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Architects firm plan for last of ISD board meetings

By DAVID BOWSER Staff Writer

Architects were busy today in Pampa adjusting their drawings for a third evening meeting this week concerning proposed renovations to Pampa High

Jay Edwards and his team with Parkhill, Smith and Cooper architects met with Pampa Independent School District board members, staff and a citizens advisory committee Wednesday and Thursday evenings to develop a master plan for future school facilities. Tonight, at 6 p.m. in the Pampa High School library, they will make their final presentation for this round of planning.

In a preliminary report this spring, the architectural firm indicated Pampa High School and Pampa Junior High School needed to be replaced. They said the elementary schools, thanks to renovation work done 10 years ago, are in relatively good shape. The support facilities and auxiliary facilities, including the football stadium and track, need major renovation. They recommended that Carver and Horace Mann be torn down.

As Edwards and his team continued to meet over the past couple of months with school officials and the advisory committee, the consensus of opinion appeared to center around replacing the junior high school and renovating the high school, although no decision has yet been made.

The meetings this week centered on Pampa High School.

Based on previous discussions, the architectural team presented four scenarios related to the high school to the PISD officials and advisory committee Wednesday night.

The first one includes building a new library and girl's gym, a commons area that could be used as a cafeteria, demolishing the wood shop and adding a science wing and possibly a ninth

grade wing of classrooms. Mike Baker with Parkhill, Smith and Cooper said the additional wing, which would be built along the north side of the existing building east of the north "Best of the West" entrance,

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

EDC closer to getting director

By DAVID BOWSER

Pampa Economic Development Corporation took one more step toward hiring an executive director this week.

At their meeting Thursday, the Pampa EDC board of directors approved procedures for employing an executive director.

The procedures include the advertising of the position, reviewing applicants, setting up interviews, negotiating compensation and send-

ing a written offer of employment. When a candidate is hired, the board will notify the other applicants. All applications and resumes will be kept on file for 12 months and then dis-

Applicants may be required to have a medical exam, drug screen, criminal history check and credit check. Any falsification of material in an application will eliminate the candidate or, if the candidate has been hired, will result in immediate termination.

The board also reviewed bids for creating and hosting a Web site for the Pampa EDC.

· Lee Carter of Pampa offered a static site for \$1,075, a flash site (some animation) for \$1,275 and hosting for \$25.

• CentraMedia bid \$750 for a static site, \$2,500 for a flash site and hosting for \$29.95.

 Advanced Marketing bid \$810 for a static site, \$1,260 for a flash site and

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Grand opening



Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS

Owners of Pampa's Americann who cut the ribbon at Thursday's grand opening were, from left, Leslie O'Loughlin holding dog, Scott White and Jamie White, surrounded by the Chamber of Commerce Gold Coats.

Channel 10 to air news from PHS

NewsChannel 10 of Amarillo is kicking off its 2006 Summer Celebration Tour Monday with a visit to

The CBS affiliate will broadcast its 6 and 10 p.m. news broadcasts from the front lawn of Pampa High School, 111 E. Harvester.

The NewsChannel 10 anchor team, consisting of Walt Howard, Kari King, Wendi Finney, "Doppler" Dave Oliver and Jason Zielinski will be on hand.

Between newscasts, station personnel will provide games, free food and giveaways, including T-shirts, West Texas University football tickets, and coupons. NewsChannel 10 has partnered with United Supermarkets to provide free hot dogs, ice cream, chips and drinks.

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Woman reports suspicious call to authorities

By MARILYN POWERS Staff Writer

At least one Pampa resident has received calls from persons claiming to be representatives of Medicare who asked for personal and banking information in an apparent case of fraud.

Chief Deputy Kelly Rushing said Thursday that the resident had reported the calls to Gray County Sheriff's Office. The caller had told the resident that due to the war in Iraq, the federal government's debt had become so large that the Medicare program was being revamped.

The caller then said that the woman was one of those who would continue to receive benefits; he just needed to confirm her birth date, Social Security number and bank information.

"She asked why she hadn't heard anything about this on the news, and they said they were keeping it quiet," Rushing said. "She said she wasn't giving him the information, and he hung up."

The resident also reported the incident to the Pampa News. She said she had received four calls over a two-day period from various persons claiming to be with the 'National Medicare Office" in New York.

"They were very demanding," she said of the callers. "I called the Social Security office, and they said it was defi-

The callers, the last of whom claimed to be the office's manager, asked for her birth date, Social Security number,

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CRMWA: City's water content to under go change

By DAVID BOWSER Staff Writer

SANFORD — Pampa's drinking water will soon be half ground water from Roberts County and half

lake water from Lake

The Canadian River Municipal Water Authority approved a proposal to increase the amount of ground water in the mixture they send to their 11 member cities, including Pampa, at

Wednesday.

Kent Satterwhite, general manager of the water authority, said the mixture had been 55 percent lake water and 45 percent ground water.

The increase in ground

their quarterly meeting here water is due to dropping water levels in Lake Meredith.

Satterwhite said the overall allocation of water to CRMWA's member cities

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Services tomorrow

ELLIOTT, June E. — 10 a.m., Trinity United Methodist Church, Amarillo.

HARVEY, Lloyd Rankin - Graveside services, 10 a.m., Nelson Family Cemetery, St. Joseph, Mo.

LADD, Audrey Ann — 10 a.m., Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa. THOMPSON, Madge Marie — Graveside services, 1

p.m., Rock Cemetery, Duke, Okla.

June E. Elliott, 76

Amarillo, died Wednesday, July 12, 2006.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Trinity United Methodist Church. Officiating will be the Rev. Scott Richards, pastor. Burial will be in Memorial Park Cemetery with arrangements by Memorial Park Funeral Home, 6969 E. I-40.

Mrs. Elliott was born in Stroud, Okla. She attended Texas State College for Women in Denton.

She was a secretary/bookkeeper for A.M.P.I. and had received a 25 year ring.

Mrs. Elliott was a longtime member of Community of Grace United Methodist Church before moving her membership to Trinity United Methodist Church where she was actively involved in their Saints Alive Choir.

She had received the Volunteer of the Year Award from Vista Care Hospice in Lubbock in 2004 and 2005. She continued her volunteer NursCare work with Hospice in Lubbock.

She had also received

June E. Elliott, 76, of numerous awards for her volunteer work with the Amarillo Department.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles Elliott; son, Jimmy Mixon; grandson, Greg Elliott; and granddaughter, Bailey Langham.

Survivors include her children, Ann and husband Walter Irwin Quitaque, Charles Elliott wife Melanie of and Spearman, D.J. and husband Edd Geoffroy of Angel Fire, N.M., Jo Mixon of Lubbock, Bobby Elliott and wife Tammy of Amarillo; grandchildren, Faith and Steven Bornoff, Michelle and Robert Johnson, Matt and Holly Langham, Taydawn Hawkins, Justin Geoffroy, Michelle and Izzy Vasquez, Amber Elliott, Ace Elliott, Marcus Bowers and Blaze Elliott; 14 great-grandchildren; and her beloved pet, Bullet.

The family suggests memorials be to Trinity United Methodist Church, Amarillo.

