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Disabled may get relief on late water bills

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

Wednesday's story dealt with
action items on the agenda.

Editor's Note: This is the
second of two stories
concerning the July 12 meeting
of Pampa City
Commissioners.

The possibility of waiving
the late penalty fee for dis-
abled water customers was
among discussion items at
the City of Pampa's commis-

sioners' meeting Tuesday
afternoon in City Hall.

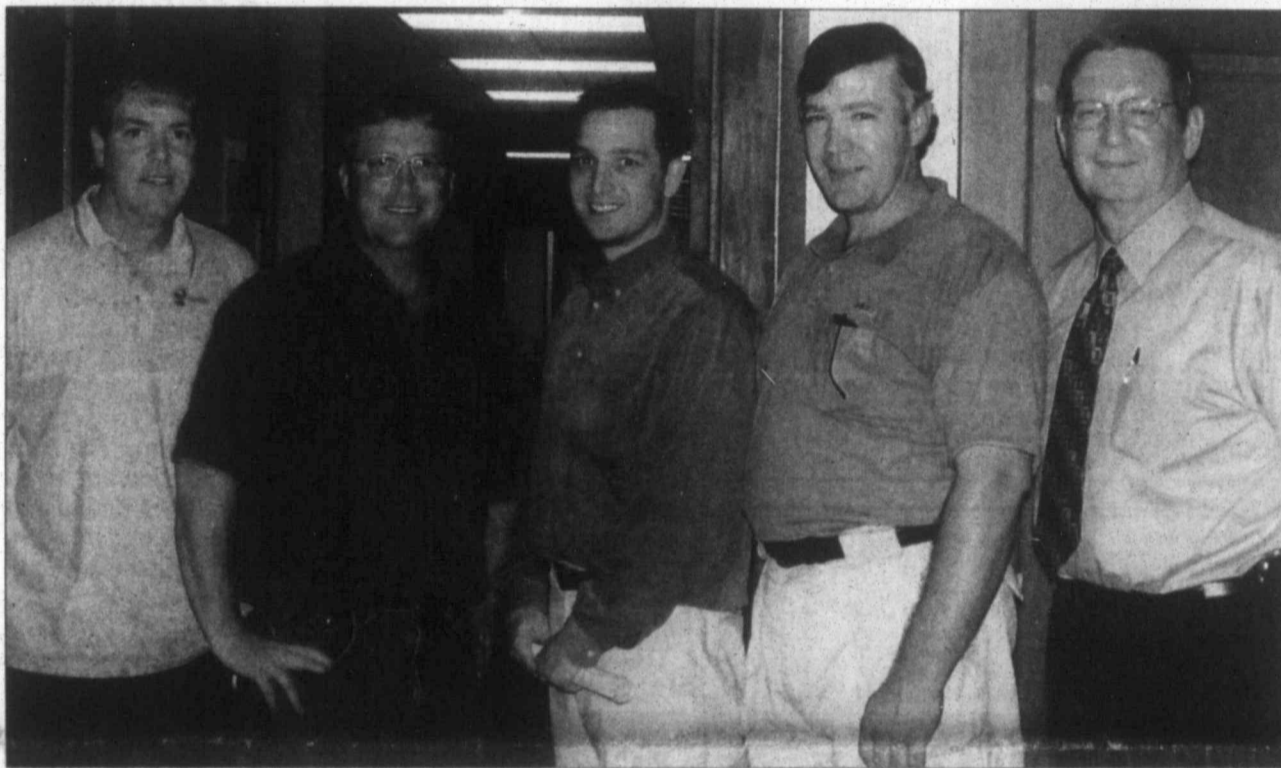
"Customers age 65 or
older are already automati-
cally excused from the late
penalty with proof of age,"
said City Manager John
Horst.

He suggested using the
Social Security disability
form as proof of disability.
The utility would have to be
carried in the name of the
disabled person, and the
waiver of the late penalty fee
would be effective from the

date of disability shown on
the Social Security form, he
said.

An ordinance concerning
the fee waiver will be pre-
pared.

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Representatives of OMI attended Tuesday's city commission meeting to answer any questions concerning the city's water system. OMI operates Pampa's water treatment plant. From left are OMI representatives Brad Mathis, operations supervisor; David Buchanan, project manager; Richard D'Amato, regional vice-president; Billy Ammons, regional business manager; and Richard Morris, city director of public works.

Budget time: County officials ready to craft 2005-06 budget

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

Gray County commissioners will begin the weeks-long process of crafting the county's 2005-2006 budget at Friday's 9 a.m. meeting in the second-floor courtroom of Gray County Courthouse.

The county's fiscal year runs from Oct. 1 through the following Sept. 30.

Last year's budget decisions were marked by sometimes heated discussions between city and county commissioners concerning which fire department would cover what areas, and how much Pampa Fire Department would receive from the county in exchange for covering its designated share of territory outside city limits.

The final contracts gave Hoover VFD approximately 220 square miles, an increase from the 108 square miles it had had the previous year, at a cost to the county of \$20,000, up from the previous year's \$15,000.

The county's contract with PFD paid them \$120,000 yearly for the last fiscal year and the 2005-2006 fiscal year for coverage of 27 square miles, including the Cole Addition, Keller Estates, Walnut Creek, Highway 60 to National Oilwell, Highway 152 and portions of Price Road.

Commissioners will also consider Friday hiring a full-time elections administrator and the appointment of election judges.

Precinct 3 Commissioner Gerald Wright is scheduled to request the replacement of an employee in his precinct.

A lease-purchase contract with Pitney Bowes is on the agenda. The proposed contract would replace the county's current postage machine.

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Summer Celebration Organizers gearing up for broadcast

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

The Newschannel 10 Summer Celebration Tour event in Pampa will begin at 5 p.m. Friday in Central Park, with events expected to run until at least 7 p.m.

KFDA Channel 10, Amarillo's CBS affiliate, will broadcast its 5 and 6 p.m. news shows live from Central Park.

Activities will include live

music from local bands on the outdoor stage; a skateboarding competition at the skate park; an appearance by the Top O' Texas rodeo queens on horseback; and food and drink booths.

An ice cream freeze-off will be divided into individuals, businesses and organizations. Winners in each category will receive an ice man ornament.

Classic cars will be on display, and a burn out demonstra-

tion will be held. In a burn out, vehicles are judged on the amount of smoke and noise they can generate by spinning their rear wheels while remaining stationary.

"We want people to see Pampa as the fun, festive place it is. We're inviting everyone to attend," said Clay Rice, executive director of the Greater Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce.

Report: 9-year-olds test better on math, reading

WASHINGTON (AP) — The nation's 9-year-olds are doing better when it comes to reading and math, but the same can't be said about older students.

The 2004 National Assessment of Educational Progress, known as the nation's report card, also shows that achievement gaps between white and black and Hispanic students remain, but have narrowed.

Education Secretary Margaret Spellings said the results, released Thursday, show that the No Child Left Behind law, President Bush's signature education policy, is helping raise achievement levels.

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Congressional action on Social Security dragging

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congressional action on Social Security legislation, President Bush's top domestic priority, may not come anytime soon.

The chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, who earlier predicted his panel would deal with a bill in early June, said Wednesday it may not get to it until September at the earliest.

Meanwhile, the head of the Senate Finance Committee said he hoped a meeting Thursday morning might spur some

action, though he was not sure it would.

Rep. Bill Thomas, R-Calif., said the schedule for his Ways and Means committee bogged down because of the Central American Free Trade Agreement and other legislation.

"The issue is dealing with more time-sensitive legislation first," Thomas said. Social Security "is not time-sensitive, and we are going to pass CAFTA" before Congress begins its summer recess at the end of the month.

Thomas was quick to say about Social Security legislation: "There's no hang-up on contents. It's just how many days we got and how many space shuttles don't get off the ground."

The House delayed its votes and curtailed some committee action Wednesday so members could attend the launch of the space shuttle Discovery, which ended up being scrubbed because of an equipment problem.

'The issue is dealing with more time-sensitive legislation first.'

— Rep. Bill Thomas
R-Calif

Rep. Roy Blunt of Missouri, the No. 3

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JOIN US IN CENTRAL PARK ON FRIDAY, JULY 15TH AT 5:00 PM FOR THE KFDA CHANNEL 10 SUMMER CELEBRATION TOUR

See all of the Channel 10 News personalities - they will be broadcasting the 5pm and 6pm news live from Pampa Games, Food, Skateboard Contest, Balloons, Battle of the Bands, Ice Cream Freeze-Off, Rodeo Queens, Classic Cars, Burn-Out Demonstration and lots of fun for everyone!

Obituaries

Iona May Russell, 81
 BORGER, Texas — Iona May Russell, 81, of Borger, died Tuesday, July 12, 2005, at Amarillo.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, July 15, 2005, at Carmichael-Whately Colonial Chapel in Pampa with the Rev. Don Boren, pastor of the First United Methodist Church of Borger, officiating.

Burial will be in Miami Cemetery at Miami under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Russell was born Aug. 29, 1923, at Waynoka, Okla. She graduated from Miami High School in 1941. She married Ben Franklin Russell on Jan. 17, 1942, at Yuma, Ariz. She moved to Amarillo in the 1940s and to Borger in 1970.

