 percent. Cloudy, with a high around 81. North northeast wind around 15 mph.
New rainfall amounts between a quarter and half of an inch possible.
Tonight: Showers and thunderstorms likely. Some of the storms could produce heavy rain. Chance of precipitation is 60 percent. Cloudy, with a low around 59. North northeast wind around 15 mph. New rainfall amounts between a quarter and half of an inch possible.
Saturday: A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high near 77. North northeast wind between 10 and 15 mph.
Saturday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 62. Northeast wind around 15 mph.
Sunday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms.
Sunday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms.
Monday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high around 83. East southeast wind between 10 and 15 mph.
Monday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 65. Southeast wind between 10 and 15 mph.
Tuesday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high around 87. South southeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.
Tuesday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low near 65.
Wednesday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high near 89.
Wednesday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 69.



Emergency Services

Pampa PD
Pampa Police Department today reported the following incidents and arrests.
Wednesday, July 21
Theft was reported from the 100 block of West Foster. The incident reportedly occurred between July 15 and July 17 in the 1300 block of Duncan. Taken was a bicycle valued at \$100.
A domestic disturbance was reported in the 500 block of West Montague.
Criminal mischief was reported in the 500 block of North Nelson. A window valued at \$300 was broken.
An unattended death was reported in the 700 block of North Wells.
Thursday, July 22
Reckless driving was reported in the 1000 block of East Francis.
A bicycle valued at \$50 was found in the 500 block of West Brown.
Eddie Wayne Lawrence Jr., 23, 1220 E. Francis, was arrested in the 1200 block of East Francis for failure to maintain financial responsibility, failure to appear, failure to yield right of way, violation of a promise to appear, and an Ochiltree County charge of driving with license suspended.
Sheriff
Gray County Sheriff's Office today reported the following arrests.

Fire
Thursday, July 22
Dean Manuel Alderete, 42, McLcan, was arrested by the Precinct 4 constable for public intoxication.
Pampa Fire Department responded to the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.
Thursday, July 22
11 a.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 1200 block of North Hobart.
12:11 p.m. — Three units and seven firefighters responded to a container fire in the 1700 block of Dogwood.

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- TRIANGLE WELL** Service Co. would like to take this time to announce the passing of a dear friend and employee of 20 years, Michael Ray Anderson. Mike suffered from a lengthy illness and went to be with his Lord on July 22, 2004. We are asking all of Mike's oilfield friends and others to help off set his medical expenses by sending donations to Triangle at P.O. Box 1159 or coming by our office at 129 S. Price Rd. Please make donations in his wife's name Beverly Anderson; we ask that your thoughts and prayers be with the Anderson family. Thank you, Debbie Hoover
- VERY LRG.** Gar. Sale. 2117 Mary Ellen, Fri., Sat. 7a.-5p.
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Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Atterbury Grain of Pampa.

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Corn	3.97	Coca Cola	45.50	3.47	JCP	38.29	-0.17
Soybeans	5.82	VLO	73.28	-0.06	COP	77.53	-0.28
		HAL	30.86	-0.18	SLB	63.25	-1.01
		Triad	35.83	-0.40	Tenneco	13.55	-0.25
		NOI	32.10	-0.48	CVA	94.10	-0.14
		KMI	59.80	-0.30	Wal-Mart	53.42	-0.51
		XCEL	16.68	NC	OKI	21.23	-0.09
		Kerr McGee	52.24	-0.07	SS-Gip	17.51	-0.25
		Limited	11.94	-0.02	New York Gold	393.75	
		Williams	27.26	-0.31	Silver	6.40	
		MCD	27.26	-0.31	West Texas Crude	41.46	
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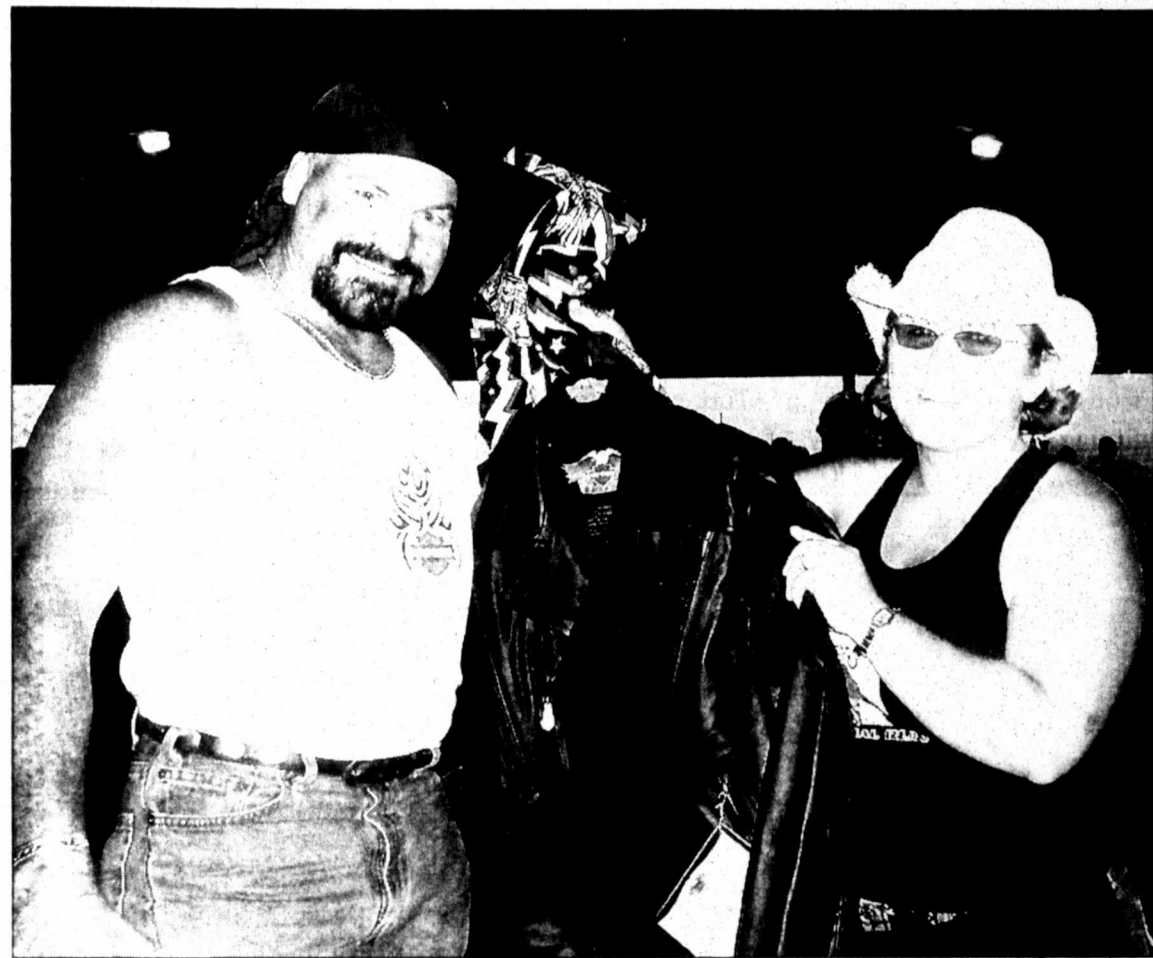
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Prize winner

Mike Lewellen and Wendy Henderson show off door prize winnings at the Fourth Annual David Luedecke Memorial Poker Run held in Pampa last weekend. Lewellen won a Harley jacket and blanket at the event which benefited Tralee Crisis Center and Khiva Temple and Pampa Shrine Club.