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could be a three story wing housing the ninth grade on the first floor and science labs on the second and third floors. An option, he said, would be to make the wing two stories, housing just the science labs.

The existing girl's gym and library would be torn out to make room for kitchen, cafeteria and commons area.

A new girl's gym would be built on the south end of the MPACT building across the street between the baseball fields and the stadium.

The school's administrative offices would be moved to adjoin the commons area and look out over the parking lot on the north side of the high school.

A new auditorium and fine arts building would be built on the west end of the main high school building, but Edwards said that would probably have to be done at some time in the future for financial reasons, although it would be in the master plan.

"Not everything in the master plan," Edwards said, "would be done now.'

The area where the administrative officers are now located would be turned into classroom space.

In the second scenario, Baker said the existing high school building would remain as is while a new girl's

gym would be build where the tennis courts are now. The tennis courts would be moved to Austin Elementary School.

A ninth grade wing would be added to the north side of the main building at the east end.

More classrooms would be added on the north side of the main building where the girl's gym is now.

A commons area, cafeteria and kitchen would be built between the main building and McNeely Field House.

The third scenario would place a new library and science labs in front at the east end of the main building. The science labs would be on two floors. The library would be a single

The administrative offices, commons area and kitchen would be clustered on the north side of the main building, opening to the north parking

The commons area, Edwards said, would be a multifunctional area, serving as a cafeteria with a raised platform that could be used as a stage.

The auditorium, which is not large enough to seat the entire high school student body, would be turned into two stories with six classrooms on each floor.

The girl's gym would be moved to the MPACT building.

Scenario four would put parking in front of the building where part of the lawn is now. The auditorium would have some renovation, but no expan-

sion, and a walk way would connect the fine arts building to the main building along on the north side.

A commons area would be located on the north side, east of the north entrance, and be connected to McNeely Field House by a corridor. The girl's gym would remain where it

A science wing would be built at the east end of the main building.

The plans laid out by the architects were not detailed, but Edwards said that they are just dealing with the square footage for now. More detailed plans would be developed later as school officials and advisory committee members chose the direction they would like the plans to go.

Edwards said he would have some cost estimates for tonight's meeting, but that the four scenarios all involved about the same total space and were close in costs.

"There's not a whole lot of differences in all of them," Baker said.

Edwards estimated the total costs of what they were proposing to be in the range from \$18 million to \$20 million.

"We will have to squeeze that down," he admitted.

Wednesday night, he estimated the cost of building a new junior high at \$22 million.

If a bond issue is proposed and passes, the maximum amount the school district can raise for replacement and renovations would be about \$39 million.

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during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Thursday, July 13 4:08 p.m. - One unit and two personnel responded to the 600 block of Zimmers on a hazardous material spill.

Gray County Weather

hot, with a high near 100. North-northwest between 5 and 15 mph.

Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 72. Northeast wind between 5 and 15 mph.

Saturday: Mostly sunny and hot, with a high around 97. East wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Saturday Night: Partly and hot, with a high near 97. 101.

Today: Mostly sunny and cloudy, with a low near 72. South wind between 5 and 15 mph.

> Sunday: Partly cloudy and hot, with a high near 99. South wind between 5 and 15 mph.

Sunday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 73. South wind between 10 and

15 mph. Monday: Mostly sunny South wind around 10 mph. Monday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 73.

South wind around 10 mph. Tuesday: Partly cloudy and hot, with a high near 97. South wind between 10 and 15 mph.

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refreshments. The Summer Celebration Tour continues Tuesday in Guymon, Okla.; Wednesday, Dumas; Thursday, Clovis, N.M.; and Friday, Canyon.





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GRAY COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT

Appraisal records expected to be approved by board

'As long as we

settle 95 percent of

the total values, the

board can approve

the appraisal

records. This

becomes the

appraisal roll.

Wichert, concerning a student contest to design a logo

for the EDC. Seven students

had designed and turned in

logos, but the board wanted

to make the contest available

to the 2006-2007 students as

well. The board is offering a

\$250 scholarship to the win-

cated that the Pampa EDC's

beginning balance was

\$20,000, a sum put in the

EDC's account by the City

of Pampa in March. The

26 balance

The financial report indi-

- Pat Bagley

Chief appraiser

By MARILYN POWERS

Pending hearings by the Gray County Appraisal District's review board will not delay approval of the current appraisal records, according to Pat Bagley, chief appraiser.

"As long as we settle 95 percent of the total values, the board can approve the appraisal records. This becomes the appraisal roll," Bagley said.

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> The review board met July 6 and 7 to hear protests filed by residential and commercial property taxpayers concerning valuations of their taxable property.

> Four hearings, two of which concern commercial property and two residential, are scheduled for July 20. Each of those had

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the bidders.

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The board delayed

Kathy Cota, Pampa EDC

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secretary, reported that she

approving a bid until they

could see sites produced by

\$550 for a static site and

asked for another hearing date, Bagley said, and the board had asked for more information from the two commercial property taxpayers concerning their valu-

Six residential accounts were reviewed last week at the hearings. Two of those hearings resulted in the valuations being lowered, while the remaining four were not changed, Bagley said.

Five commercial accounts were reviewed, with three commercial taxpayers appearing by affidavit. No changes were made to any the commercial accounts at that time, Bagley said.

Property taxpayers have 30 days from the date they receive their valuations in the mail to file a protest if they wish. A hearing date is scheduled and the protester is given 15 days' advance notice of the hearing, Bagley said.

"We encourage them to come and talk to us, because if they do have a

The one-half cent sales

tax collection to fund the

EDC started July 1, accord-

ing the Dwight Fiveash,

president of the board. The

first revenues from the col-

lections are expected to be

deposited into the EDC's

account in late August or

ing of the Pampa EDC will

be at 11 a.m. July 25 in the

Nona Payne Room of the

Building, 200 N. Ballard.

Community

The next scheduled meet-

early September.

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problem, we can help them solve it," he said.

Valuations may be lowered, unchanged or raised as a result of protests and hear-

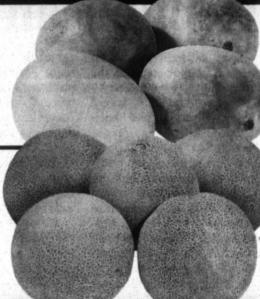
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and routing number, account number and a check number off of her bank checks. "They said if they didn't

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get this information, I'd lose my Medicare," she said. The callers told her that if they were given the informa-

tion, not only would her Medicare continue, but every member of her household, regardless of age or

circumstance, would be covered for all health issues, including dental and vision care. She would get a new card in the mail with a new number, and was to use that card in place of her Social Security number, which would no longer be valid.

Administration already has the needed information on persons who have already been receiving benefits, Rushing said. Such information could be used in cases of identity theft and other

into the lake from the river.

Upstream, he said, the

river was flowing, but it

appeared to be soaking into

the ground before reaching

authorized Satterwhite to

move forward with expan-

sion of the ground water

well field at their Wednesday

The CRMWA board also

the lake.