She worked many years in the Amarillo and Borger Independent School Districts, and worked for the Texas Department of Child Protective Services until her retirement.

She was a member of First United Methodist Church of Borger.

Her father worked for Santa Fe Railroad as a section foreman, and consequently her

family moved often, and she grew up along the railroad tracks. She entertained her family with lively tunes on the piano. She was a dedicated wife and mother.



Russell

She was preceded in death by her parents, Paul and Ruth Cell.

Survivors include her husband, Frank Russell, of the home; three sons, Paul Russell and wife Odessa, and David Russell and wife Matilda, all of Amarillo, and Don Russell and wife Kay of Borger; a daughter, Benona Love and husband Richard of Amarillo; a sister, Etta Bell Burt and husband Jack of Hemet, Calif.; 11 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

The family wishes to extend their heartfelt gratitude to BSA Hospice, and asks that memorials be sent to either BSA Hospice, P.O. Box 950, Amarillo, TX 79176, or the First United Methodist Church, 200 N. McGee, Borger, TX 79007.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 6-8 p.m. on Thursday, July 14, 2005.

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

Lisa Machalla Woolums, 43

Lisa Machalla Woolums, mother and stepfather, Jo 43, of Pampa, died June 13, 2005, at Houston.



Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 16, 2005, at Memorial Heights Cemetery in Lefors with the Rev. Chris Webb officiating.

Ms. Woolums was born April 8, 1962, at Brownfield.

Survivors include her

and Danny Wilemon of Lefors; her father, Jim Miller of Rainelle, W.Va.; a sister, Trish McDaniel of Lefors; two brothers, Jerry Miller of Lubbock and Earl Miller of Ropesville; and her grandmother, Alleen Rogers of Lefors.

Emergency Services

Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents today.

Wednesday, July 13

Nine traffic stops were made. A traffic complaint was received from the 600 block of East Foster.

Vehicle accidents were reported at the intersection of Somerville and Sumner streets, the 1400 block of West Somerville, and the 1800 block of East Harvester. A hit and run accident was reported in the 100 block of South Sumner.

One residential alarm was reported.

Welfare checks were made in the 500 block of North Nelson and the 1300 block of Mary Ellen.

Fire department assistance was rendered in the 1100 block of Gwendolyn.

Suspicious persons were reported in the 1200 block of North Hobart, the 2600 block of Evergreen, and the 900 block of North Crest.

A prowler was reported in the 400 block of Hill.

A suspicious vehicle was reported at the intersection of Foster and Osage streets.

Criminal trespass was reported in the 700 block of West Francis, the 900 block of Fisher, and the 300 block of South Gray.

Warrant service was attempted twice at one location.

Harassment was reported in the 600 block of North Gray.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 2100 block of North Faulkner.

A gas drive-off was reported at Taylor Food Mart, 600 E. Frederic. Fuel valued at \$8.48 was taken.

Theft was reported twice at the same address in the 3000 block of Perryton Parkway.

Found property was reported in the 1000 block of North Somerville, concerning a lawn mower.

Found property was reported in the 2100 block of North Faulkner. A bicycle was found.

Fraud was reported in the police department lobby.

A civil matter was reported in the 1100 block of South Banks.

Burglary was reported in the 400 block of Rose and the 500 block of Lowry.

Assault was reported in the police department lobby.

Stalking was reported in the 2600 block of Cherokee. A silent/abusive 911 call was received from the 1400 block of Rider.

Assault by threat was reported in the 1400 block of North Russell.

A subject with a weapon was reported in the 2200 block of Evergreen and the intersection of Rham and Sumner streets.

An animal complaint concerning a porcupine was reported at the intersection of Varmon Drive and Neel Road.

Disorderly conduct/other was reported in the 1400 block of North Hobart.

A runaway was reported in the 1900 block of North Christy.

Fire

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

Wednesday, July 13

7:39 a.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to the 1200 block of North Wells on a call for medical assistance.

12:37 p.m. — One unit and seven firefighters responded to the 1100 block of Gwendolyn on a possible fire. No fire was found.

12:59 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to the intersection of Somerville and Sumner streets on a motor vehicle accident with injuries. Two patients were transported by ambulance to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

Ambulance

Guardian EMS ambulance reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Wednesday, July 13

7:05 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1700 block of Williston and transported a patient(s) to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

7:39 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1200 block of Wells and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

12:42 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to PRMC and transported a patient(s) to the 800 block of 25th.

4:50 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 2000 block of Perryton Parkway and transported a patient(s) to the 1300 block of West Kentucky.

Thursday, July 14

1:54 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1200 block of Frederic. No transport.

4:28 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1200 block of Williston. No transport.

Accidents

Pampa Police Department reported the following accident today.

Tuesday, July 12

3:48 p.m. — A 2000 Ford Expedition, driven by Melissa Renee Collier, 16, 810 N. West, and a 2003 Ford Escape, driven by Tamara Dawn Hefley, 18, Mobeetie, collided in the 1400 block of North Hobart. Collier was transported to Pampa Regional Medical Center by Guardian EMS ambulance with possible injuries. Collier was cited for failure to control speed.

Sheriff

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

Wednesday, July 13

Jeff Fortner, 26, Phoenix, Ariz., was arrested for theft. Freddie Nunn, 43, Phoenix, was arrested on a bond surrender for possession of a controlled substance.

Gray County Weather

Today: Partly cloudy, with a high near 94. South-south-east wind around 5 mph becoming calm.

Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 68. East-southeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Friday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 93. East-southeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Bills

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Commissioner Brad Pingel had asked that the possibility of televising city commission meetings be included in discussion items.

A camera could be mounted at the back of the city commission chambers, Horst said. The camera would tape the meetings, which would be played at various times on the city's public access channel and would also be shown on the Internet.

"It would be recorded on DVD and shown (later)," said City Secretary Phyllis Jeffers.

The broadcasts could be expanded to include city advisory board meetings also, Horst said.

Estimated cost of broadcasting commission meetings on television and the Internet is \$1,250, Horst said.

The topic will be listed as an action item on commissioners' next agenda.

Discussion of an ordinance prohibiting

transportation of butane and liquefied petroleum was not held because the person requesting the discussion did not attend Tuesday's meeting.

Richard Morris, director of public works, presented the city's annual water consumer confidence report.

"Each person who pays a water bill gets a copy of the report. We are required to do this by the Environmental Protection Agency. We must publish anything good and bad that happens with our water system," he said.

"We have extremely good water. Our water quality has improved immensely since blending well and lake water, which has reduced salinity," he said.

A report is also generated for water supplied to the Jordan Unit, which is on a separate water system provided by the city which is well water only, Morris said.

Representatives of OMI, which operates the city's water treatment plant, were on hand for questions.

Commissioner Faustina Curry was absent from Tuesday's meeting.

Budget

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Other items on the agenda include a road crossing request for Baggerman Road, the county treasurer's report, line item transfers, and payment of bills and salaries.

PUBLIC AUCTION OF FORFEITED PROPERTY

Pursuant to authority granted in Chapter 59 of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure, and in compliance therewith, the 31st Judicial District Attorney, acting as agent for the State of Texas and in accordance with local agreements between said agent and law enforcement agencies, shall offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder the following horses seized and forfeited to the State of Texas by judgment of the 223rd Judicial District Court of Gray County, Texas upon the following terms and conditions.

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| Milo | 3.55 |
| Corn | 4.32 |
| Soybeans | 6.20 |

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

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| New York Gold | 424.25 | |
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reading and math in grades three to eight, and public reporting of scores for all major groups of students.

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Last year, 9-year-olds earned their highest scores ever in both subjects since the tests were first given — in 1971 for reading and 1973 for math. On a scale of 0-500, 9-year-olds scored 208 in reading in 1971, compared with 212 in 1999 and 219 in 2004.

"We're focusing on policy and getting results and we're getting results," she said in an interview. Among the law's requirements are yearly testing of students in

reading and math in grades three to eight, and public reporting of scores for all major groups of students.

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Action

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Republican in the House, told reporters he doubted lawmakers would deal with the bill this month. That would delay the debate until fall, when the Senate is expected to be consumed with a Supreme Court confirmation battle.

Sen. Charles Grassley, chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, told reporters Tuesday he was unsure when his committee would begin work on Social Security legislation.

His staff is expected to outline several ideas for the committee's Republican members during a business meeting Thursday, but two of those members have expressed doubts about Bush's proposal, which includes personal investment accounts.

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Texas AgriAbility assists impaired ag workers

By PAUL SCHATTENBERG
Texas A&M News/Public Affairs

GONZALES — The Ehrigs are not the average farm ranch couple. Larry Ehrig, 55, works from a wheelchair due to a degenerative spinal condition and multiple sclerosis. His wife, Norma, suffered two strokes in one year.

But in spite of their physical impairments, the Ehrigs say they are blessed.

"We get a lot of support from our family and the community," Norma Ehrig said. "And the information and guidance we've gotten from the AgrAbility program has been really useful too."