Schools

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meeting last night. "You'll probably have to have a special meeting in early August for the proposed budget and tax rate," she said. Gray County Appraisal District's certified tax values will not be available until the week of Aug. 2, Chief Appraiser Pat Bagley said today. Changes in state law changing the deadline for tax renditions to May 15, plus extensions, has delayed the GCAD's ability to finalize tax values for the district's ad valorem tax properties, he said. A final tax hearing is scheduled for Aug. 2, Bagley said, adding the certified tax values should be ready later that week. A good part of the school board meeting Thursday night was spent finalizing insurance plans for school employees. Board members approved dental insurance from

Trustmark-Voluntary Benefits Solutions Dental Plan and agreed to include dental insurance in the district's flexible benefit plan. Board member and local dentist, Dr. Jay Johnson, abstained from both votes. The board also approved an interlocal agreement with the Texas Association of School Boards to provide life and accidental death and dismemberment insurance for school employees at a monthly cost of \$1.24 for \$10,000 of AD&D insurance. Fields recommended the TASB insurance because the cost was "so much less and they're so easy to deal with." Board members accepted a revision to the local life-threatening leave policy that allows Pampa ISD staff to donate up to 30 leave days to a full-time staff member receiving treatment for a life-threatening illness. The policy change also allows up to 20 days to be donated to full-time staff members who have a dependent child, age 25 and under, who is receiving treat-

ment for a life-threatening illness. Fields said that last year, three Pampa ISD employees received donated leave days at a cost to the district of about \$3,000 per employee. Board members are also considering disability coverage for school employees, but took no action on the matter Thursday. At Field's recommendation, the board approved an interlocal agreement with TASB for workers' compensation with an aggregate deductible option. In this plan, the district would have a minimum contribution of \$34,200 and claims liability of \$169,862 for a total cost of \$204,062. Pampa ISD's family and medical leave policy was revised with board approval to define the year as a "rolling" 12-month period measured back from the date an employee uses family and medical leave instead of using a static calendar from July 1 until June 30. In other action, the board approved the following: Sale of delinquent tax property at

Wildlife

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prairies, wetlands and riparian areas and were willing to cover 50 percent of the costs to restore such areas. "WHIP is an excellent opportunity," Coffman said, "to develop a wildlife program. Good range management and wildlife management go hand-in-hand." He said the NRCS also handles the Environmental Quality Incentive Program, or EQIP, which is another cost-sharing program. Through EQIP, Coffman said, landowners cannot only improve native habitat for game birds such as quail, but also for songbirds. The Farm Service Agency, Coffman said, has money available for their Continuous Conservation Reserve Program, which is designed to restore and protect environmentally sensitive areas. Hemphill County rancher Mike Arrington said he's had quite a bit of success working the state and federal agencies concerning

such programs. In 2000, Arrington said he entered into the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Partnership for Wildlife program. The Fish and Wildlife Service put up 45 percent of the funds for wildlife habitat development at his family's ranch on the headwaters of the Washita River. The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department put of another 45 percent of the funding and Arrington put up 10 percent. Much of Arrington's contribution, he said, was in kind labor. Although he doesn't allow any hunting, other than family and friends, on his ranch, Arrington is part of Hemphill County's growing nature tourism industry. With his children growing up and going away to school, Arrington said he hopes it will pay for their college. Jim Wiersema with Horizon Environmental Services, Inc., of Austin, part of the Mesa Water team, said Mesa wants to work with landowners to establish a wildlife management associ-

ation. "We want to help," Wiersema said. "We don't want to dominate." He said the Mesa team has experience in economic issues, legal experience and technical areas concerning wildlife and habitat enhancement. Mesa, he said, could provide financial assistance over time in areas such as seeds and plants and water development for wildlife. "We want to be a contributor and assist," Stillwell said.

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Mascot

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and has come up with a new suggestion for the school board's consideration — "Harvies." Prior to discussing the matter Thursday night, School Superintendent Barry Haenisch read a letter to the board from former Pampa ISD teacher and Pampa High School 1944 graduate, Ruth Barrett. She asked the board not to use "Harvies," saying "it sounds like a bunch of wimps." She suggested that the board go back to the "Reapers," the junior high's mascot when she attended the school. She said she understood times had changed, writing, "we went to school when gay meant happy and fruit was in our lunch pail."

When Haenisch read this, the board and those attending the meeting burst into laughter. "You can't find anything more perfect than what we had," she concluded. "No matter what you put in it, somebody's going to make something out of it." Board President Joe Martinez commented. "Why not keep the Patriots?" asked Lee Porter, board member. Several other board members agreed. "Green and gold Patriots

would look kind of funny," said Charles Smith, a member of the board. "Just don't use 'Hoers,'" quipped Dr. Jay Johnson which brought another round of laughter. Haenisch said the gym floor has already been painted using green and gold and the word "Pampa." No representation of a mascot has been painted on the floor, he said. Other suggestions under consideration for the mascot name are Farmers and Grangers.

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Viewpoints

Texas Panhandle a great place to watch birds

I watch birds. My friends ride their motorcycles, some fly their planes, one is descending from the summit of Mt. Rainer as I type these words, a few run marathons, and some travel — all in the name of recreation or favorite non-work pastime, though ascending to oxygen depriving heights and running 26 miles for fun and enjoyment adds up to much work on my calculator. I should know. I've 13 marathons logged, and the bad knees to prove it. Now I watch birds as my favorite pastime. Birdwatching requires little work, some walking involved, maybe a little dis-

comfort with the elements, and a little expenditure for binoculars. Actually, I've been fascinated with the avian world since childhood. I have always stopped what I was doing if I heard or saw a bird unfamiliar to me. I would find out what bird it was as soon as I could. I really watch birds and have gone great distances to see and record rare birds uncommon to our continental United States. I've flown to Florida to view a Bananaquit, common to the Bahamas and Cuba. I've seen an Atlantic Puffin off the coast of Maine. I've done a Jon Dunn (really famous birder) sparrow

workshop in southeast Arizona, but my favorite bird view was Lubbock two years ago. Yes, Lubbock, where I was able to see up close and personal a Gyr Falcon. This was the southernmost sighting of a Gyr Falcon, for they are generally found swooping for prey around their native arctic tundra. And this Gyr Falcon was in Lubbock. It is estimated some 5,000 birders came to Lubbock to view the Gyr Falcon that stayed for over a month

before migrating back north. One can bird up and down your own street, for we have a wonderful variety here in Pampa and surrounding counties. I do recommend if you are a male birder walking down a city street with a pair of binoculars, do it with a spouse or friend, for some folks may not believe the bird story. Two of my favorites are the Western Kingbird and the Mississippi Kite that migrate to our area to breed. These two birds migrate from South America, a

round trip of 4,000 to 5,000 miles. Think about that distance, think about the size of these two birds, think about weather, and really think how remarkable a feat bird migration is. Our great state records the greatest amount of birds in all 50 states. Amazing. I would guesstimate that the Panhandle region could record at least one-third of the species found in Texas. So the next time you look out your kitchen window, look past the sparrow and see the House Finch or the Pine Siskin. Look past the Grackle and see the Spotted Towhee. Look up past the Turkey Vulture and see the

Merlin. That spot on your car hood may be from a Yellow-billed Cuckoo. I'm lucky to be paid to travel by car in my professional endeavor, for I take my binocs, camera, and bird book with me. If I see a bird that strikes my interest, I stop and see what species of bird it is, for it may be one I've never seen, and there are many. Even better, it may be as rare as Lubbock's Gyr Falcon. A Black-headed Nightingale Thrush, common to the central mountains of Mexico, has been recorded in a backyard in Pharr, Texas, and is still there. Hmm....



Dennis Palmitier
Columnist

Today in History

By The Associated Press

- Today is Friday, July 23, the 205th day of 2004. There are 161 days left in the year.
- Today's Highlight in History:** On July 23, 1886, New York saloonkeeper Steve Brodie claimed to have made a daredevil plunge from the Brooklyn Bridge into the East River.
- On this date:**
 - In 1885, Ulysses S. Grant, the 18th president of the United States, died in Mount McGregor, N.Y. at age 63.
 - In 1892, Emperor Haile Selassie of Ethiopia was born.
 - In 1904, 100 years ago, by some accounts, the ice cream cone was invented by Charles E. Menches during the Louisiana Purchase Exposition in St. Louis.
 - In 1914, Austria-Hungary issued an ultimatum to Serbia following the killing of Archduke Francis Ferdinand by a Serb assassin; the dispute led to World War I.
 - In 1942, Harry James and his Orchestra recorded "I Had the Craziest Dream" in Hollywood for Columbia Records.
 - In 1952, Egyptian military officers led by Gamal Abdel Nasser overthrew King Farouk I.
 - In 1967, rioting that claimed some 43 lives erupted in Detroit.
 - In 1977, a jury in Washington, D.C., convicted 12 Hanafi Muslims of charges stemming from the hostage siege at three buildings the previous March.

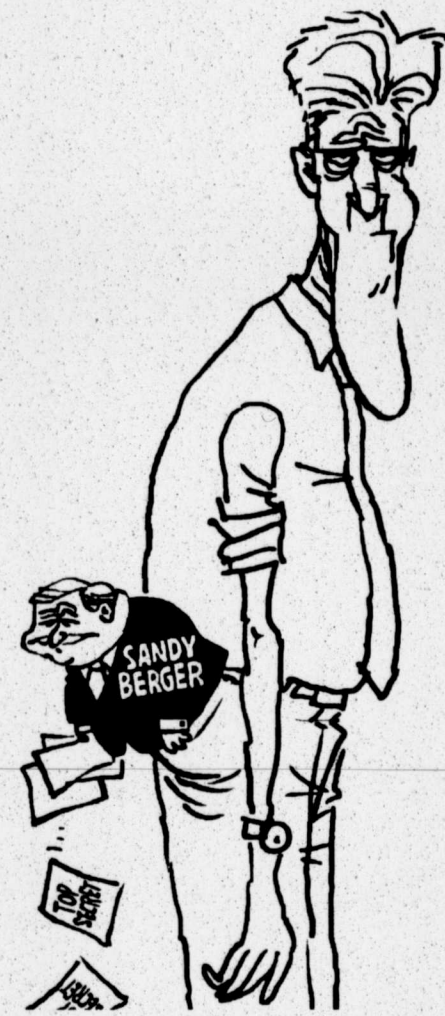
Our readers write

Get a life

To the editor:
As an individual born and raised in Pampa, Class of 1955, I was appalled to read about the purported name change for the junior high mascot. When I attended school here, the Pampa Junior High Reapers mascot coordinated beautifully with the Harvesters. I would like to remind those people who are stirring up such a fuss of the name "Shocker" that one of the most famous teams in the Midwest, Wichita State University's mascot is "Willie Wheatshocker," or the "Shockers."