"Your bank won't call for information like that, either,'

The Social Security

Rushing said. The representative whom

costly crimes, he said.

the woman talked to when she called the Social Security office said that agency would not call people on the telephone for such a reason, and suggested the woman call the Medicare Prescription Drug Fraud Waste and Abuse Hotline at 877-772-3379 to report the fraudulent calls.

to drill four to seven new wells in their well field at a cost of up to \$1 million per well. The additional wells will provide more than three

The water authority plans

Satterwhite said the present wells are pumping at

billion gallons of water a

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will not change for now.

The water authority may consider cutting those allocations, however, when they meet in October, depending upon weather conditions and the lake level. They could cut total allocations from 29 billion gallons per year for the 11 cities to 23 billion gal-

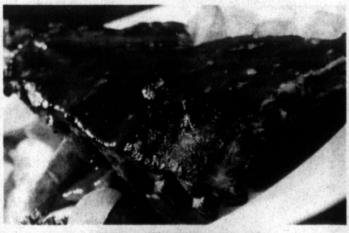
Pampa City Manager John Horst said Pampa has never used its full allocation and doesn't expect any problems, but he did express concern over the continuing decline of the lake's water

level. The water authority over the past few years has expanded the water rights they hold in Roberts, Gray, Hemphill and Ochiltree counties to about 300,000 acres. Initially, they bought about 70,000 acres of water rights in Roberts County for a well field that would increase the quantity and improve the quality of water to their member cities. The well field proved to be a wise a move as drought conditions decreased the amount of water in Lake Meredith.

Satterwhite said Thursday afternoon that even with recent rains the water level in the lake has not risen.

He said he and other staff members at CRMWA went up the Canadian River this week above the lake, but there was no water flowing

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Viewpoints

Republican voters back Senate's immigration bill

Now that Felipe Calderón seems to have won and the threat that was embodied by Chavista Andrés Manuel López Obrador has been defeated, it is time for the Republicans in the House to look beyond their own noses and deal generously with our neighbor to the south.

The Mexican people have just rejected a leftist anti-American alternative and embraced free-market capitalism in a dramatic vote. It is one thing for middle-class Americans to do so, but for Mexicans, many of whom are impoverished, to turn away from a candidate who promises a 20 percent pay increase and free gas and electricity and embrace a free-market alternative is a testament to the sense, perspective, balance, wisdom and maturity of the Mexican electorate.

Would that our own politi-

cal leaders had such gifts.

Republican Respected pollster Lance Tarrance reports that the House Republicans are misreading their own base in their hardened and doctrinaire opposition to an earned-citizenship program and in their efforts to besmirch this alternative by calling it "amnesty."

Tarrance's poll, only of Republican voters, found that the base embraced the idea of an earned path to citizenship, in which illegal immigrants could "earn legal status and eventual citizenship by working, paying taxes, learning English and waiting their turn behind people in their home countries who are already waiting in line for visas." The Republican sample backed this proposal 80-17 percent.

Conversely, Republicans rejected out of hand the House-passed

option, in which "illegal recognize that, as The New immigrants could earn legal status as a foreign worker but would have no possibility of ever becoming citizens," 25-

In all, when the Senate and

Dick

Morris

Columnist

House versions of the immigration legislation were fairly explained to voters - in some detail -

Republicans backed the Senate version 75-17 but only broke even on the House bill, 47-46. Asked if the Senate bill constitutes "amnesty," the dirty word in the immigration debate, 39 percent said yes but 49 percent said no.

The fact is that Republican voters are far ahead of their Neanderthal leaders on the immigration debate. They

York Times reported, threequarters of illegal immigrants work for major corporations and have income taxes withheld from their paychecks like other American workers.

What more, this three-quarters contribute to Social Security e v e n though they

have no prospect of ever receiving benefits.

In truth, the Republican leaders object to the earned path to citizenship not out of any justifiable sense of concern for those who have not flouted the law to become immigrants but because they do not want the current crop of illegal immigrants to register and vote out of a self-ful-

filling prophesy that they will back the Democrats.

But the results of the 2004 elections in the United States and the 2006 elections in Mexico both attest to the fundamental conservatism of the Latino voters.

In the United States, it was the swing in Hispanic support to the Republicans that did much to enable Bush to achieve a three-point margin in the popular vote. Where Gore had carried Latinos by 30 points, Kerry's margin was under 10.

And, in the most recent Mexican elections, the leftist demagogue, who played on popular resentment against American immigration policies, was only about to win slightly more than one-third of the ultimate vote while the Harvard-educated technocrat, Calderón, was elected by a narrow plurality.

The future of Republican Party in America depends on its ability to appeal to Hispanic voters. If the newly enfranchised Latino immigrants side with African-American their brethren and bloc-vote for the Democratic Party, it will be a death blow to the GOP as Hispanics cast an ever larger share of the national vote.

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President Bush has recognized the importance of outreach, even at the price of increasing the Hispanic electorate. The House leaders should follow the president on this issue. More to the point, they should heed the opinions of their base and reach out to legalize Hispanic illegal immigrants and set them on a path to earned citizenship.

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

Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, July 14, the 195th day of 2006. 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 writ-

officials a letter from former President Fillmore, requesting trade relations.

'A man must be both stupid and uncharitable who believes there is no virtue or truth but on his own side."

 Joseph Addison English essayist and poet (1672-1719)

ing about the U.S. government. In 1853, Commodore Matthew Perry relayed to Japanese

> 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 monarchy.

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

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

Ten years ago: Fire crews were battling blazes covering more than 16,000 acres in California, Colorado, Idaho, Oregon and Utah. In Northern Ireland, a car bomb ravaged a country hotel soon after the building was evacuated. (A shadow group calling itself Continuity claimed responsibili-

Five years ago: In a boost for President Bush's hopes to build a defense against ballistic missile attack, the Pentagon scored a hit with an interceptor that soared into space from a tiny Pacific isle and destroyed its target, a mock nuclear warhead. China convicted American business professor Li Shaomin of spying for Taiwan and then ordered him deport-



Tasers are a good law enforcement tool

As people around the country debate the use of Tasers by police agencies, they should always keep in mind the alternatives. The Taser is a device that gives a person an electric jolt that temporarily disables him. Normally, it is not fatal, but some people have died after being stunned, though it's my understanding that as of now no death has been directly linked to the electric

The larger problem is this: Once a police officer says, "You are under arrest," you must and will be taken to jail. Hopefully, you will go voluntarily, but if you physically resist arrest, then the officer or officers must use whatever force is necessary to subdue you and take you to jail. They have no choice. In most states, resisting arrest is itself a felony, and in many states a police officer is authorized to use lethal means to arrest a felon.

This means a physical fight, because the only logical reply to force is counterforce. In the past, most police officers carried clubs and black-

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jacks. The old-fashioned blackjacks were a lump of lead on a steel spring

wrapped in thin leather. Both these and clubs can inflict serious injuries, even fatal injuries

sometimes. Today, in most departments, officers are equipped with pepper spray and a Taser. These are provided as nonlethal means of subduing someone who is resisting arrest. So, if you remove these nonlethal tools from the officers, what is the alter-

native? I'd rather be stunned than cracked on the head with a club. I'd rather be stunned than shot.