The Ehrigs, who plant corn, milo and wheat, plus raise cattle on about 10,000 acres near Gonzales, are among an estimated 50,000 farmers, ranchers and agricultural workers in the state who have some type of disability.

"We have our problems, but they don't keep us from doing what we need to do," Larry Ehrig said.

'We get a lot of support from our family and the community. And the information and guidance we've gotten from the AgrAbility program has been really useful too.'

— Norma Ehrig

The Ehrigs cite Texas ArgAbility as a factor in their ability to take care of their farming and ranching activities, as well as help take care of the feed store Larry co-owns with his two brothers.

The Texas ArgAbility Project is part of the National AgrAbility Project, which grew from the 1990 Farm Bill. The program is available to people with physical, cognitive or illness-related disabilities who work in agriculture or agriculture-related fields.

"We found out about AgrAbility when we saw their display at the rodeo," Norma Erich said. There they saw a tractor adapt-

ed for ranch use by a person with a disability and decided to find out more about the program.

About four years ago, the Ehrigs invited some people involved in Texas AgrAbility to their ranch for a site assessment.

"They spent the day looking around and told us about some products they knew of that we might want to look at for around our ranch and house," Larry Ehrig explained.

AgrAbility grants are awarded to Extension services of land-grant universi-

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(TCE photo by Paul Schattenberg)
Donna Teall, left, Texas AgrAbility program coordinator, Warm Springs Rehabilitation System Resource Center, and Larry and Norma Ehrig, shown outside the Ehrig family's feed store in Gonzales.

Anti-Bush protester sues police after arrest for carrying sign

HOUSTON (AP) — A protester has sued several police officers, accusing them of violating his free-speech rights after he was arrested last year for carrying a sign critical of President Bush.

Chris Kelly, 43, was

holding the cardboard sign near a crowd of Houston Astros baseball fans Oct. 18 when police approached him. Police handcuffed him, put him into a police car and drove through downtown before releasing him without explanation,

according to the lawsuit filed Wednesday.

A municipal judge later dismissed the misdemeanor citation.

The lawsuit asks U.S. District Judge Kenneth Hoyt to declare that Kelly's rights were violated under

the U.S. and Texas constitu-

tions. Kelly, represented by the Texas Civil Rights Project, said he filed the lawsuit "so that I and other Houstonians can feel free to express our political views about our government with-

out the threat of assault and arrest and bogus prosecution by the police."

Police spokesman Alvin Wright said Weaver could not comment because he had not been served with the lawsuit.

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Hunger problem for some children

DALLAS (AP) — More of Texas' low-income children are participating in the free summer meal program, but tens of thousands might still go hungry, according to a recent report.

Between 2000 and 2004, the number of Texas children getting free meals through the federal program increased by 5.9 percent, said a report by the Food Research and Action Center, a Washington, D.C.-based group that works to eradicate hunger.

But only 8.2 percent of the 2.4 million Texas children eligible for the program in 2004 received the free summer meals, according to findings based on U.S. Department of Agriculture data.

Officials say families either don't know about the program or lack transportation. Also, participants may have difficulty finding a site that offers the meals or determining what time the meals will be served.

For example, in North Texas, there were 2,156 sites offering meals on May 31. But by June 30, 1,661 sites were open and, by July 31, 616 sites will serve summer meals, said Celia Hagert, a senior policy analyst for the Center for Public Policy Priorities. The Austin-based think tank focuses on helping low- and moderate-income people in Texas.

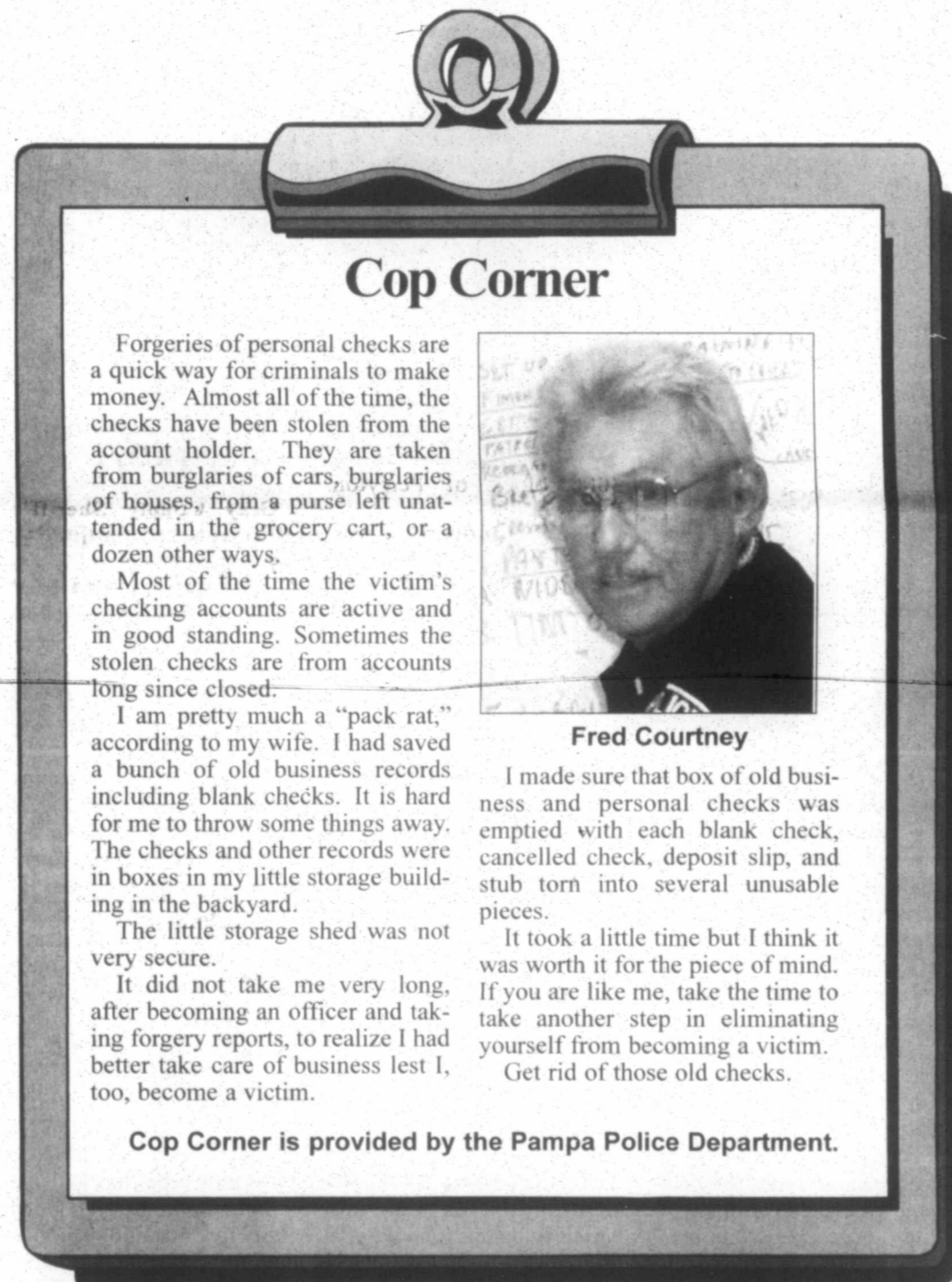
John Perkins, a senior policy adviser at the Texas Department of Agriculture, which oversees some of the state summer meals programs, agreed that more should use the program, but said he's encouraged that the overall number is increasing.

The meals are available to anyone up to age 18, regardless of income.

Some school districts provide meals during summer school, but end the program when classes end.

Such is the case at Arlington and Dallas school districts, which will stop providing meals Friday.

"We stop so we can get ready for school in August," said Dorothea Prince, the assistant director of food services for the Arlington school district.



Cop Corner


Forgeries of personal checks are a quick way for criminals to make money. Almost all of the time, the checks have been stolen from the account holder. They are taken from burglaries of cars, burglaries of houses, from a purse left unattended in the grocery cart, or a dozen other ways.

Most of the time the victim's checking accounts are active and in good standing. Sometimes the stolen checks are from accounts long since closed.

I am pretty much a "pack rat," according to my wife. I had saved a bunch of old business records including blank checks. It is hard for me to throw some things away. The checks and other records were in boxes in my little storage building in the backyard.

The little storage shed was not very secure.

It did not take me very long, after becoming an officer and taking forgery reports, to realize I had better take care of business lest I, too, become a victim.



Fred Courtney

I made sure that box of old business and personal checks was emptied with each blank check, cancelled check, deposit slip, and stub torn into several unusable pieces.

It took a little time but I think it was worth it for the piece of mind. If you are like me, take the time to take another step in eliminating yourself from becoming a victim.

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Viewpoints

ACLU continues to hammer away at Scouts

It seems the Boy Scouts of America, as American as the Fourth of July and as traditional to the United States as apple pie, is constantly under siege in these "liberated" times.