Have those people who are raising such a fuss been smoking their socks? How did they even know the name of a porn movie if they are not devotees of porn. I would say to them to turn off their DVD or VHS and get a life and let the Pampa Junior High team correlate to the Harvesters which is really the point. The Harvey girls, if one remembers history were the women who worked the railroads, restaurants and train stations. I am very proud to be a native of Pampa, and even read the paper here in Florida.
Jeri Archer Lloyd
Wellington, Fla.

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FORMER CLINTON
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OR ARE YOU JUST
GLAD TO SEE ME?**



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Berger fries and Wilson stews

What a quandary the Democrats and their media allies are facing. Both have to explain the inexplicable — how in just a matter of a week or two, top Kerry advisers Sandy Berger and Joseph C. Wilson IV have been immersed in muck and driven off the Kerry reservation. Sandy Berger lifted a whole bunch of top secret documents, reportedly stuffed them in his pants and socks, misplaced some of the purloined items and says it was all an honest mistake. Mr. Wilson now stands revealed to be the liar he

falsely claimed President Bush to be. In both cases, the muck sticks to the Kerry campaign, which doesn't appear to be too choosy in picking advisers to their candidate. To the mainstream media — now trying either to explain away what authorities insist is a felony by terming Berger's theft "inadvertent," or simply avoiding covering the incidents altogether — when Democrats cross the

line and commit a crime it is a "mistake." On the other hand, should a Republican transgress in a manner similar to Mr. Berger's behavior, it would be alleged to be a heinous crime, preferably punishable by a long period in the slammer. Allowing Berger to claim his action was "inadvertent" is comparable to allowing a bank robber who stuffed his

pockets with a bank's money in his pockets before fleeing to claim his robbery was simply "inadvertent" or an "honest mistake." Apparently the Feds don't see it in exactly those terms. As revealed by NewsMax.com, practically alone in a media suddenly deaf and dumb to anything dealing with the Berger and Wilson disclosures, U.S. Deputy Attorney General James Comey "raised the specter of a jail sentence" for Berger, saying that if he is found guilty of removing top

Michael Reagan
Columnist



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New intelligence czar won't help

Houston Chronicle on proposed new intelligence office:
It's going to be unanimous. The Senate Intelligence Committee concluded and the 9/11 commission is about to conclude that the nation's intelligence community is well and truly broken, poorly run and not up to the job it must do in the 21st century. The unanimous Senate committee report said U.S. intelligence on Iraq prior to the invasion was flat wrong in its conclusion that Saddam Hussein had weapons of mass destruction. The report diagrammed

how old information Saddam once had active chemical, biological and nuclear weapons programs was accepted as eternal and layered with information that produced more false conclusions. According to news reports, the 9/11 commission will recommend in its final report that a Cabinet-level intelligence director coordinate the activities of the nation's sprawling intelligence community, about 80 percent of which resides in

the Department of Defense. Sometimes doing almost anything is better than doing nothing, but it is not clear how another layer of bureaucracy will get better information to the president more quickly. If the director of central intelligence who heads the CIA and has nominal control over other intelligence agencies can't get it right, how is a Cabinet secretary going to assess whether intelligence is valid? As the Senate report

pointed out, the CIA correctly downplayed links between Saddam and al-Qaida. But Vice President Dick Cheney continues to make the connection despite the lack of evidence. No organizational reform could correct that defect. The 9/11 attacks showed the FBI is not properly integrated within its own ranks and chain of command. Explicit warnings were not acted upon. Recently, the new secretary of homeland security, supposedly with overall authority, didn't know the FBI and Justice

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Lawmaker joins bid to honor WWII soldier

THREE RIVERS, Texas (AP) — A bill filed by U.S. Rep. Lloyd Doggett would name the Three Rivers post office after Pvt. Felix Longoria — a hometown soldier killed in World War II who gained attention after his family was denied use of the local funeral home's chapel for his wake.

Doggett, who filed the bill Thursday, said that he waited to do so until he could deter-

mine if enough members of Congress would support it. He said the proposal now has the backing of every Democratic House member.

"I'm hopeful we can move forward on this legislation and recognize someone who I view as an American hero," Doggett told the San Antonio Express-News for its Friday editions.

The bill would name the only post office in Three

Rivers — located about 70 miles south of San Antonio — the "Pvt. Felix Z. Longoria Veteran's Memorial Post Office."

The effort to get his name on the building has stirred up the old controversy over his funeral.

Longoria's family gained international attention in 1949 when it was denied use of the local funeral home's chapel for the wake of the

soldier killed in the Philippines. His remains were identified and returned almost four years later.

Relatives and friends of the now-deceased funeral home director dispute accusations the chapel wasn't made available because Longoria was Hispanic. They say the soldier's family was divided over arrangements and that the funeral director didn't want to get in the mid-

Berger

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secret documents from the National Archives that were supposed to go to the 9/11 Commission, he could go to prison.

As NewsMax.com wrote, even though his comments were widely quoted, the U.S. media edited out his reference to a possible stint in the big house for Berger.

Only Agence France Presse — quoted the Deputy AG in full, including this key observation on the Berger security breach: "It's our lifeblood to keep secrets," Comey told reporters in Washington.

"All felonies in the federal system bring with them the promise of jail time, that's all I can say about that."

I can just hear a judge telling Berger that he had been found guilty of committing an inadvertent honest mistake.

Berger and his lawyer deny that he stuffed his pants and socks full of the documents, claiming he merely put a few of them in his suit pockets, but the Feds say they have witnesses. I

would not be at all surprised if it turns out that Berger inadvertently starred in a few videos filmed by the

omnipresent surveillance cameras as he went about stealing the documents.

In the face of the disclosures that Joe Wilson lied about both the role of his

'All felonies in the federal system bring with them the promise of jail time, that's all I can say about that.'

— James Comey
U.S. Deputy AG

was trying to get his hands on yellow cake nuclear material, John Kerry and John Edwards and much of

the media continue to charge that the president lied to the American people about this matter.

The Kerry-Edwards campaign plan is to present the president as a liar and if their charge itself turns out to be a pack of lies, it doesn't deter them. After all, when Mr. Kerry can't seem to get his own facts straight about anything, how can he be expected to shy away from propagating others' lies about his opponent?

These latest disclosures have disclosed just how shoddy the Kerry campaign is, and should give Americans a glimpse of what an ungodly mess a Kerry administration would prove to be.

Community happenings

• **Pampa Lions Club Day/Night Golf Scramble** is scheduled at Hidden Hills Golf Course Friday, Aug. 6. Registration for the four-person scramble will kick-off at 5:30 p.m. Only one player per team with a nine or less handicap will be allowed. The entry fee is \$45 and includes a cart, green fees and a "glow ball." Hamburgers and drinks will be provided. For more information, contact David at Hidden Hills, 669-5866.

• **Friends of the Amarillo Public Library** will stage its annual Brown Bag Book Sale Aug. 6-8 in the basement of Central Library, 4th and Buchanan, Amarillo. Hours for the sale are 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Aug. 6 and 7 and 2 p.m.-6 p.m., Aug. 8. For more information, call (806) 378-3051.

• **Senior Wheels USA Program** makes available power wheelchairs — at no cost — to senior citizens (65 years and up) and to the permanently disabled. For more information, call toll-free 1-800-246-6010.

• **Crown of Texas Hospice** is offering SKY Teens, a monthly bereavement series for teens grades 9-12 who are grieving the death of a loved one, from 5:30-7 p.m. the second Monday of each month at its office at 1000 S. Jefferson in Amarillo.

There is no charge for the series. For more information, call 1-800-572-6365.

• **Texcare Partnership** is the New Children's Health Insurance campaign developed especially for Texas families with uninsured children, birth through age 18. The following health insurance programs are available: Children's Health Insurance Program, Medicaid and Texas Healthy Kids Corp. For more information, call 1-800-647-6558 or 1-888-892-2273.

• **Take Off Pounds Sensibly (T.O.P.S.) #41** meets at noon Monday at 511 N. Hobart. For more information, call 665-3024.

• **Take Off Pounds Sensibly (T.O.P.S.) #149** meets at 6 p.m. Monday at 513 E. Francis. Call 669-2389 for more information.