Happily, most people resist arrest. Professional petty criminals the know

routine and know it's pointless to resist. Usually, those who resist

are

people who are out of control due either to mental illness or to the effects of drugs, or they are people who have committed a serious felony and know they will go to prison. These conditions, however, do not relieve the arresting officer of the necessity of physically subduing the person.

Police officers deserve to be cut some slack by the public. They are the only

public officials who are legally authorized to take a human life without a trial. They take this terrible responsibility seriously, and I can assure you the overwhelming majority of local and state law-enforcement officers have no desire to kill somebody.

The flood of make-believe violence produced by the entertainment and gaming industries makes killing seem like a casual affair, but it is not, and nobody knows this better than a policeman who has been forced by circumstances to take a human

The problem for the police officer is that out on the street, in the presence of a violent individual, he has no time to consider the situation leisurely, much less call in medical professionals

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Texas Thoughts.

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas: June 30

Austin American-Statesman on when \$15,000 a year is too much money:

The U.S. Senate should reconsider its vote that stopped a proposed increase in the national minimum wage, which has been stuck at \$5.15 an hour for about nine years. With the Bush administration touting a healthy, growing economy, and after billions of dollars of tax cuts including cuts for businesses the nation can well afford a wage increase for those of us at the bottom of the work ladder.

A Democratic proposal to raise the

minimum wage to \$7.25 an hour won a small majority of the Senate last week on a 52 to 46 vote, with most GOP senators including Kay Bailey Hutchison and John Cornyn, both of Texas opposed. But that was eight short of the 60 yotes needed to clear a procedural hurdle. A Republican alternative, to raise the minimum wage to \$6.25 an hour, was rejected on a 53 to 45 vote, with Democrats opposed.

The Senate and the House, whose GOP leadership appears to be ducking the issue, ought to be embarrassed by their failure to raise the minimum wage for so long. Early this month, the House rejected a challenge to its own scheduled salary increase of \$3,300 a year, which would raise House members' salaries to \$168,500 a year

\$34,900 higher than it was in 1997, the last time Congress raised the minimum wage. Congress has awarded itself a pay increase the past seven years in a

In comparison, a worker earning minimum wage for a full-time job makes about \$10,700 a year. If the Democrats had their way, that would go up to about \$15,000 a year; if the Republicans had theirs, it would go up to \$13,000. Democrats say about 7 million workers would benefit from a minimum wage increase.

Republicans voting against the proposed increase gave the usual arguments: It's too expensive, especially for small businesses, and discourages hir-

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Texas gasoline prices up slightly for third straight week, AAA says

HOUSTON (AP) — Gasoline prices rose slightly across the state to reach \$2.86 per gallon, marking the third straight week of increases, AAA Texas reported Friday.

Escalating tensions in the Middle East lowest average price, for regular self- \$2.93 per gallon. have renewed fears that supplies from the region may be disrupted, said Rose Rougeau, a spokeswoman for AAA Texas. Corpus Christi held steady with the was the Galveston-Texas City area, at

serve, at \$2.70 per gallon, according to the group's weekly gasoline price service.

The highest average price for gasoline \$2.96 per gallon, according to AAA Texas.

The national average for regular selfserve gasoline rose two cents, reaching is

People in the news

- Mr. T has given himself a makeover.

action star shed the piles of gold chains that were his signature look after witnessing destruction from Hurricane Katrina.

"As a spiritual man, I felt it would be a sin against my God for me to wear all that gold again because I spent a lot of time with the less fortunate," the actor said Thursday at the Television Critics Association's summer meeting.

"I saw some, I call it 'sorry celebrities.' They'll go down there and hook up with the people to take a photo-op. I said, 'How disgusting.' If you're not going to go down there with a check and a hammer and a nail to help the people, don't go down there.'

Mr. T, whose real name is Lawrence Tero, stars in "I Pity the Fool" debuting in October on TV Land. He dispenses advice to viewers who are struggling with life's problems.

The former star of "The A-Team" said he's about more than his rough-andtough image.

"Yes, I am qualified to beat people up. But I am pretty intelligent," he said. "That's what throws people off. If you've been through something, that gives you an authority that you can speak on certain things. That's why people relate to me. I pull no punches."

NEW YORK (AP) -Britney Spears, who is pregnant with her second child,

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) says she's not ready to retire from performing.

"I can't wait to do that The former television again," Spears, 24, tells Harper's Bazaar in its August issue, on newsstands July 25. "But I really have to take my time and do it right and be safe. Actually ... not that safe. When you perform, you have to be danger-

> 'As a spiritual man, I felt it would be a sin against my God for me to wear all that gold again because I spent a lot of time with the less fortunate."

> > — Mr. T Actor

The pregnant pop princess also says she would "definitely" consider a musical collaboration with her husband, Kevin Federline, 28. His debut hip-hop album, "Playing With Fire," is expected to be released next

"I'm so proud of Kevin," Spears says. "He's been working so hard on his own album since I got pregnant with Preston," the couple's first child, who was born last September.

"Preston's just like a rocker kid," she says of her 10month-old son. "He is a beautiful baby. We're very close, and attached."

- who aren't available

anyway. The officer has to

act and often must make a decision in seconds. His

Spears, who darkened her

hair and bared nearly all for the camera of lensman Alexi Lubomirski for the Bazaar photos, says her first pregnancy made her feel "paranoid" because she was new at everything.

"This one, I was like, I just gotta wing it. It was weird for me at first because of who I am; wherever you go they expect you to look a certain way. I'm not supposed to be this huge pregnant superstar."

Spears plans to get back into fighting shape after Baby No. 2 — due this fall — is born.

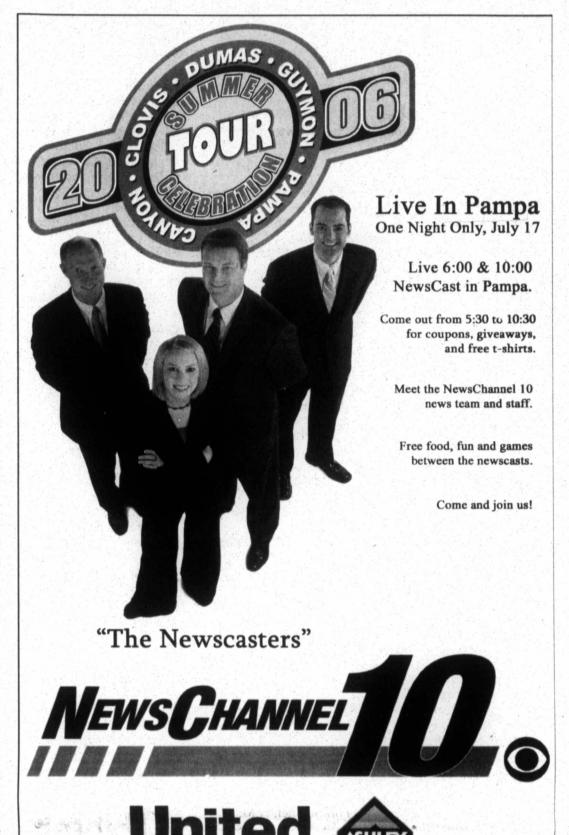
"After this baby, I'm going to get really intense with that."