In an on-line press release submitted late last week to The News, the American Legion is on the defensive regarding a recent action it says was brought about by the American Civil Liberties Union, an entity that evidently has put the Boy Scouts on its list of top 10 "greatest threats to civilization" which in turn begs the following question: *Why?* Perhaps because the Boy

Scouts refuses to kowtow to the ACLU's view of justice and morality in America?

The Legion is up in arms because the ACLU's efforts have recently been rewarded by, you guessed it, a federal judge.

The American Legion in its press release said that U.S. District Judge Blanche Manning is the source of the latest salvo against the Scouts, ruling that the Boy Scouts' yearly jamboree, held annually at Fort A.P. Hill in Virginia, could no longer be subsidized through the Pentagon which is charged with preparing the base for this long-standing national event.

At the jamboree, Scouts from across the nation participate in a multitude of activities and programs that include archery, biking, a confidence course, an environmental conservation program, and kayaking.

The American Legion said the judge's decision can be traced back to a lawsuit brought by the ACLU of Illinois.

The judge's order, the release says, "stems from a

1999 lawsuit by the ACLU of Illinois that claimed the Defense Department sponsorship violates the First Amendment because the Scouts require members to swear an oath of duty to God."

Do you, or do you not, take an oath before you testify in a court of law in America?

"The idea that sponsorship of Scouting by American military units is 'unconstitutional' goes beyond the absurd, even

well past the point of stupidity," Commander of the American Legion Thomas P. Cadmus sagaciously points out in a letter to Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld. "How is it the government can fund chapels on military bases, and Chaplains in the military, but not accommodate Scouting? Why is it that the rank of Eagle Scout is an attribute highly sought in candidates for military academies, but will soon become unwelcome on military bases? How is it the Congress can sanction Scouting by issuing them a federal charter, but the

courts can declare them 'outlaws'?"

The American Legion listed itself as "one of the nation's largest sponsors" of the Boy Scouts. Thank goodness for the intrepid pursuits of such organizations and its members.

The ACLU makes me ashamed to call myself an American. The American Legion makes me proud.

The release said an official connected with the Boy Scouts said the Pentagon is expected to appeal the judge's decision.

Skyla Bryant
News Editor



Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, July 14, the 195th day of 2005. There are 170 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 14, 1789, during the French Revolution, citizens of Paris stormed the Bastille prison and released the seven prisoners inside.

On this date:

In 1798, Congress passed the Sedition Act, making it a federal crime to publish false, scandalous or malicious writing about the United States government.

'There are two kinds of statistics, the kind you look up and the kind you make up.'

— Rex Stout
American author
(1886-1975)

In 1853, Commodore Matthew Perry relayed to Japanese officials a letter from former President Fillmore, requesting trade relations.

In 1881, outlaw William H. Bonney

Jr., alias Billy the Kid, was shot and killed by Sheriff Pat Garrett in Fort Sumner, N.M.

In 1933, all German political parties, except the Nazi Party, were outlawed.

In 1958, the army of Iraq overthrew the monarchy.

In 1965, the American space probe Mariner 4 flew by Mars, sending back photographs of the planet.

In 1965, U.S. Ambassador Adlai E. Stevenson Jr. died in London at age 65.

In 1966, eight student nurses were murdered by Richard Speck in a Chicago dormitory.

In 1976, Jimmy Carter won the Democratic presidential nomination at the party's convention in New York.

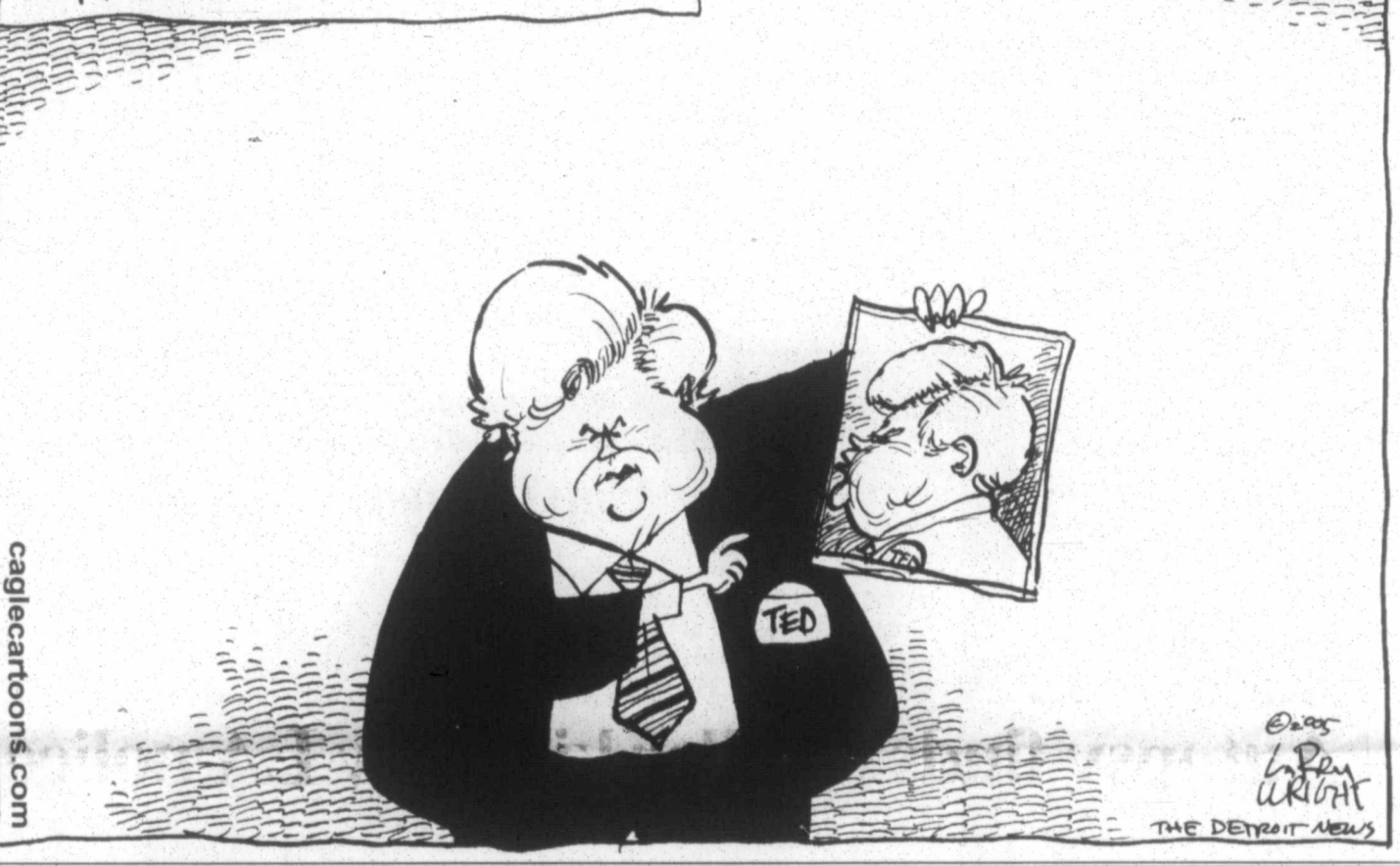
In 1978, Soviet dissident Natan Sharansky was convicted of treasonous espionage and anti-Soviet agitation, and sentenced to 13 years at hard labor. (Sharansky was released in 1986.)

Ten years ago: Under pressure from Congress, FBI Director Louis Freeh removed his friend Larry Potts as the bureau's deputy director because of controversy over Potts' role in a deadly 1992 FBI siege in Idaho.

Five years ago: A Florida jury ordered five major tobacco companies to pay smokers a record \$145 billion in punitive damages. (However, in 2003, a state appeals court reversed not only the award but also the class action unifying hundreds of thousands of sick Florida smokers under a single lawsuit; the Florida Supreme Court agreed in May 2004 to review that decision.) The 13th International AIDS Conference came to a close in Durban, South Africa. Actress Meredith MacRae of TV's "Petticoat Junction" died in Manhattan Beach, Calif., at age 56.

One year ago: The Senate scuttled a constitutional amendment banning gay marriage (48 senators voted to advance the measure — 12 short of the 60 needed — and 50 voted to block it).

TED KENNEDY'S PROFILE OF AN ACCEPTABLE BUSH SUPREME COURT NOMINEE:



Memo to judge: Give Bush a break

If President Bush has to give away -- two seats on the court and one as chief justice -- he can find a way to cut the Gordian knot. It's all up to Chief Justice William Rehnquist.

There is no such person. Even the most obscure, Janus-faced among the possible court appointees could not thread that particular needle.

Thus, in the seminal event of his second term, the president would be doomed to failure and, due to the massive attention the battle will draw, to premature lam duck status. The divisions that such a fight will kindle will rip the country's fragile political consensus apart, drive women into the arms of the Democratic Party for decades and destroy the Bush second term.

But if Bush has three jobs to give away -- two seats on the court and one as chief justice -- he can find a way to cut the Gordian knot. It's all up to Chief Justice William Rehnquist.