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Department were going to heighten fears of a terrorist attack.

CIA Director George Tenet, who resigned recently, had daily access to the Oval Office. An intelligence czar not connected to the intelligence gatherers would start out in the dark and likely remain there.

Ultimately, the president must mediate disputes between the CIA and the departments of Defense, State and Justice. No appointee, no matter what his title, would be equipped to perform that role.

Edwards to attend brunch in San Antonio

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Democratic vice presidential candidate John Edwards will be in San Antonio on Sunday to attend a brunch aimed at raising money and Democratic spirits in President Bush's home state.

"It sends a message that they are not writing off the state of Texas," said Henry Munoz, a supporter of Edwards' running mate, presidential candidate John Kerry. "It's very cool."

The brunch will come the day before the start of the Democratic National Convention in Boston. Kerry is expected to accept the party's nomination next Thursday, the final day of the convention.

Fund-raising efforts over the next several days will be crucial for the Massachusetts senator, who will have five fewer weeks than the Republican president to raise private contributions.

Both Kerry and Bush are expected to accept \$75 million in federal campaign dollars. Once they accept their nomination, they no longer will be able to raise or spend private money on the campaign.

Munoz said he expects several hundred people to attend Sunday's fund-raiser. Tickets for the brunch cost \$1,000 for premium seating and \$250 for preferred seating, down from an original starting price of \$500.

"The price was set at \$250 so that more people can participate," Munoz told the San Antonio Express-News for its Friday editions. Organizers said there are no preliminary fund-raising estimates available.

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Church-state separation becomes hot issue

Volunteer group monitoring sermons in Kansas churches for political content

OVERLAND PARK, Kan. (AP) — A recent Sunday found Tina Kolm changing her morning routine. Instead of attending a Unitarian Universalist service, she was at the Lenexa Christian Center, paying close attention to a conservative minister's sermon about the importance of amending the U.S. Constitution to ban gay marriage.

Kolm is one of about 100 volunteers for the Mainstream Coalition, a group monitoring the political activities of local pastors and churches. The coalition, based in suburban Kansas City, says it wants to make sure clergy adhere to federal tax guidelines restricting political activity by nonprofit groups, and it's taking such efforts to a new level.

The 47-year-old Kolm, from Prairie Village, said keeping church and state separate is important to her. She doesn't want a few religious denominations defining marriage — or setting other social policy — for everyone.

"What it's all about to me is denying some people's rights," she said.

But some local clergy think the Mainstream Coalition is using scare tactics designed to unfairly keep them out of the political process.

"Somebody is trying to act like Big Brother when there's no need for Big Brother," said the Rev. James Conard, assistant pastor at the First Baptist Church of Shawnee. "It's obviously an intent to intimidate."

Kansas isn't the only place in this election year where church-state separation has become a hot issue, but the Mainstream Coalition's efforts are more intense than most.

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— Rev. James Conard
First Baptist Church
Shawnee, Kan.

Americans United for Separation of Church and State filed a complaint this month with the Internal Revenue Service against the Rev. Jerry Falwell over a col-

umn endorsing President Bush on his ministries' Web site. Falwell said the group was waging a "scare-the-churches campaign."

Barry Lynn, executive director of Americans United, said local chapters have sent volunteers to church services the Sunday before an election, but he said the Mainstream Coalition's efforts are more sustained.

"To my knowledge, there's no other state organization doing what the Mainstream Coalition is doing," said Lynn, himself a United Church of Christ minister.

Some conservatives are upset.

"These people will stop at nothing to silence churches," said Andrea Lafferty, executive values of the Washington-based Traditional Values Coalition, which says it represents 43,000 churches.

The catalyst for the Mainstream Coalition's campaign in Kansas was the debate over gay marriage.

In May, the Kansas House rejected a proposed amendment to the state constitution to ban gay marriage. Dozens of pastors then joined a statewide effort to register

100,000 new voters and elect more sympathetic candidates — a move similar to one in Washington state, where an Assembly of God pastor is leading an effort to register 60,000 new voters and re-elect Bush.

Charles Haynes, a senior scholar with the nonpartisan First Amendment Center in Arlington, Va., said Mainstream's tactics only added to the tension in Kansas. "If we want to escalate a cultural war, this is a good way to do it," he said.

But Mainstream's executive director, Caroline McKnight, said her organization is only trying to make sure that churches follow federal law. The group has not yet filed any complaints, she said.

According to IRS guidelines, churches cannot endorse individual candidates, and their pastors cannot use the pulpit or church newsletters to do so.

Churches can compile voters guides — though such guides are supposed to be unbiased. Pastors can preach on issues and, as individuals, endorse candidates. McKnight said her group was reacting to pastors being public — "brazen," in her words

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Volunteer for
Mainstream Coalition

— about political activity.

McKnight said the IRS does not have the resources to monitor churches' activities, something an agency official confirmed during a recent seminar on political activity by nonprofit groups.

Lynn said complaints to the IRS are uncommon, though his group has filed 50 during the past decade. He said 19 of those complaints involved improper endorse-

ments of Democratic candidates.

McKnight said Mainstream Coalition volunteers visit houses of worship of all types. But conservative groups don't take such assurances at face value.

Said Jay Sekulow, chief counsel for the conservative American Center for Law and Justice, of Virginia Beach, Va.: "Who deputized this group and its members to be thought police in Kansas — or elsewhere?"

On the Net:
Mainstream Coalition:
<http://www.mainstreamcoalition.org/>

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Passing the Noah test

I am very confident that this article will be the shortest one I've ever written. Why? Because the message is simple and very direct.

Recently I preached on "Noah's Disney Cruise." On a Disney Cruise there are lots of animal around. Mickey, Goofy, Donald, Minnie and many others fill the decks. But the focus of the sermon wasn't on the animals or on the 120 years of preparation or on the flood itself.

The focus was on Genesis 7:1. "The Lord then said to Noah, 'Go into the ark, you and your whole family, because I have found you righteous in this generation.'"

If Noah had not been found to be righteous, you and I would have never been born. Isn't it a wonderful thing that Noah chose to live righteously?

If the existence of all future generations were dependent on what God found in you, would your grandchildren and great grandchildren ever be born? Are you living righteously?

If the existence of all future generations of Subletts were dependent on what God found in me, would my grandchildren and great grandchildren ever be born?

Now I'm not talking about the righteousness that we are given by Christ when we surrender to Him as Lord and Savior. That is not what God found in Noah that preserved all future generations.

I'm talking about righteous living day in and day out. I'm talking about choosing righteousness when we make decisions, in our treatment of others, in everything we do.

As Ray Stevens says in "Have A Little Talk With Myself," "And I think it just about time to have a little talk with myself. Have a little private conversation, a little self-examination, a little attitude correction, a little soul search and inspection. Then start heading in the right direction."

If all future generations would be at risk if God came to examine you like he did Noah, then its time to make a change. Choose righteousness.

God bless.

Mike Sublett

Hi-Land
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FBC -Skellytown to host youth revival

Calling all junior high and high school youth. "Focus on Youth Revival" is planned Aug. 13 and 14 at First Baptist Church in Skellytown with evangelist Johnathan Hewitt of Celina

and musician Zach Dietz of Borger.

Pizza will be served at 6 p.m. Friday and hamburgers at 5:30 p.m. Saturday. A worship service is scheduled at 7 p.m. both days.

The deadline to RSVP for meals is 8 p.m., Aug. 6. For more information, contact the church at (806) 848-2567 or Fines Marchman at 669-7878. A nursery will provided for sponsors' children.

Phillips Family coming to First Assembly

The Phillips Family will be special guests of First Assembly of God Church, 500 S. Cuyler, at 6 p.m., Sunday, July 23.

This musical ministry team consists of Christine "Mom" Phillips and her sons, J. Charles and Greg. They base their ministry on faith in God, hope in the return of

Jesus, and love for people abroad.

The Phillips Family hosts and produces their own weekly television program, "Hallelujah Amen" which features their music and testimony as well as special guests. The program is aired in a number of states on Christian Television Networks and independent stations.

The three, all of whom live in Nashville, Tenn., are each gifted songwriters and authors.

The award-winning group's recordings contain original material. They've had eight consecutive hit singles in National Radio Charts and were voted "Gospel Group 1993" in the ICGMA Gold Cross Awards.

Church to serve fish dinner July 31

Open Door Church of God-in-Christ, 402 Oklahoma St., will be serving fish dinners on Saturday, July 31.

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My husband, "Ned," lost his mother suddenly at the age of 54. Her wishes were to be cremated and have her remains scattered in the Arizona desert. It hasn't happened yet.

Her remains started out on the bookcase headboard of our bed. I finally moved them to the living room in front of the fireplace. One day, I returned home from work and, once again, the remains had been put back in our bedroom -- this time on the nightstand next to our bed.