NEW YORK (AP) — It's been more than 20 years since the Who blasted their way through a major concert tour. This fall, they'll give it another go.

The opening date will be Sept. 12 in Philadelphia, Pete Townshend and Roger Daltrey announced Thursday. They will then wind their way through the U.S. and Canada before jumping next year to South America, the Far East, Australia and Europe.

Stops on the tour include New York, Chicago, Boston, Detroit, Seattle, Los Angeles and Toronto.

The Who will perform songs from their new "minirock" opera, "Wire & Glass," and their upcoming studio album, tentatively titled, "Who 2," set for release Oct. 23. It will be their first studio album since 1982's "It's Hard."



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obligation is to protect himself and other innocent people in the vicinity. Parents should especially stress to teenage children that under no circumstances should they ever attempt

to flee a police officer, resist arrest or talk back sarcastically. If there is a problem with the arrest, the place to sort that out is in court.

Police officers are human beings, just like the rest of us. They can have bad days. Their job in itself is stressful. When they stop a car at night, they don't know who the driver is. He might be a teenager with a heavy foot. He might be some guy who just robbed a store and murdered the clerk. He might be a serial killer or a wanted felon. The officer, who wants to go home to his family, must necessarily be cautious and stern. And, if you are the driver, you don't want to do anything that the officer can interpret as a threat.

Keep your hands visible at all times and wait for his instructions. If you go rummaging in the glove box for registration papers or reach behind you for your wallet before he asks for them, he might think you are reaching for a gun. That's a good way to get killed.

Tasers and pepper spray are good law-enforcement tools. They can be abused, of course, because police are humans and can make mistakes, but even when they are abused, the consequences are most often not fatal, nor do they result in permanent injuries. I would be reluctant to ban them.

Write to Charley Reese at P.O. Box 2446, Orlando, FL 32802.

Money

ing at the low end of the wage scale. Democrats noted that the price of just about every necessity Continued from Page 4 housing, food, utilities, gasoline have gone up

over the past eight years. But Senate Democrats voted against the smaller increase proposed by Republicans because it had provisions to cut taxes and exempt more businesses from the federal wage and hour law.

Polls show that most Americans support a higher minimum wage. A survey in March by the Pew Research Center for the People & the Press found that 83 percent of Americans favored raising the minimum wage by \$2 an hour. The same survey showed that 72 percent of Republicans also supported a \$2 increase.

People making the lowest wages don't have much political or market power. Just because we can keep their wages so low doesn't mean we should. Republicans in Congress should drop their opposition and raise the minimum wage.



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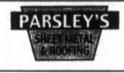
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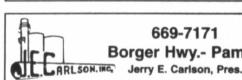
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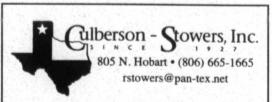
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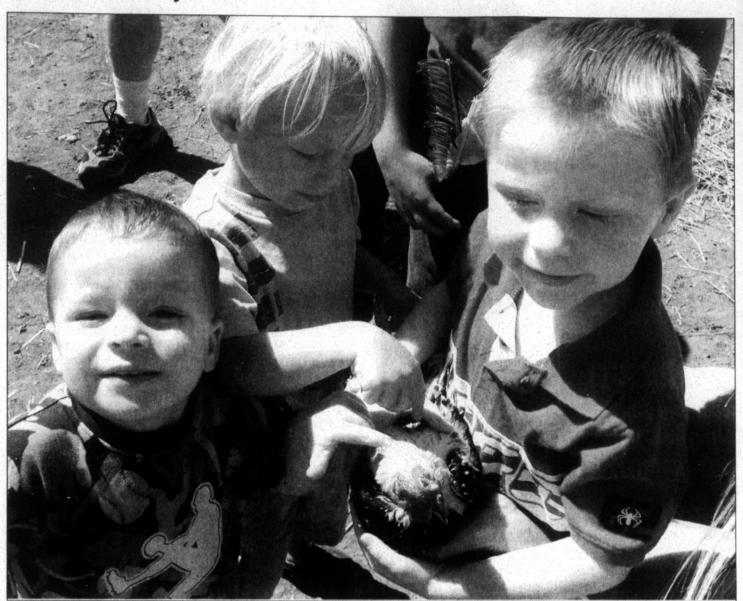
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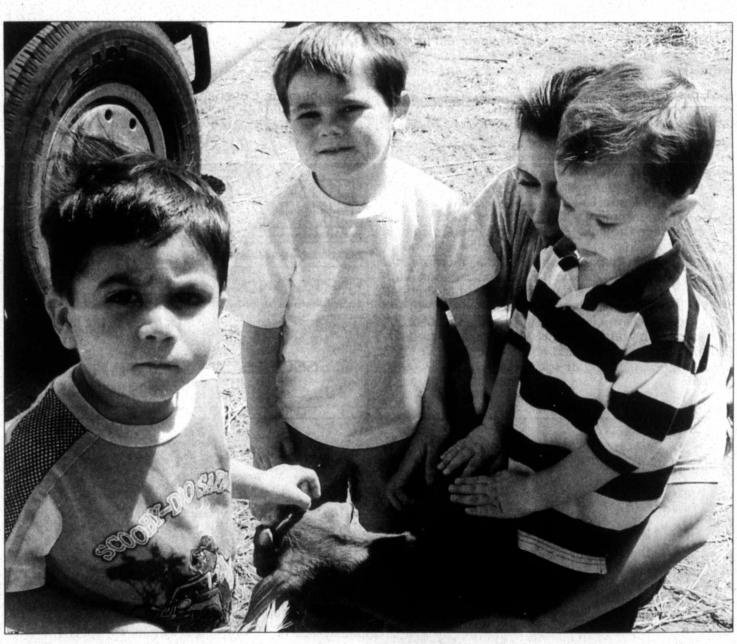
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▲ Cason Steward, from left, Connor Hampton and Ryan Mayberry pet a chicken during a Mother's Day Out trip recently. Beverly Alexander is director of the Mother's Day Out group at Pampa's First Methodist Church.

Ryan Mayberry, Noah Land and Jayton Whittington pet this little goat during a Mother's Day Out outing recently. Pictured with the children is Kelly Mayberry. Beverly Alexander is director of the Mother's Day Out group at Pampa's First Methodist Church.





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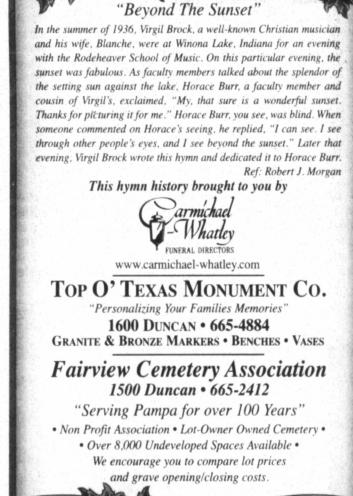
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Hitting home runs all the time

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How about a few thoughts on home run hitting that doesn't focus on steroids? Sound like a good idea? Well, here we go. If a baseball player could

hit a home run every time he chose to, how often would he hit a home run? Would he ever say, "Oh, I'm tired of hitting home runs, I think I'll just hit a single this time."