If Bush has to name a strong pro-lifer to hold his right-wing base intact -- and has no off-setting appointment with which to balance it -- he will widen the gender gap and virtually assure Hillary Clinton's election in 2008. The effect of a bruising battle where Bush lines up behind a pro-lifer will be the same on the single-female vote as Barry Goldwater's opposition to the 1964 Civil Rights Act was to black vot-

ers. A swing constituency became Democratic for life because Barry was one of only six Republican senators to vote against the bill.

But if Bush names a Southerner, O'Connor or Stevens (all appointed by Republicans) to the court -- and has no offsets -- he will drive the base into rebellion and possibly fracture the Republican Party just when it appears on the verge of a permanent consolidation of its national strength.

The political consensus of this nation is divided, and that division can only be mirrored on the court if Bush has multiple seats to distribute.

To force this president,

who barely mentioned abortion in either the campaigns of 2000 or of 2004, to make a choice as draconian as which one justice to put on the court is to invite a disaster.

If Rehnquist were not old and if he were not sick, the self-sacrifice of resignation would be unthinkable to ask. But let him stop kidding himself. He is too sick to sit on the Supreme Court and should resign. He can't participate in court sessions and only is able to vote through his clerks.

Recognizing reality is the ultimate repayment that I think he owes the political party that gave him the opportunity to sit on the high court as its chief justice in the first place. Even more, it is the obligation he owes the nation not to split it apart and

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Dick Morris
Columnist

Immigration policy must be solved on Capitol Hill

If the Minutemen, the group that wants to halt illegal immigration at the border, intends to videotape undocumented workers as they negotiate on the streets of Houston with prospective employers, they had better come armed with crates of cassettes.

As anyone who drives North Shepherd or dozens of other streetside job fairs knows, the practice of hiring illegal immigrants as day laborers is widespread, conducted in broad daylight and tolerated by local law enforcement agencies and federal immigration agents.

Exactly what the amateur filmmakers hope to accomplish, beyond getting news coverage, is difficult to fathom. In their well-publicized

actions along the U.S.-Mexican border, the Minutemen had the support of local landowners angry over disruptive groups of immigrants invading their property. Their reception here likely will be very different.

The cheap labor provided by undocumented workers in Houston and other cities is a fact of life, one embraced by most business interests and an issue few politicians care to tackle. With an estimated population of 400,000 noncitizens illegally residing in Houston and 11 million

nationwide, a coordinated effort by authorities to deny them the ability to earn money to feed themselves and their families would provoke a social and health care crisis not seen since the Depression. Uncontrolled immigration cannot be solved on the local or state level.

The place where the Minutemen should focus their efforts is Washington, D.C., where Congress has yet to approve immigration reform legislation. A bill co-sponsored by Sens. John McCain, R-Ariz., and Ted Kennedy, D-Mass., includes

a guest worker program similar to one proposed by President Bush last year.

It would allow noncitizens who wish to work in America to apply for U.S. visas after undergoing security checks and medical exams. A database would then match the applicants with prospective employers.

For illegals already here, permanent residency could be earned by demonstrating gainful employment, undergoing security screening, paying a fee and meeting language and civics requirements.

"This bill does not provide a free pass to anyone," Kennedy argues.

These are farsighted

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ties throughout the U.S. These grants require that Extension organizations partner with non-profit organizations serving people with disabilities.

In Texas, this partnership is between Texas Cooperative Extension, part of the Texas A&M University system, and the Warm Springs Rehabilitation System Resource Center.

Texas AgrAbility helps disabled agricultural workers through technical assistance, such as adaptive tools and technology, professional training and education, and access to useful resources, said David Smith, agricultural engineer with Extension farm safety and Texas AgrAbility project coordinator.

"We help determined people find the resources, training and equipment they need to get back to work in their agricultural profession," he said. "We help them locate and acquire what they need to maintain and improve their livelihood through better productivity."

Texas AgrAbility helped Larry Ehrig find a lift that could be welded into his truck bed in order to get in and out of his wheelchair, as well as onto other farm equipment. He is now having that lift transferred onto a trailer.

"That way, I can just use it when I need it, instead of having it in the back of my truck and having to take it with me any time I have to go somewhere," he said.

Disabled farmers and ranchers in Texas have additional challenges because they live in a large state with scattered resources, Smith said.

"One of the most crucial things we can do in this state is help agriculture workers with disabilities with any mobility problems they may have," he said. "We try to help them overcome physical barriers so they can do more by themselves."

Texas AgrAbility works with manufacturers who make equipment for impaired agricultural workers. They

also help agricultural workers with disabilities identify and locate farming and gardening tools and equipment to improve their productivity.

"Along with tractors, lifts and other large pieces of equipment, there are things like shop and gardening tools designed to reduce the amount of pressure placed on the joints," Smith said. "There are also gates and latches designed to allow easy access to pastures or corrals."

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— David Smith
Agricultural engineer

with disabilities acquire the tools or equipment they need. In others, the program helps identify tools or items they can buy or make themselves, or have made locally.

For more expensive adaptive equipment, Texas AgrAbility helps people who cannot afford some of these items get in contact with agencies or organizations that provide grants or low-interest loans.

"We're here for anyone who's disabled and does agriculture-based work," said Donna Teall, AgrAbility program coordinator at the Warm Springs resource center in San Antonio. "This can be a disabled spouse or child who wants to contribute, as well as the farmer or rancher with a disability."

To qualify, a person only needs to demonstrate an income of \$1,000 or more annually from an agriculture-related activity, Teall said.

"We work with farmers, ranchers, family members, primary care givers, health professionals, such as occupational therapists and physical therapists, and others to give people technical and practical support," she said.

One way Texas AgrAbility serves entire families in which someone is disabled is through its Caregiver Program, Teall added.

"This program helps family members learn strategies to care for themselves and others, as well as finding community resources that may provide care," she said.

Teall and Norma Ehrig recently talked about her participating in this program.

"That sounds wonderful," Ehrig said, "because even when I feel like I'm being helpful, I know there are times Larry would prefer I didn't help him. It would be nice to know more about what I should do or when I should do it."

Independence is a primary goal of Texas AgrAbility, Teall said.

"Sometimes it's difficult for independent-minded people to use our services," she explained. "We want people to understand we're here to empower them and add to their independence."

The Texas AgrAbility program is here to help people with disabilities succeed by introducing them to ways they can become more self-sufficient, she added.

"I've got a lot of people around who want to help me and who do help me," said Larry Ehrig. "But what I'd really like is to be able to go wherever I want and do whatever I want without having to rely on them."

Information on the Texas AgrAbility program is available at <http://txagrability.tamu.edu/> or by calling the toll-free number, (866) 601-6444. Details on the National AgrAbility Project and other state projects can be found at <http://www.agrabilityproject.org/>.

Community happenings

• **Pampa Community Concert Association Presents "Live on Stage"** 2005-06 concert series includes the following programs: Edgar Cruz, guitarist, Oct. 23; Susan Egan, Broadway vocalist, Feb. 18, 2006; St. Petersburg Classic Ballet, March 4, 2006; and The Coats, vocal harmonic band, April 30, 2006. Additional concerts, featuring with other performers, have been scheduled in area towns. For more information on any of these events or a complete area concert schedule, contact Ronnie Holmes, PCCA president, at 665-2631. PCCA memberships are available.

• **The Texas Department of State Health Services** will be offering immunization clinics for vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases including polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, rubella, mumps, HIB (haemophilus influenzae Type B) and chickenpox (varicella). Flu vaccines may also be offered at designated clinics. The TDH will charge money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability to pay. The following clinics will be offered: 9:30-11:45 a.m. and 1-4 p.m., July 6 and 20, TDH, 736 S. Cuyler, Pampa.

• **The next Pampa Area Singles Dance** is scheduled between 7 and 11 p.m. Saturday, July 16, at the Sportsman's Club on South Barnes with Mike Porter. No smoking or alcohol allowed. Please bring a covered dish. Admission is \$6 per person. For more information, call 665-7059.

• **The 13th Annual Dallam 4-H Arts & Crafts Bazaar** will be held Friday and Saturday, Aug. 5 and 6 at Ranch Market Building in Dalhart during the 69th Annual XIT Rodeo and Reunion Celebration. Hours will be 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday and 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday. Forty-six booth spaces are available. Registration deadline is Monday, July 25. For more information, call (806) 244-4434.

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Tragic accidents

Autopsy finds toddler killed by LA police

LOS ANGELES (AP) — An autopsy found that a toddler whose father held her as a shield during a gun battle with authorities died of a single gunshot to the head, fired from a police officer's rifle.

Los Angeles County coroner's spokesman Craig Harvey released the autopsy reports Wednesday of 19-month-old Suzie Pena and her father Jose Pena, 34, who were both killed Sunday during a shootout at Pena's auto repair business.

The girl died from a single gunshot wound to the head, and her father died of multiple gunshot wounds, the reports said.

Police Chief William Bratton sent his con-

"Some officers are going through therapy right now and I don't know if some will even come back (to work)."

— William Bratton
Chief of Police

lences to the girl's family but adamantly maintained that Pena was responsible for his and his daughter's deaths. Bratton said the realization that it was a police officer who actually shot the girl was hard to take, for both himself and his officers.