Abby, our 10-year-old son was extremely close to his grandmother. They adored each other. To this day, he talks to the urn as if it is his grandmother. In addition, the remains did not all fit into the urn, so a second box was sent along with the urn. With time, the box separated and started to leak.

I think it's unhealthy to continue to have the remains in the house, and I also feel it's disrespectful to my mother-in-law. How can you be firm and loving at the same time? How should I bring this up without putting my foot in my mouth? — WOEFUL IN INDIANA

DEAR WOEFUL: It appears your husband is having a difficult time letting go. I recommend you sweep up the remains that have leaked out of the box and place them in a baggie. When your husband is in a relaxed, and hopefully receptive, mood give it to him and tell him that his mother had asked that her remains be scattered in Arizona -- not the bedroom. If he can't bring himself to do that, perhaps he would compromise by agreeing to keep them elsewhere than your bedroom. Your having moved them should have been hint enough that their presence made you uncomfortable.

It is not unheard of for survivors to keep the remains of loved ones with them -- and the subject has appeared before in my column. However, since it makes you uncomfortable, you should not have to sleep with his mother.

DEAR ABBY: I am being married soon. My sister, "Alice," promised to help me with the last-minute details. However, yesterday Alice called to inform me -- with regrets -- that she'll be on vacation with her husband at the time my wedding is scheduled, so she won't be able to help me after all. I am upset to say the least. I have no bridesmaids to help me, and I was counting on her.

Alice is very sensitive, so I'm afraid to say anything to her. Am I wrong to be upset? What should I tell my friends when they ask about her? Is there anything I can say to my sister or my guests that will go over well? — HURT IN HOUSTON

DEAR HURT: Tell your "sensitive" sister that you are disappointed that she won't be there to share your happiness (it's the truth), and that she'll be missed (it's also true because her absence will be noticed), and that you'll manage without her (because you will).

Then ask a couple of close friends to help you. If the "last-minute details" are shared, they shouldn't be too much of a burden for anyone. Should your guests inquire about your sister's whereabouts, be truthful and let them draw their own conclusions. Her failure to attend is not a reflection on you.

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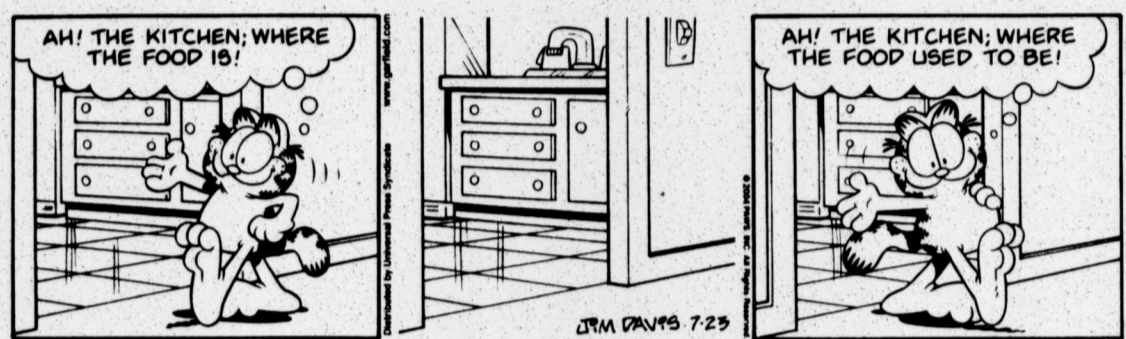
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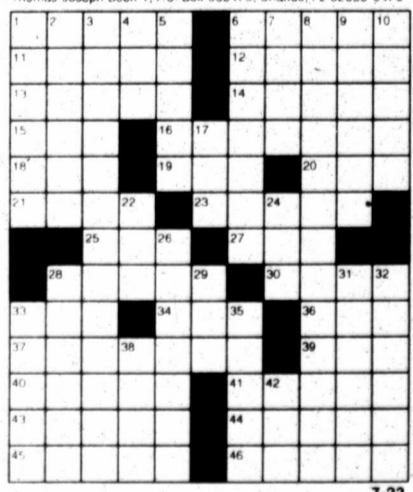
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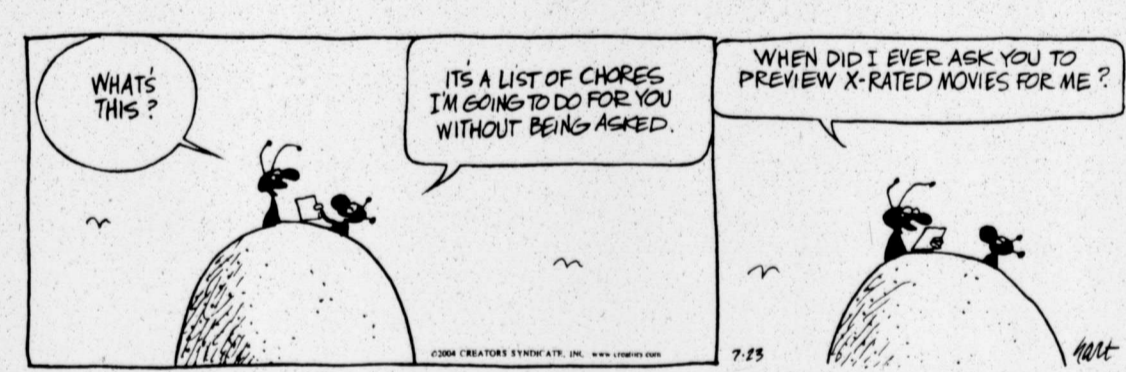
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Sports Day

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Eight-way tie for first at USBC

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Two shots off the lead after the opening round of the U.S. Bank Championship wasn't enough to get onto the first page of the leaderboard.

For just the second time at a PGA Tour event, there was an eight-way tie for first place after the opening round. Another 10 golfers are one shot back at the tournament formerly known as the Greater Milwaukee Open.

"A lot of people, a lot of golf (left)," said Danny Briggs, whose 5-under 65 tied him with Todd Fischer, Bo Van Pelt, Brett Quigley, Patrick Sheehan, Brian Kortan, Robert Gamez and Olin Browne for the first-round lead.

The 2000 Honda Classic had the only other eight-way tie for first after one round, according to the PGA Tour, which began keeping such statistics in 1970.

The top 70 golfers, plus ties, after Friday's second round will make the cut.

With the first title sponsor in the event's 37-year history, the Milwaukee tour stop has a new name. It also has a budding reputation. Brown Deer Park is beefed up. The greens are firmer than normal and the noto-

riously deep rough is nastier than ever.

"Last year I remember the rough being up here, too," Fischer said. "But there's some spots here that you might need a Weed Eater to get out."

Among those at 66 were Paul Azinger, who called this "a mini-U.S. Open," and Jerry Kelly, who described it best when he said the rough he encountered on No. 15 was "a bird's nest in a hawk's nest."

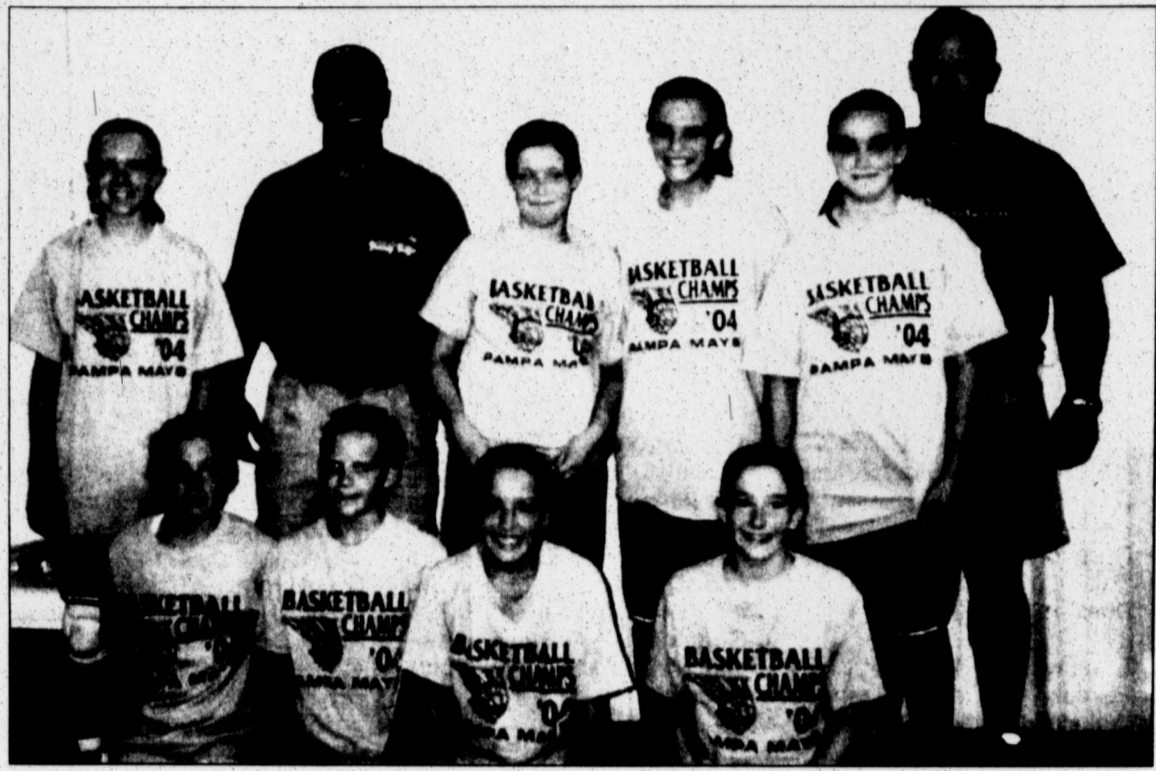
Brown Deer isn't the pushover it used to be — even though 62 players broke par and another two dozen matched it.