Christian Or would you ever expect him to say, "I'm tired of scoring so many

runs, so I think I'll just strikeout this time." Would any sane player ever talk like that, think like that? No way! You're probably thinking, "Nobody is that stupid."

Well, I beg to differ with you. I know lots of husbands and wives who are just that foolish.



One of the tools that I use in counseling is a "Home Run List." I have each wife/husband make a list of five things that their spouse can do for them that will be just like a million dollars.

That is their "Home Run List" and it is always right

because they know for sure what makes them feel so wonderful. Then I have each husband/wife make a list of five things that

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Church briefs

Four Pampa churches are teaming up to host a joint vacation church school "Fiesta" from 6-9 p.m. July 17-21 at First Presbyterian Church. The four churches

are First Presbyterian, First Christian Church, HiLand Christian Church and St. Matthew's Episcopal Church.

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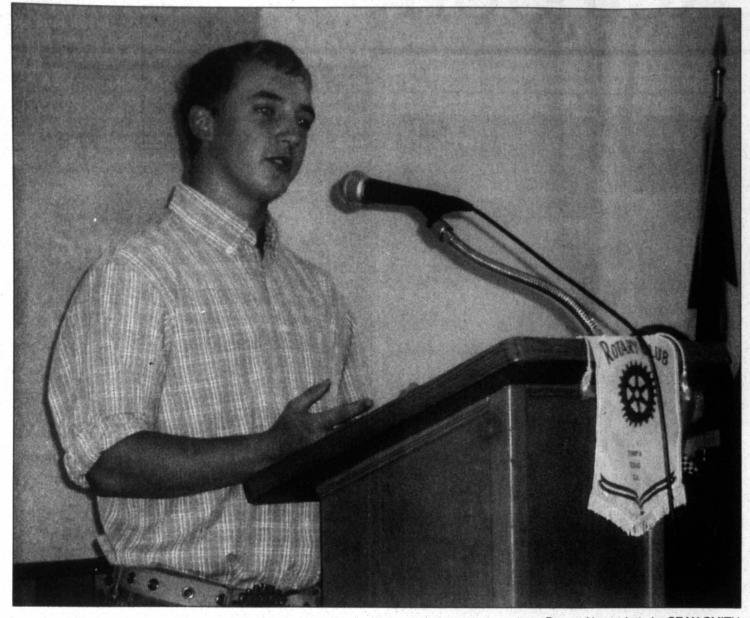
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Rotary camp



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Christopher Campbell addresses a recent meeting of Pampa Rotary Club. Campbell is one of four high school seniors from Pampa High selected for sponsorship to Rotary Youth Leadership camp at Lone Tree Ranch in Capitan, N.M. The five-day leadership camp will engage the Rotary West Texas District 5730 campers in an exchange of ideas and opinions to cultivate their individual leadership abilities. Campbell is the son of Bob and Martha Campbell.

Events calendar

 Pampa Community Concert Association
 Presents "Live On Stage" has released its current concert schedule. The schedule is as follows: "The Centurymen" 7 p.m., Sept. 20, First Baptist Church in Pampa; pianist Alpin Hong, 2:30 p.m., Oct. 1, M.K. Brown Auditorium; "Puttin' on the Hitz, A Salute to Irving Berlin," 7:30 p.m., Feb. 15, Borger High School Auditorium; Bronn and Katherine Journey, harpist and vocalist, 7:30 p.m., March 19, M.K. Brown Auditorium. Membership fees are \$30 for adults, \$70 for families; and \$15 for students. For more information, call 665-0343 or 665-2631.

• Habitat For Horses, Inc., is in the area distributing horse feed, hay, medical and barn supplies. The volunteer organization will continue to organize feed and hay drives to the fire damaged area and coordinate distribution centers as needed. For more information, call (866) 434-5737 or (806) 681-5858.

 Lefors Lions Club will hold its monthly chicken cookout at 12:30 p.m. July 16 at Lefors Senior Center. The menu will consist of chicken, cole slaw, beans, and rolls. Each plate will be \$5. Pie will be available at an

• Amarillo Museum of Art will open to a "Free Family Festival" from 1-4 p.m. July 16 to celebrate the summer 2006 exhibition "Material Terrain: A Sculptural Exploration of Landscape and Place." Follow the gallery hunt clues and discover the artwork. Receive prizes for completing the hunt. Enjoy live music. Create

your own unique art. Learn about sculpture from children-friendly films. Treat your taste buds with complimentary refreshments. The museum is located at 2200 S. Van Buren.

 Registration for the second summer semester at Clarendon College-Pampa Center will last through July 17, the day classes officially begin. Courses will be conducted Monday through Thursday and include English Comp I and II, Microbiology, Web Site Design, Fundamentals of Criminal Law, Non-Western World Literature, State Government, U.S. History, General Psychology, Human Growth and Development, Micro-Economics, Interpersonal Speech and Social Issues. To learn more or for a complete schedule, call the campus at 665-8801 or e-mail david.bradford college.edu. Offices are closed Fridays.

 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 clinic will be offered: 9:30-11:45 a.m. and 1-3:30 p.m., July 19, TDH, 736 S. Cuyler,

Astronauts to conduct late inspection of shuttle

CAPE CANAVERAL, vast majority of debris cir-Fla. (AP) — Astronauts planning one final damage inspection of Discovery at the international space station were confident Friday that the space shuttle would glide back to Earth next week without any problems.

"We've got a great ship and it's ready to come home. It's going to be a safe landing," pilot Mark Kelly said in interviews. "Based on what we've seen so far and what the risk is, I think all of us feel really comfortable."

NASA space station flight director Rick LaBrode praised the crew Friday, "We got our saying: money's worth out of them."

"The mission has gone just outstanding," he said.

The extra shuttle inspection Friday is the first to occurred this late in a mission. It was devised by NASA to make sure there's never again a disaster on par with the Columbia accident which killed seven astronauts in 2003.

The crew planned to inspect Discovery's left wing using sensors at the end of a 50-foot-boom attached to Discovery's 50foot robotic arm. The sensors will scan for any nearinvisible holes and cracks in the wing caused by micrometeoroids, the dust-sized particles that make up the

cling Earth.

The space debris now also includes a spatula that astronaut Piers Sellers accidentally let go of during a Wednesday. spacewalk NASA said the spatula posed no risk to the space station or shuttle.

Sellers joked Friday that he would go to Home Depot to replace it upon his return. "I'm sure it will come out of my pay," he said.

Friday's inspection, on Day 11, follows similar scans Discovery's crew conducted as it closed in on the space station on Day 2 and the close-up examinations of "areas of interest" on Day 4 of the 13-day mission.

Discovery's commander, Steve Lindsey, also maneuvered Discovery into a backflip before docking on the third day so that the space station's two crew members could photograph the shuttle's belly for any signs of damage.



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they can do for their spouse that will be a definite home run for the one that they love. One list for them. One list for their spouse.