"Believe me, as chief of police, and for the officers involved, it is very tough to

deal with that," Bratton said. "Some officers are going through therapy right now and I don't know if some will even come back (to work)."

A toxicological examination to determine whether Pena had drugs or alcohol in his system will take several weeks, Harvey said.

Luis Carrillo, one of the attorney's representing the

girl's family, said the autopsy results did not come as any surprise.

"It only confirmed their worst fears," Carrillo said. "The family has been in shock since their little angel was taken from them, and it's compounded by the fact by those officers who are there to protect us weren't able to protect this girl."

Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa said there will be a community meeting on Friday and urged people to reserve judgment until the investigation is completed.

"I am asking for the public's patience," he said. "It was a terrible night that ended in a terrible tragedy for this city."

Filings show Schwarzenegger gets millions as fitness consultant

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger is being paid \$1 million a year as a consultant to a company that publishes fitness magazines, a deal critics say is a serious conflict of interest for the former bodybuilding champion.

The payments, revealed Wednesday in filings with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, are from American Media Operations, a subsidiary of the company that publishes

magazines including Flex and Muscle & Fitness.

Critics say the contract is a conflict of interest because Schwarzenegger's pay comes from advertising revenue and the magazines often feature ads about dietary supplements. The governor last year vetoed a bill that would have imposed government regulations on the dietary supplement industry.

Bill sponsor Sen. Jackie Speier, a Democrat, called on Schwarzenegger to cut

off all ties with the magazines. "Whether it is an actual conflict or not, it certainly gives the appearance of being a conflict," Speier said.

Independent political observers agreed, saying the contract showed a lapse in judgment by the Republican governor.

"This is one of the most egregious apparent conflicts of interest that I have seen. This calls into question his judgment as to who he is working for, and it calls into

question what he thinks he owes the public," said Larry Noble, executive director for the Center for Responsive Politics in Washington, D.C.

State law allows elected officials to keep outside jobs.

Margita Thompson, the governor's spokeswoman, said Schwarzenegger had disclosed all his financial holdings and added that the deal with the fitness magazines does not represent a conflict of interest.

Borders

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measures of a kind that are needed to solve the dilemma of illegal immigration in America.

The Minutemen and the country would be better served if they focused their videocams on lawmakers rather than hapless job seekers and demanded swift action on meaningful immigration reform.

Judge

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enfeeble its president by forcing a litmus-test decision upon him.

With multiple choices for the court, Bush can appease the center and the right and, at the same time, make further inroads into the pivotal Hispanic vote by naming at least one Hispanic justice. But if Bush is forced to choose and comes down on the right-wing side of the dilemma, as he prob-

ably would, he will empower the feminists in the Democratic Party just as Clinton warmed up for her presidential run.

If Rehnquist does not want the honor of raising his right hand to swear in Clinton as the 44th president of the United States, he should step aside now and give Bush a chance to find his way out of this political quandary with his presidency and party intact.

Dick Morris was an adviser to Bill Clinton for 20 years.

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My husband, "Pete," and I have been happily married for four years. We get along beautifully, have a wonderful physical relationship, share many interests and truly enjoy being together. However, we do not share a bedroom.

In the beginning, we tried to share a room, but I never got any sleep and was extremely crabby and exhausted all the time. We finally realized we just don't sleep well together. When I'm sleeping, I like it freezing cold; he likes it warm. He sleeps with the TV on; I must have complete silence and total darkness. I need nine hours of sleep to feel rested; he's a night owl who gets by on four to five hours. I have tried sleep masks and ear plugs without success. We do share a bed when we travel, but when I have to get up for work in the morning, I'd better sleep alone. We are both perfectly fine with this arrangement. The problem is, our families insist that a married couple should share a bedroom, no matter what. How can we get our families to leave us alone? -- FRUSTRATED IN FLORIDA

DEAR FRUSTRATED: While the majority of my readers would agree that there is a special kind of closeness and intimacy that comes from sharing a bed or bedroom, there's no law that demands couples have to do it. When spouses' sleep habits are as disparate as yours are, it should be to both people's benefit to sleep separately, and your families should respect your choice and stay out of it.

DEAR ABBY: You recently published a letter from a librarian complaining about library conduct. You think SHE has stress? I work for an answering service, and we get screamed at, hung up on and verbally abused multiple times per hour! Some businesses use us to screen their calls. The people they refuse to call back threaten to sue us! We had to call the police once because a nutty client was coming to

the building to "get the operator" he thought made him lose business because the caller lied about having left a message with us. People take their last pill in the morning, neglect to call the doctor's office all day, then scream at us because their doctor has a "no refills after office hours" policy. Then, there are the doctors who get mad when we page them because the pharmacy or the hospital can't read their writing.

Tenants call their apartment after-hours emergency lines and call us names because insect infestations are not considered an emergency by their management, and we must refuse to page the man on call. There are also the people who call us stupid when we ask them to spell the unusual names their mothers made up for them at birth. Thankfully, there are enough polite callers and wonderful clients and doctors to make my job worth keeping. I try my best to be polite and helpful, but please remind your readers not to take their frustrations out on us. We're just the ones in the middle. -- WORKING GIRL IN OHIO

DEAR WORKING GIRL: It takes a special kind of emotional stamina to keep a cool head, a stiff upper lip and a smile when confronted with people who have forgotten -- or never learned -- their manners. My hat is off to you, and to all of the stalwart individuals working on the front lines of customer relations -- and that includes those in the retail and food service industries.

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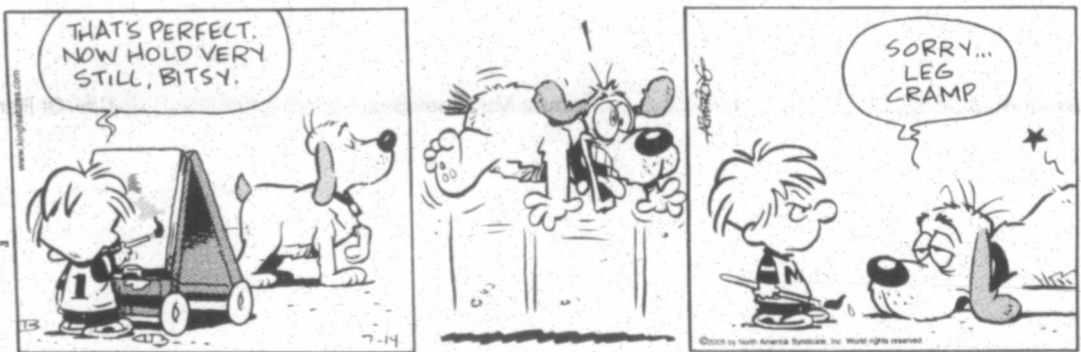
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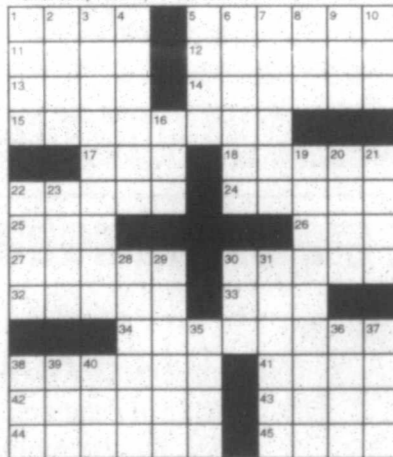
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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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 - 14 Trade in
 - 15 Follow, as advice
 - 17 Greek vowel
 - 18 Between
 - 22 Coliseum guide
 - 24 "Tomorrow" singer
 - 25 Dos
 - 26 Singer
 - 27 Wash the pots
 - 30 Modern TV component
 - 32 Maze wall, at times
 - 33 Brewpub order
 - 34 Oscar nominee for "The Aviator"
 - 38 Alfresco meal
 - 41 Bath-day cake
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 - 43 Gondola need
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 - 5 Au naturel
 - 6 Birmingham-born singer
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 - 10 Pitcher's pride
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Sports Day

IOC BANISHMENT

Though tough to swallow, decision may be right one

Before we all get our unmentionables in a bunch, we should take a moment to clearly consider the reasoning behind the International Olympic Committee's decision to drop baseball and softball from the 2012 games.

The root cause for discarding the boys and girls of summer is baseball's doping policy, or lack thereof, according to the committee. The IOC says the current laws governing drug use in professional baseball do not meet the standards of the World Anti-Doping Agency. MLB Commissioner Bud Selig says he doubts the IOC decision will impact the way baseball is run. In at least one respect, perhaps it should.

In addition to the drug policy issue, the IOC says baseball simply does not send its best athletes to the games. This is one of the reasons Selig hints the committee's actions will not change the way baseball is run now. Part of the problem is those players on teams either in the playoffs, or in the hunt. How can you send them to the Olympics when they are involved in trying to win a pennant? Still, Selig doesn't believe his league's doping policy — steroids in particular — is ground for dropping the sport.

And poor old softball, its only shortfall is

that the IOC aligns it and its policies with baseball. Guilt by association, if you will. Yet it too must make some changes regarding testing. However, I cannot buy into the 'they don't send their best athletes' argument here. Any one who watched the recent NCAA softball playoffs would agree. And hasn't America all but dominated the games of late? I'd say they were pretty good. In fact, one of the common themes among the players during the college playoffs this year was how they wanted to represent the United States in an Olympics.