"This course is awesome right now," Kelly said. "You get a little wind and a little sunshine out there, this weekend it's going to be a tough golf course. And you never heard that about Brown Deer before. You hear it's a good golf course, but not tough. This weekend, it could be tough."

An unusually wet spring and summer contributed to the thick rough on the 6,759-yard layout, one of the shortest on tour.

Perry has had trouble shaking the jet lag. "I wake up real early," he said.

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Picture of perfection

The Pampa Sparks grade 5-6 basketball team went undefeated in taking the MAYB tournament held in Pampa July 17-19. The team is made up of, from left to right, front row- Shalie Thompson, Kylee Wyatt, Cori Cook and Taryn Eubank. Second row- Holly Gage, Coach Bob Cook, Ashley Holland, Kay Kirkham, Kayla Hughes and Coach Kelly Wyatt.

Maddux wins 298, Sox shut out Indians

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National League

Greg Maddux seemed as if he was in a hurry to get his 298th career victory. Jason Schmidt looked lost trying for his 13th straight win.

Maddux needed just 92 pitches over a crisp 2 hours, 15 minutes for his second straight complete game, limiting the visiting Cincinnati Reds to just four hits in the Chicago Cubs' 13-2 rout Thursday.

"Runs, man. Runs are a beautiful thing," Maddux said. "When you get a lead like that, it changes the way the game is played."

Maddux (9-7) allowed just four hits in his second consecutive complete game and 105th of his career. It was the first time he pitched back-to-back complete games since Sept. 7 and 13, 2000.

In San Francisco, Schmidt couldn't figure out umpire Matt Hollowell's strike zone and failed to get out of the sixth inning in his worst outing of the season. He lost for the first time in 17 starts,

and the Giants fell to the San Diego Padres 9-4.

"There was a lot of funny stuff going on," Schmidt said. "It was a mind-boggling afternoon. Every umpire has got his own zone, and you've got to adjust to it."

'Runs, man. Runs are a beautiful thing.'

—Greg Maddux
Pitcher, Chicago Cubs

In other NL games, it was: Montreal 4, N.Y. Mets 1; Atlanta 2, Pittsburgh 1, 10 innings; Florida 10, Philadelphia 8; Los Angeles 4, Colorado 2; Houston 10, Arizona 3; and St. Louis 4,

Milwaukee 0.

American League

The Chicago White Sox came into Cleveland and silenced the Indians.

The Indians were poised to make a run entering the two-game series with the Sox, having hit 21 homers and scored 52 runs in their previous six games.

Now, that's 52 runs in eight games after Chicago shut out the Indians on Thursday for the second night in a row. Freddy Garcia threw seven shutout innings in the White Sox's 3-0 win.

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All Stars in Waco

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

The High Plains All Stars softball team will be in Waco this weekend to take part in the Texas West Little League State Tournament.

The team, made up of girls age 11 and 12, features players from McLean, Clarendon, Hedley and Groom. They left for Waco at 10 a.m. today following a send-off in McLean.

Titans sign Antowain Smith

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — A day after cutting Eddie George, the Tennessee Titans signed running back Antowain Smith, who led New

England with 642 yards rushing for a 3.5 average last season, will compete for time with second-year man Chris Brown and Robert Holcombe.

Armstrong may skip next year's tour

ANNEMASSE, France (AP) — Lance Armstrong might not ride in next year's Tour de France and instead concentrate on other races.

"It's 50-50. There is a chance he won't come back," Jogi Mueller, a spokesman for the U.S. Postal Service team, said Friday. "There is no decision yet."

"He will definitely race next year," Mueller added. "He just needs to decide which races."

The Tour's top three officials said they had not discussed Armstrong's 2005 plans with the five-time champion, who is on track to become the only six-time winner of the 101-year-old race.

"He is doubtless the greatest rider ever in the Tour de France. He is proving that," said Patrice Clerc, president of the Tour. "Now does he want a seventh, or an eighth? I have no idea."

Dan Osipow, a spokesman for Tailwind Sports, which owns the team, said: "To say he's out right now is way too speculative. He is going to race a full season, we just can't say what events they will be."

"The team will be racing in the Tour de France," Osipow said. "Right now we can't tell you who will be the team leader," though he suggested it may be hard for Armstrong to turn his back on the race.

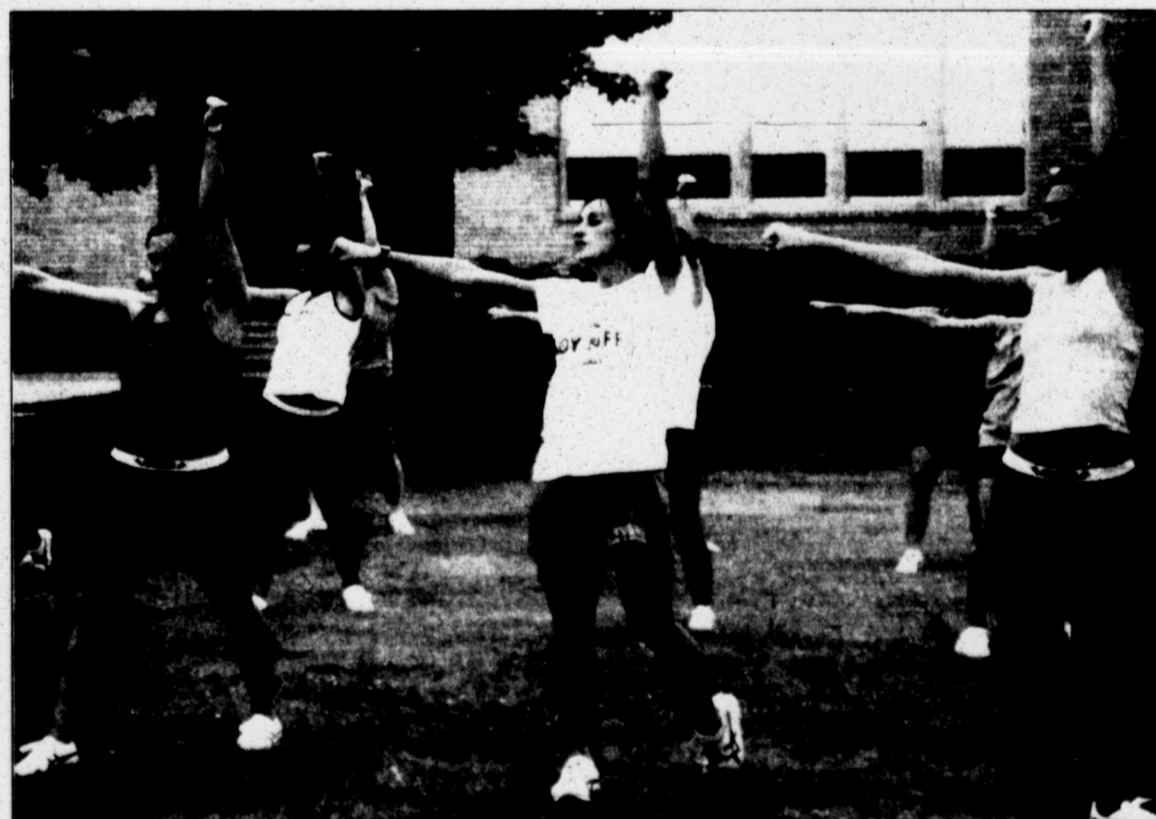
"He's clearly insatiable. This race means more to him than anything (else) in sport," Osipow said. But, he added, "it too early to say whether he'll be on the line" next year.

Osipow said the team's schedule would probably be drawn up in December.

Armstrong has outclassed his rivals as the race heads to ward the finish Sunday in Paris. He has won three consecutive stages for the first time and a total of four in this Tour, matching his best showing since he first won cycling's showcase race in 1999.

Before the Tour, when his team signed a new, three-year, multimillion-dollar sponsorship deal with the Discovery Network, the 32-year-old Texan had said he would race in the Tour in 2005.