Do you know what the first thing is that I notice about the lists as a counselor? Most husbands know pretty well how to hit a home run in encouraging their wife, in making her feel cherished and adored and special. And most wives know very well how to hit a home run with their husband, how to make him feel like the man he wants to be.

What then are the two obvious questions? 1) Why doesn't every husband choose to hit several home runs for his wife every day? 2) Why doesn't every wife choose to hit several over the fence every day for her husband?

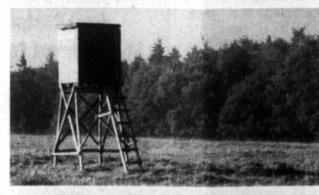
Hitting home runs in baseball might not be a matter of choice, but in marriage that is exactly what it is. Why don't husbands and wives choose to hit more home runs for each other?

Know why? You're not going to like the answer. Selfishness. Many husbands and wives are so busy thinking about themselves that they regularly take their spouse for granted. They just overlook his/her needs.

So pretend that today is the first day of baseball season and choose to hit a home run for the one you promised to be faithful to "until death do us part." In fact, why not just choose to hit three or four home runs today?

And if you are thinking to yourself, "But I don't know five things that my wife/husband considers to be a home run." Then ask. Then write those five things down and wear that list out. Then maybe you can be the Home Run King or Home Run Queen in your home. God bless.







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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR \ABBY: My mother says I'm tearing our family apart. On Mother's Day, my 8year-old daughter teased her 9-year-old cousin, asking who'd like her last bite of dessert. When he said he wanted it, she said, "Just kidding!" My nephew went running into the house wailing like he'd been hit. I was in the middle of telling my daughter what she did was wrong and she should apologize, when I heard my brother, "Harry," ask my nephew why he was crying. My nephew said my daughter had teased him over the dessert, and Harry said, "Well, she's a little bitch!" I was horrified. My daughter and sister-in-law heard it, too. When I went inside to talk to Harry, he told me he didn't mean it that way and that he could say anything in his house that he wants. My daughter and I left, and I haven't talked to him since. He has apologized to my daughter with numerous justifications for what he said, but he hasn't apologized to me for what he called my daughter and the way he talked to me. We have had two family birthdays since then (including another at my brother's), and my daughter and I haven't attended either one. My mother is taking Harry's side, saying I'm too sensitive and the word isn't that bad. Am I wrong to think that calling an 8year-old a "bitch" is horrible, degrading and uncalled for? -- SISTER OF A TRASH MOUTH

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DEAR SISTER: Probably not. But your brother has already apologized to the "injured" party for what he said, and he does not owe you one. I'm voting with your mother. You have already punished yourself and your daughter enough by missing out on the family birthday parties. Enough, already!

DEAR ABBY: Two years ago, I became acquainted with a woman I'll call "Julie." We were neighbors and talked often. One

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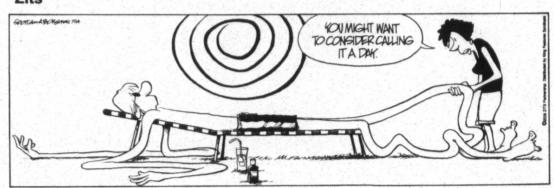
day, she confided that she was in a verbally and emotionally abusive marriage. She said she was a prisoner in her own home and didn't know what to do. To make a long story short, I let myself get sucked in. I trusted her. I helped Julie financially to retain a lawyer and found her and her children a nice place to live through another friend of mine, "Sue." Sue knew of Julie's situation because I told her. She, too, was very kind to Julie. Not only was Julie always late with her rent (there was no reason for her to be), she broke her lease and lied about why she had to move. My issue is that I unwittingly sucked Sue in for Julie's "cause." I feel terrible and responsible, even though I have apologized to Sue about it. Julie has made no effort to contact us since then. I recently learned that Julie has "befriended" a prominent single man from church. (She's not yet divorced.) I believe he is getting sucked in the way I was. He has connections and has helped Julie find another job. He has also helped her move. Should I let him know what kind of person Julie really is, or use this as a learning experience, mind my own business and move on? - CONNED IN THE SOUTH

DEAR CONNED: Would you keep silent if you knew there was a pickpocket loose in the congregation? You should not only tell the man what your and Sue's experience was with this woman, you should also clue your clergyperson in on the fact that there is a predator loose in his flock. It may not make you popular, but at least your conscience will be clear.

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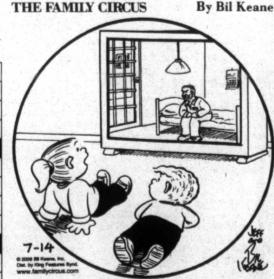
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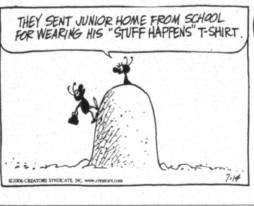
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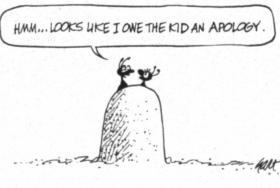
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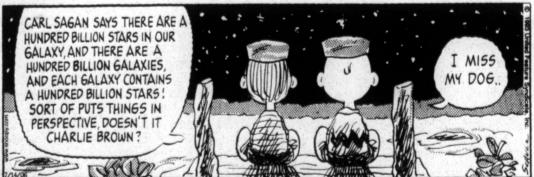




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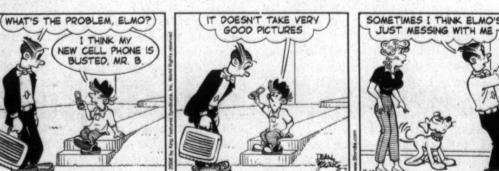


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Sports Day

Monday Night Scramble results What goes up...

Monday Night Scramble Hidden Hills Golf Course July 10, 2006

AREA GOLF EVENTS

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS

A 2-man Scramble will be held at the

Pamcel Gold Course located at the

Celanese Plant in Pampa July 22 and 23.

Entry fee for the scramble is \$110 per team

and includes a mulligan. Entry Deadline is

This scramble is open to the first 40

For more information, contact Dwayne

Hidden Hills Golf Course will conduct at

Junior Clinic July 19-21 for students age

seven through 16. Cost of the clinic is \$30

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Note - The Monday Night Scramble is sponsored by the Hidden Hills Ladies Golf Association. Call 669-5866 for informa-

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to host scrambles

Shoots Age

Jerry Davis recently shot his age, 74, at Hidden Hills Golf Course. Witnesses were Oscar Sargent, O.K. Lee and James Lee.

Doug Dubose shot 2under his age, 85 at Hidden Hills. Witnesses were Joe Mabry, Jewett Scarbrough and Bill Washington.



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Two offensive players (dark shirts) go for the ball while a defender awaits the

Sports Editor David Teichmann.

The Clinic will begin at 8:30 the morning of July 19, then divided by skill level the following two days. To register, call 669-5866.

and will be taught by Hidden Hills golf pro,

Lions Club Day/Night 4-Person Scramble

Hidden Hills Golf Course will host the annual Pampa Lions Club Day/Night Golf Scramble August 11. The event will feature a 5:30 p.m. shotgun start. Only one player per team can have a handicap of 9 or less.