Agree with it or not — 'best players' argument aside — the IOC decision should serve as an eye-opener for professional baseball worldwide. Change your drug policy and apply for reinstatement. Those charged with instituting such change should look at this as an intervention. Not just for players but for teams and leagues as well. Intervention is implemented to help the addict who refuses to help him/herself. How can trying to save an athlete's life be wrong? How can trying to save an organization's very existence be wrong? As the saying goes, the first step toward a cure is admitting you have a problem. The IOC sees it. Let's hope the sport does as well.

Michael J. Stevens
Sports Editor



Hidden Hills hopefuls settling for stand-by

By **MICHAEL J. STEVENS**
Sports Editor

The 5th Annual Hidden Hills Golf Scramble to benefit the Downtown Kiwanis Club of Pampa will tee-off this Saturday morning with an 8 a.m. shotgun start.

To say interest in playing in this year's scramble has run rampant may be something of an understatement as, according to one source, "There is a waiting list" of teams and individuals wanting to compete.

Still, you can add your name to that list by calling David Teichmann at the Hidden Hills pro shop, 669-5866.

The scramble will feature teams of four, with just one player per team having a handicap of 8 or less. Teams will be flighted by handicap prior to play Saturday morning.

Cost is \$40 per player and includes green fees, carts and lunch. Players can purchase one mulligan Saturday morning for \$5.

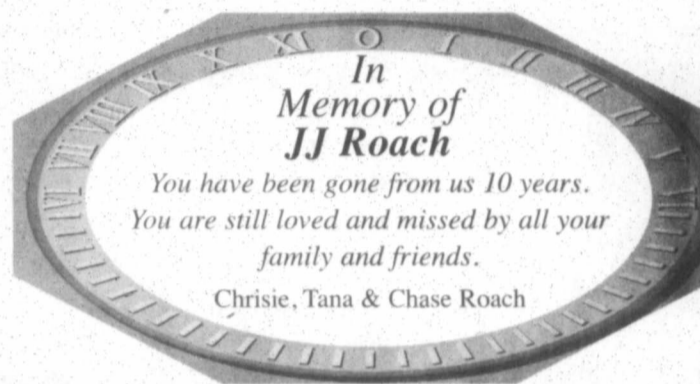
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Hidden Hills Scramble Monday, July 11, 2005

1st Place (28)*
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Mickey Manor
Betty Scarbrough
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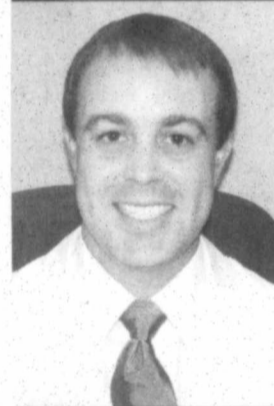
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City Softball: BDCI, Rednecks still undefeated

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| Men's Open Team | Wins | Losses |
|-------------------|------|--------|
| A.S.S.I. | 3 | 0 |
| Team America | 3 | 0 |
| Pres. Auto Body | 2 | 1 |
| Domino's | 2 | 1 |
| WTP Cont/Disco | 1 | 2 |
| Ntl Oilwell Varco | 1 | 2 |

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|--------------------|---|---|
| Trinity Fellowship | 0 | 3 |
| Jerry's | 0 | 3 |

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|-----------------|---|---|
| CTW Brks&Rims | 1 | 5 |
| Jay's Drive Inn | 0 | 6 |

| Mixed Open Division 1 Team | Wins | Losses |
|----------------------------|------|--------|
| BDCI | 6 | 0 |
| Pampa Machine | 5 | 1 |
| OCB | 4 | 2 |
| Rick's Body Shop | 3 | 3 |
| TipTop Used Cars | 2 | 4 |

| Division 2 Team | Wins | Losses |
|-----------------|------|--------|
| The Rednecks | 6 | 0 |
| ECF/Mil. Pizza | 5 | 1 |
| City Of Pampa | 4 | 2 |
| V.F.W. | 2 | 4 |
| Centramedia | 1 | 5 |
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Woods surges to lead, Nicklaus says goodbye

ST. ANDREWS, Scotland (AP) — Tiger Woods finally found the sand at the Old Course. Three times, in fact. It didn't slow him down.

With Jack Nicklaus' sentimental farewell as the backdrop, Woods got off to an even better start Thursday in the British Open than he did five years ago on the way to a record-setting victory.

In 2000, Woods opened with a 67, made it through all four days without going in a bunker — no small feat on a course with 112 of them — and finished eight shots ahead of everyone else to claim the claret jug.

This time, he put together seven birdies in a stretch of nine holes for a 6-under 66 — even though he put three balls in the sand, leading to his only two bogeys.

"A great start to the tournament," said Woods, who took advantage of a relatively light wind rustling off the North Sea. "I am very pleased with the way I played all day."

The world's No. 1 player wrapped up the opening round with a birdie at 18, driving just short of the "Valley of Sin" and getting down with two putts.

Englishman Steven Webster, who plays on the European Tour, had a pair of eagles on the front side, made the turn at 30 and shared the top of the leaderboard with Woods. But he quickly dropped back with bogeys at 10 and 11.

Many of the top players — Ernie Els, Vijay Singh and Phil Mickelson among them — took aim at Woods in the afternoon.

Els, who lost to Todd Hamilton in a play-off last year, had three straight bogeys on the back side and was 2 over. Mickelson was 2 under at the turn, while Singh was 1 under through eight holes.

Woods gladly shared the spotlight with the 65-year-old Nicklaus, playing the final major of his storied career. The Golden Bear started with a flourish, clearing the Swilcan Burn with a short iron on his second shot and rolling in a 4-foot birdie.

It didn't last. Nicklaus struggled to a 75 and will probably need to improve by at least seven strokes in the second round to put off his last stroll across the Swilcan Bridge by a couple of days.



Dust storm

Pampa's Frank Clason sends the dirt of Redneck Lawnmower Race Track flying as he works his way through a turn this past Saturday.

Nationals get OF Wilson from Colorado; Rockies acquire Byrnes from Athletics

WASHINGTON (AP) — Preston Wilson gives the Washington Nationals the big bat the majors' worst offense has been craving.

Wilson was acquired from the Colorado Rockies on Wednesday for right-hander Zach Day, outfielder J.J. Davis and a player to be named later or cash. The deal was one of three on the day before baseball returns from the All-Star break.

Colorado also sent left-hander Joe Kennedy and right-handed reliever Jay Witasick to the Oakland Athletics for Eric Byrnes and minor league prospect Omar Quintanilla. The A's were involved in another deal, sending right-handed reliever Chad Bradford to the Boston Red Sox for outfielder Jay Payton and cash considerations.

The NL East-leading Nationals have been trying to add a big hitter to a lineup that has produced the fewest runs in the major leagues and is tied for the fewest homers.

Wilson drove in a majors-leading 141 runs just two years ago for Colorado, hitting 36 home runs and making the NL All-Star team. This season, he has 15 homers and 47 RBIs. Bothered by a sore knee, he also struck out 77 times in 267 at-bats and his batting average is .258.

He's due \$5.7 million the rest of this season, then can become a free agent. Colorado is picking up part of Wilson's salary as part of the deal.

"We love what Preston has done for us, but he more than likely wasn't going to be a part of our rebuilding process," Rockies general manager Dan O'Dowd said.

With cleanup hitter Nick Johnson on the disabled list, the Nationals were reduced to using utility players such as Carlos Baerga and Wil Cordero in the No. 4 spot in the order.

Wilson could start in center field, with Brad Wilkerson shifting to first base during Johnson's absence with a heel injury.

Wilson entered this season, his eighth in the majors, with a career .265 average, 146 homers and 501 RBIs. Before Colorado, he played for the Florida Marlins and briefly for the New York Mets. He's the stepson of former Mets player Mookie Wilson and the godson of former Reds star George Foster.

The Nationals had been looking to unload Day, who's been in the minors, and were close to trading him in May before it was discovered he had a broken right wrist.

He began the season in the rotation, then was moved to the bullpen after a bit of a clash with manager Frank Robinson.

Day was hit on his throwing arm by a liner hit by Ken Griffey Jr. in a game at Cincinnati on May 23. X-rays that day didn't reveal a break, nor did a follow-up X-ray, and he took the mound again two days later. But an MRI exam eventually revealed a hairline fracture. By then, Day was in the minors and Washington was trying to deal him.

Washington had high hopes for Davis and his power potential, keeping him on the opening day roster as an extra outfielder and pinch-hitter. But he was sent to the minors in May after going 6-for-26 (.231) with two RBIs in 14 games.

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BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, July 15, 2005:

This birthday you are blessed with a very fortunate planetary interaction. If you are willing to go to that deep-feeling level, you will always make the right choices. You also have the good fortune of having endless creative and intellectual resources, allowing you to push your way through any problems. Often these situations are the result of your negativity or fear. If you are single, you are starved for a great relationship in the later part of this birthday year. Could this person be Mr. or Ms. Right? You will need to explore to find out. If you are attached, your personal life is important, but avoid squabbling over petty matters. Enjoy being with the one you love. SCORPIO adds a touch of romance.