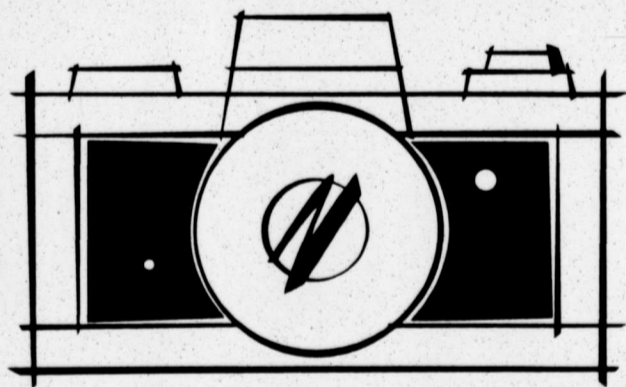
Armstrong also told reporters this month he would be competing in 2005, although he didn't specify whether that would include the Tour.



We got spirit

From left to right, cheerleaders Anna Schafer, Whitney Morris, Alyssa Bromwell and Monica Eakin practice at Pampa High School in preparation for Junior Cheer Camp which will be held August 7. The one day format is a change from how camp has been conducted in the past. Grades K-1 will attend 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Grades 2-8 will attend 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Lunch will be provided. Registration will be held Monday, August 2, 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. in front of McNeely Field House. For more information, call 669-7874 or 662-2729.

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RLopez, Groom (7), Julio (9) and JVLopez; Alvarez, Malaska (6), Mendoza (9) and Varitek. W—RLopez 8-6. L—07387 0-1. HRs—Baltimore, Mora 2 (15), Tejada (18). Boston, Millar (7).

Second Game
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Borkowski, Williams (7), Parrish (7) and Machado; Wakefield, Timlin (8), Embree (9) and Mirabelli. W—Wakefield 6-6. L—Borkowski 1-2. HR—Boston, Youkilis (4).

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Gobble, Sullivan (6), Seaney (8) and Buck; Knotts, Ledezma (5), DPatterson (8) and IRodriguez, DiFelice (9). W—Gobble 6-7. L—Knotts 5-5. HRs—Kansas City, MiSweeney 2 (18), Harvey (12), Detroit, Infante 2 (9), Inge (8).

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Lidle, RWagner (5), PNorton (7), GWhite (8) and Valentin; Maddux and Bako. W—Maddux 9-7. L—Lidle 6-8. HRs—Cincinnati, Valentin 2

(5). Chicago, Grudzielanek (2), Alou 2 (24), ARamirez (17).

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Pavano, Perisho (6), BHoward (7), Bump (7), Koch (8), Benitez (8) and Redmond; Wolf, Geary (5), RHernandez (7), Cormier (8) and Lieberthal. W—Pavano 10-4. L—Wolf 4-6. Sv—Benitez (33). HRs—Florida, Conine (7), AGonzalez (14), Redmond (2). Philadelphia, Burrell (16), Utley (8).

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Cook, Harikkala (8) and TGreene; OPerez, Mota (8), Gagne (9) and Lo Duca. W—Mota 8-3. L—Harikkala 4-2. Sv—Gagne (28). HRs—Colorado, Castilla (18). Los Angeles, Bradley (11).

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DWells, Neal (6), Linebrink (6), Beck (8), Stone (9) and Quintero; Schmidt, Christiansen (6), FRodriguez (8), WFranklin (9) and Pierzynski. W—DWells 6-5. L—Schmidt 12-3. HRs—San Diego, Loretta (10), Payton (4). San Francisco, Felix (14).

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Oswalt, Qualls (8), Gallo (9) and RChavez; EGonzalez, Dessens (5), Randolph (7) and Mayne. W—Oswalt 9-8. L—EGonzalez 0-2. HRs—Houston, AEverett (5), Lamb (7), CBeltran 2 (10), Arizona, Hillenbrand (10).

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BSheets, JBennett (6), Kinney (7) and Moeller; Marquis, Tavarez (9) and YMolina. W—Marquis 10-4. L—BSheets 9-7. HR—St. Louis, Edmonds (23).



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Codie Harrah appears ready for a lateral while teammate Scott Kelley fends off, from left to right, Austin Reed and Skyler Been. Kelley scored on the pass reception during the Pampa High School Football Camp earlier in the week. The camp concludes today.

MLB

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A night earlier, Mark Buehrle faced the minimum 27 batters in a two-hitter.

Garcia, acquired by the White Sox for a playoff push, outpitched Indians ace C.C. Sabathia, who gave up seven hits in seven innings. Carl Everett had two RBI singles.

"My team needed me to go out and throw a shutout," Sabathia said. "I feel like I didn't do a good enough job against Freddy. He was dealing. Everybody knew how important these games were and we probably pressed a little. But we faced two great pitchers, too."

Cleveland was shut out in consecutive

games for the first time since April 27-28, 1993, at Seattle. The Indians had not been shut out at home in two straight games since 1991.

In Thursday's other AL games, it was New York 1, Toronto 0; Baltimore split a doubleheader with Boston, winning 8-3 and losing 4-0 in the second game; Seattle 4, Oakland 2; Kansas City 13, Detroit 7; Minnesota 7, Tampa Bay 5; and Anaheim 11, Texas 1.

At Arlington, Texas, Bartolo Colon (8-8) allowed just three singles in seven innings against Texas' powerful lineup.

Rangers starter Ricardo Rodriguez (3-1), who entered the game with a string of 15 1-3 consecutive scoreless innings, broke his right elbow when he was struck by Quinlan's liner in the fourth.

USBC

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"It's a very fair course," Gamez said. "You just have to hit the fairways and get it on the green."

Even that might not be good enough, Kelly suggested.

The nasty rough will hound even accurate hitters because some balls will roll off the greens if placement and spin aren't just right, he said.

"That's just as bad as missing from the fairway because you cannot control your ball from a foot off the green," Kelly said. "You've got to take a hack at that thing and

who knows how it's going to come out?"

Defending champion Kenny Perry, still feeling the effects of playing in the British Open last weekend, shot a 1-under 69.

"I'd be lying if I told you I feel great. I feel tired," Perry said. "I think that's the reason I struggled on the greens. I didn't putt very well. I could not make a putt to save my neck. I think a lot of that's due to concentration."

Perry has had trouble shaking the jet lag. "I wake up real early," he said.

Gamez was in the rough twice, on the par-3 14th, where he chipped in from 30 feet for birdie, and again on No. 18, where he missed a birdie putt that would have given him the outright lead.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Saturday, July 24, 2004:

You have a way that draws others. You are like honey to a bear. Carefully check out those who tumble into your lair. You have only the best expectations, but not everyone can live up to your standards. Surround yourself with people who are on your level. You decide to make a major purchase this fall, which could be anything from a car to a house or a computer, depending on what you can afford. This item will improve your day-to-day life. Think in terms of living life to the fullest and not getting bogged down in a low-level depression. If you are single, your choices are many. Pick your sweetie with care. This person will make you smile often. If you are attached, you enjoy each other's company more than ever. Go on dates more often together. LIBRA can rev you up.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult ARIES (March 21-April 19) ***** Emphasize what is good in your life as opposed to the problems. You will discover that everyone smiles and responds positively. Many clamor around the Ram, wanting you to join in this or that activity. Stay busy. Stay happy. Tonight: Your biggest problem is which invitation to accept. TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ***** A dear friend or loved one begs you to stop and mellow out. He or she is willing to do whatever it takes to help you relax. You might find this position a bit difficult, but chill out and act like the Bull sniffing the flowers in his or her favorite pasture. Tonight: Easy does it. GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

***** You're in the swing of things right now. Be more in touch with your feelings, especially those that are quite childlike. Laugh and play away all you want. Your words have a strong effect on a close friend or loved one. Tonight: Go until you are tired. CANCER (June 21-July 22) ***** You might decide that your place is where the action is. Decide to throw a spontaneous party. Get on the phone and invite friends. Don't hesitate to ask others to bring a platter or favorite dish. Don't get tense about money. Tonight: A host or hostess who enjoys his or her own party guarantees a fun time for everyone. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ***** Investigate new possibilities involving a relative, neighbor or friend that might impact you. Speak your mind; others will respond enthusiastically. Tension builds around a family member or real estate venture. Tonight: Easy does it. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ***** Make that extra effort financially. Pitch in and help someone you really care about. He or she will not forget your efforts. You might find it difficult to extend yourself this far and be a bit uncomfortable. Tonight: Stretch. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ***** You have a way that draws others. During the daylight hours, don't hesitate to go for what you want or to do something special you have coveted. Later in the day, some tension builds around a friendship or plans. Tonight: Fun doesn't have to cost. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ***** Take your time this morning completing something personal and key to your well-being. Think "nap," because you will find that later on you are a whirlwind of energy. Share a

problem with a trusted loved one. Tonight: You sparkle. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ***** Use the daylight hours to your advantage, as success greets you. Plan on a slowdown by late afternoon. You might want to rent some movies and lie low. You cannot always be a bundle of fire. Give yourself permission to slow down tonight. Hide out (not necessarily by yourself). CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ***** If you must go to work and deal with a supervisor, review your side of a job. Brainstorming brings results. Plan on hooking up with others later in the day. Don't forget your social life, as it is important to your well-being. Tonight: Where the party is. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ***** You might want to take off ASAP. Sometimes you like wandering and exploring other neighborhoods. Getting away from it all helps renew your perspective. Mull over a problem with a different view. Tonight: In the limelight. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ***** A partner or associate needs time alone with you. Understand more of what this person desires through key conversations. Be ready to explore and think of different options. Go to the movies together or somewhere where there is music. Tonight: Let your mind wander. BORN TODAY Actress Lynda Carter (1951); actress Jennifer Lopez (1970); actor Robert Hays (1947).