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)

★★★ Though you might feel that someone is pushing you too hard, you can relax if you just remember that it's Friday. In fact, your ability to forge ahead and get the job done stuns even you. Pull in an expert or two if need be. Tonight: Let another's request be your pleasure.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Others seek you out. They feel as if they need your opinions. You could be speechless at what you hear. Use a special resource that responds only to you. Surprises occur if you have patience. Tonight: The only answer is yes.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★ Your finances might be stopping

you from doing what you want. Say no to this predicament and seek out ways to make your life more workable and social at the same time. The unexpected occurs with a higher-up. Tonight: Stop at the gym on the way home.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Your playful nature could be quelled by news that you would prefer not to hear. Remember that you are moody. In this particularly case, use your mood to let go of what might be a hassle, OK? Tonight: Let it all hang out.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★ What you might have been concerned about could become a reality. The good news is that you can handle the situation. Your foresight helps you find the right expert. Tap into your creativity, and you'll be on the winning path. Tonight: Head home.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Express yourself, but don't be surprised if an associate has a totally different perspective. Honor the differences in your opinions rather than struggle. People in general might surprise you with what they think and say. Tonight: Join your friends and relax over some munchies.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★ You might need to be more in control of and perhaps self-disciplined with the spending of your money. You do what you do to please an associate or loved one, but you don't need to break the bank doing it. Tonight: Brainstorm over some fun yet inexpensive plans.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ You might think and believe that with the Moon in your sign, the day should be a piece of cake. Information you are receiving is not accurate. An associate might anger you to such a

degree that you become accident-prone. Tonight: Let go of today. Start enjoying now.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ You still might choose to say little and keep your thoughts to yourself. In the long run, you will be a lot happier. A family or domestic matter sheds new light on what is happening. Trust your own information, not others'. Tonight: Go off and do your own thing.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Friends are far more strong-willed than usual. Someone who appears to be remote might only be shy. Give this person space, or perhaps share a good joke or two. Meetings are favored. Tonight: Follow your friends.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★ Know when you can buck the trends. Right now, you might like to approach a situation quite differently. You simply might not be able to. A well-placed suggestion is about the best you can do. Don't get into an argument; no one will win. Tonight: Out late.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Once more, your unusual behavior turns your immediate world topsy-turvy. A loved one also might be difficult or closed down. Be understanding of others. After all, you are transforming right in front of their eyes. Tonight: Listen to some great music.

BORN TODAY

Actor Brian Austin Green (1973), actor Forest Whitaker (1961), wrestler, politician Jesse Ventura (1951)

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TOUR DE FRANCE

Moncoutie wins stage, Armstrong still leads

DIGNE-LES-BAINS, France (AP) — Lance Armstrong retained the overall lead but lost a key teammate in a crash as the Tour de France headed out of the Alps following David Moncoutie's victory in Thursday's 12th stage.

Moncoutie became the 15th Frenchman since World War II to win on Bastille Day, France's national holiday. It was his second stage win in five Tours.

"It's fabulous," Moncoutie said. "I'm so happy to win. It's July 14th."

Moncoutie took the lead on the Col du Corbin, the fourth of five ascents on the 116.2-mile trek from Briançon to Digne-les-Bains, and cycled alone to the finish past cheering crowds. He finished the stage in 4 hours, 20 minutes, 6 seconds.

Armstrong cruised in with his main rivals in a group more than 10 minutes back to finish 41st. His lead over second-place Mickael Rasmussen of Denmark stayed at 38 seconds, with French rider Christophe Moreau still third overall, 2:34 behind.

Italian rider Ivan Basso is 2:40 back, fourth overall, with Jan Ullrich 4:02 behind in ninth. They all finished together in a

large group, 10:33 behind Moncoutie.

But Armstrong took a big hit when teammate Manuel Beltran crashed and abandoned the race after falling on the Col des Demoiselles Coiffées climb early in the stage.

He got back on his bike but quit after receiving treatment from a Tour doctor, Discovery Channel team spokesman Jogi Muller said. Beltran was later taken to hospital but tests revealed no broken bones or fractures. He will be kept overnight as a precaution and is expected to be released Friday.

Beltran is a specialist mountain climber and will be missed by Armstrong when the race heads into the Pyrenees on Saturday. He has been part of Armstrong's Tour-winning team since 2003.

Moncoutie is way down in the overall standings, so Armstrong didn't give chase when the French rider and a group of other racers low down in the standings pulled ahead.

The race was run under hot sun — a weather change that Armstrong welcomed as "perfect."

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Memorial tribute

Laura Bush, Cherie Blair visit cemetery in Rwanda

KIGALI, Rwanda (AP) — Laura Bush, standing in a cemetery that holds the remains of 250,000 victims

looked on while it happened," Blair said.

After touring the museum exhibit, the women, all somber, signed a visitors' book.

"This memorial serves as a tribute to the precious lives lost and a testimony to the courage of those who survived," Bush wrote. "The people of the United States stand with the people of Rwanda as they build a hopeful future."

Mrs. Bush flew here from Zanzibar,

Tanzania, where she mingled with Muslim children getting an education with U.S. help.

"Mud pies, that looks like a lot of fun," Bush said to wide-eyed, red-uniformed preschoolers flitting around the play yard of the tiny Al Rahma Madrasa Pre-Primary School.

The first lady came to reach out to East Africa's large Muslim community by demonstrating the U.S. commitment to helping the often-disenfranchised population educate its children in its own tradition.

The modest structure in Zanzibar — a vast improvement over the many huts of mud and thatch that Bush passed to get there — is one of 16 schools on the island set up with \$1,000 each in U.S. seed money and additional grants.

The U.S. charm offensive with the Muslim community seemed to be working, at least at the micro level.

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of the 1994 government-orchestrated massacre, paid tribute Thursday to the "precious lives lost" and promised U.S. help as Rwanda recovers.

Cherie Blair, wife of British Prime Minister Tony Blair, joined Mrs. Bush and her daughter Jenna at a museum that offers an unsparing, haunting account of the 100-day slaughter in 1994 by Hutu militias that killed nearly half a million minority Tutsis and moderate Hutus.

The first ladies and Jenna Bush placed wreaths at one of the giant graves.

Graveside, the entourage bowed their heads in silence to coincide with observations in Britain marking one week since deadly bus and subway bombings in London.

Blair said it was especially poignant for her to be remembering the British dead at a site that marks those lost in Rwanda.

"I am very moved by what I have seen, also distressed that the world

Repeat hurricanes have some Florida residents thinking of leaving for good

NAVARRE, Fla. (AP) — For Linda Campbell, a minister who conducts weddings on the beach, leaving the waterfront means leaving behind part of her livelihood.

But after three hurricanes in a decade — including two in the past 10 months — she and her husband have joined other repeat storm victims who are now planning to sell their Florida Panhandle homes and move away from the water for good.

"How much more can we take?" asked Campbell, whose barrier island home on Navarre Beach sits near the spot where Hurricane Dennis rolled ashore Sunday. "I kind of feel like I keep experiencing a death over and over again."

Even though Dennis largely spared the home Campbell shares with her aircraft mechanic husband, the recurring stress of evacuating, coming back to see the damage and rebuilding has become too much for either of them to bear.

"This is very emotional," she said. "You get the adrenalin all running for the evacuation, and you get the adrenalin running for coming back to see if your house is completely blown away."

The couple's stilt home was still under construction when Hurricane Opal blew off the top story in 1995. Storm surge during Opal and

Hurricane Ivan last year also knocked down the blowout walls on the ground level, causing damage to the all their belongings stored there.

"We got smart with Dennis," Campbell said, noting that she and her husband moved everything, including lawnmowers and motorcycles, upstairs before the storm. They also opened the garage doors and removed windows and entry boards to let the water flow freely, minimizing damage to those structures.

While Dennis did only minor damage to the Campbells' home, it ripped up utilities and roads on Santa Rosa Island, so it could be weeks before they can return home.

In the meantime they're living in their small motor home parked at a friend's house on the mainland and making plans to move to South Florida — someplace inland.

"We really love Florida, but we're leaving the beach," Linda Campbell said.

Three hurricanes couldn't budge retired law professor Charlie Jones, 73, and his wife, Sugie, 63, from their Navarre home on usually peaceful Santa Rosa Sound — but after a fourth, they are also talking about moving inland.

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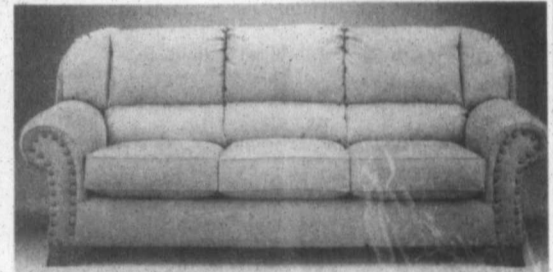
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