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Yesterday's Cryptoquote: WHAT IS DEFEAT? NOTHING BUT EDUCATION, NOTHING BUT THE FIRST STEP TO SOMETHING BETTER.
 — WENDELL PHILLIPS

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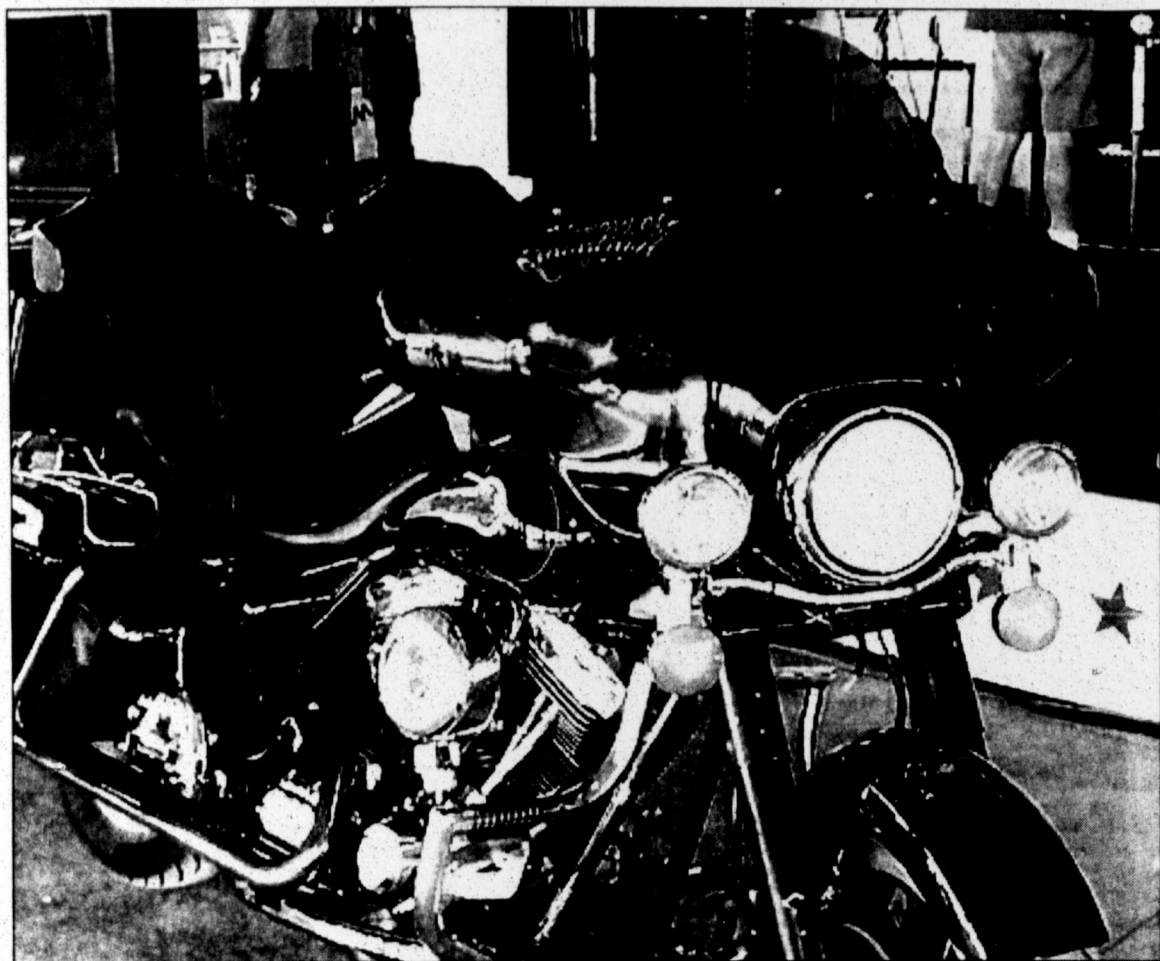
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Doctors to run more tests, say Jenkin's condition not serious

TOKYO (AP) — Doctors treating an accused U.S. Army deserter in Japan said Friday his condition is not serious and he does not need urgent medical care, but more tests will be carried out.

Charles Jenkins, wanted by the United States for allegedly abandoning his Army platoon in 1965 and defecting to North Korea, has been hospitalized in Tokyo since arriving in Japan on Sunday. Japanese officials say Jenkins, who has lived in the North for nearly four decades, was suffering the aftereffects of an operation performed in the communist state.

A Japanese hospital official said Jenkins underwent prostate surgery.

The United States plans to pursue a case against Jenkins, including a possible court-martial, but it has not yet officially requested custody of him, citing humanitarian concerns over his health.

It was unclear if Japanese doctors' latest diagnosis would prompt U.S. officials to request his handover soon.

Citing privacy laws, doctors refused to specify Jenkins' ailment. But the hospital's deputy chief, Dr. Atsushi Nagai, said: "After examining him, it appears there is no need for immediate medical treatment."

Nagai said that when he told this to Jenkins, the American "seemed to understand that he doesn't have a serious condition."

Jenkins is married to a Japanese citizen, Hitomi Soga.

The two met in North Korea after Soga was kidnapped by Northern agents and taken to the reclusive country in 1978 to help train spies.

Soga was released by North Korea in 2002 and returned to Japan, leaving behind Jenkins and their two daughters.

The 64-year-old North Carolina native told doctors some details about his prostate surgery in North Korea, Nagai said. More tests over the next week will give doctors a better idea of how to treat Jenkins, said Nagai, who is heading the medical team caring for the American.

Although Jenkins had lost about 22 pounds in recent months, he has a decent appetite, doctors said.

'After examining him, it appears there is no need for immediate medical treatment.'

—Dr. Atsushi Nagai
Deputy chief of hospital

Nagai confirmed that doctors also discussed their findings with a delegation from the U.S. Embassy on Friday at the hospital. The group, which included U.S. military doctors, did not meet directly with Jenkins, he said.

The U.S. Embassy refused to confirm the visit.

"We are continuing to consult with the government of Japan about Sgt. Jenkins' case," embassy

spokesman Michael Boyle said. "If anything is going on, it is within the context of our consultations on this case, which are at many levels."

Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi said he had not been told of the hospital meeting, but added, "I think it is part of our efforts to find a solution that satisfies both Japan and the United States."

The national Asahi newspaper said Friday that Tokyo will discuss with Jenkins and his family a possible plea bargain with U.S. officials. U.S. Ambassador to Japan Howard Baker suggested the idea to Japanese officials, the daily newspaper said.

It has been a top priority of the Japanese government to reunite Jenkins with his wife.

The couple met in Jakarta, Indonesia, earlier this month, and Jenkins was persuaded to come to Japan for medical treatment despite the possibility of U.S. prosecution for desertion.

Metabolife founder accused of lying about ephedra

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Federal charges that Metabolife International Inc. lied to the Food and Drug Administration about the dangers of a popular diet supplement are based on statements that were taken out of context, an attorney for the company said.

Metabolife and Michael J. Ellis, who founded the San Diego company, were charged Thursday with six counts of making false statements to the FDA and two counts of trying to obstruct the agency's attempt to regulate supplements containing ephedra, the now-banned herbal stimulant.

Ephedra has been linked to several deaths, including that of Steve Bechler, a 23-year-old pitcher for the Baltimore Orioles who died during spring training last year.

Metabolife dismissed the allegations as "utterly baseless."

"The government has concocted a hypertechnical vio-

lation by taking statements to a regulatory agency out of context," attorney Steve Mansfield said.

Mansfield also accused the government of "heavy-handed and aggressive tactics" — including allegedly confronting people at gunpoint during the probe.

The Internal Revenue Service, the lead agency in the investigation, denied the charge. "We've conducted

ourselves in a fair and businesslike manner," said Tami Stine, a spokeswoman for the IRS's criminal investigation division. IRS agents had raided company headquarters in July 2002, removing documents as part of an income tax investigation, authorities said at the time.

An attorney for Ellis, 51, did not return calls for comment Thursday.

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