Team handicap must be 50 or more. Entry fee is \$45 which includes green fees, cart and a "Glow Ball". Hamburgers and drinks will also be provided. For more information, contact David Teichmann at

Time change for VanGilder's clinic

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS Sports Editor

Pampa High School volleyball coach Sonia VanGilder will conduct a clinic July 31 through August 4 at McNeely Field

Times for the clinic have changed since Coach VanGilder, 665-0459.

originally scheduled. Students entering the fifth, sixth and seventh grades will attend from 9 a.m. to noon each day. Incoming eighth and ninth grade students will attend 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

For more information or to register, call the PHS athletic office, 669-4830. Or

Texas baseball: Astros filet Marlins; Teixeria, Rangers pound Orioles

Astros 5, Marlins 1

MIAMI (AP) — Aubrey Huff made quite a debut with his new team.

Huff hit a three-run home run in his first

game with Houston and Lance Berkman had three hits to lead the Astros to a 5-1 victory over the Florida Marlins on Thursday

Huff, who was acquired in a trade with the Tampa Bay Devil Rays on Wednesday, homered to right-center in the eighth off reliever Randy Messenger (1-5) to give the Astros a 5-1 lead.

"Any time you get to a new team, it's good to get in there and contribute," Huff

Houston broke a three-game road losing streak, while the Marlins lost for the fourth time in their last 13 home games.

Huff's homer was part of a four-run eighth. Willy Taveras singled to lead off the inning and advanced to third as Chris Burke reached when first baseman Mike Jacobs failed to handle a low throw by shortstop Hanley Ramirez. Berkman drove in Taveras with a single to right, and Huff followed with his homer, his second hit of the game.

"It was a curveball," Huff said. "I was getting ready to hit a fastball and he just left it up a little bit."

The 30-year-old Huff hit .283 with eight home runs and 28 RBIs in 63 games for the Devil Rays this season. The third baseman hit safely in 20 of his last 23 games with Tampa Bay, batting .433 with 13 doubles, five homers and 16 RBIs during the stretch.

Huff had a game-winning homer against the Marlins in May for the Devil Rays, and is hitting .480 with three home runs and six

RBIs against Florida this season. "He's a good hitter," Astros manager Phil Garner said. "We know that and he showed

us that tonight." The game began as a pitcher's duel between the Astros' Roy Oswalt and the Marlins' Dontrelle Willis - but neither figured in the decision.

Oswalt pitched 6 1-3 innings, allowing one run and six hits while striking out four. He pitched at least six innings for the 17th time in his past 18 starts.

Rangers 15, Orioles 1

BALTIMORE (AP) — Mark Teixeira has been insisting for months that his swing is no different from a year ago, when he hit 43

homers and drove in 144 runs.

He backed up that assertion Thursday night against the Baltimore Orioles.

Teixeira hit a career-high three homers and drove in seven runs, and the Rangers hit six home runs in a 15-1 rout.

Teixeira had only nine homers and 49 RBIs before the All-Star break, leading to speculation that he had lost his power stroke. He scoffed at the suggestion earlier this season, and hammered home the point after battering the Orioles.

"Same thing I've said all year: my swing has not changed one bit. I've looked at hours and hours of video," Teixeira said. 'There's a fine line between a home run and a line drive. Tonight I just kind of found that home run stroke.

Teixeira hit a sacrifice fly in the first inning, a solo homer in the sixth, a two-run shot in the eighth and a three-run drive in the ninth. The seven RBIs tied a career

He has 12 homers, including four in his last two games. It was his 12th career multihomer game, the first this season.

"I don't know if I'd call it a breakout performance, but it's nice to have a good game here in Baltimore," said Teixeira, who was born and raised in Maryland. "It's a big win for us. Coming off a break, we're tied for first place and we scored a lot of runs."

Texas totaled 19 hits and reached a season-high in home runs.

Brad Wilkerson hit his 14th homer and drove in four runs, and Rod Barajas also homered for the Rangers, who got at least one hit from every starter. Mark DeRosa went 4-for-4 with a home run and two walks.

But this game was all about Teixeira, who had only four homers on the road before Thursday.

"You feel really good for him. You know how much he wants it and he's been such a big contributor for us this year, defensively. and with the bat," Texas manager Buck Showalter said. "But it's such a level that he's spoiled us last year, it's hard to stay there. Tonight was a big reminder of what he's capable of."

Vicente Padilla (9-5) gave up one run and four hits in seven innings to win his third straight start. The right-hander struck out three and walked three.

Popovych win stage 12 of Tour CARCASSONNE, France (AP) -

outcome Thursday afternoon during the Pampa Harvester football camp. The

players were taking part in a scrimmage game. The camp concludes today.

Yaroslav Popovych won stage 12 of the Tour de France on Friday, while American Floyd Landis retained the yellow jersey of the overall leader.

Popovych's win was a solo effort, and it came on a day when two of his Discovery Channel teammates - Paolo Savoldelli and Benjamin Noval — dropped out of the race. Following a long breakaway with two other riders, the Ukranian took the stage with a solo effort to the line, finishing far ahead of

Popovych's win, his first in two Tours, came the day after he and other Discovery Channel riders performed poorly in the hardest stage of the Pyrenees.

Discovery has struggled in its first Tour de France without former leader Lance

Popovych finished 27 seconds ahead of second-place Alessandro Ballan and 29 seconds in front of Oscar Freire of Spain.

The three had ridden together into the outskirts of the medieval city of Carcassonne. Popovych used repeated bursts of speed to pull away from Ballan

and Freire and then raced alone to the finish

Popovych started the stage in 23rd place, 9 minutes behind Landis. He moved up to 10th, 4:15 behind Landis, reviving his hopes of a high finish when the Tour concludes in Paris on July 23.

Discovery was considered one of the favorites to win the team title when the race started July 1. Following the team's struggles, however, Popovych said Discovery is now focusing on winning stages.

His said team race manager Johan Bruyneel was "more sad that angry" after the Discovery riders struggled in the Pyrenees on Thursday, when Landis took the race leader's yellow jersey.

"But life is like that, you can't always win and now we can start the second half of the Tour," Popovych said through a translator on French television.

Popovych, who last year won the white jersey awarded to the Tour's best young rider, said he hopes to win the race in a few

"I'll prepare better for the years to come," the 26-year-old said.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Saturday, July 15, 2006: You have a way of penetrating problems

and understanding the whole story. As a result, you are able to read between the lines and sleuth through issues. Many of you could decide to go back to school or travel more. The experience you choose will help you grow intellectually and emotionally. Curb a tendency to go overboard in many different facets of your life. You could be uncomfortable as a result. Self-discipline counts in your daily life. If you are single, you could meet someone quite exotic and different You will get a case of the butterflies if this is the right person. If you are attached, your relationship grows because of understanding. ARIES

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll 5-Dynamic; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

*** You might have a lot to do, but you will step up to the plate. Look past the obvious and develop a better perspec tive of the interpersonal factor. Your high energy appeals to many, as you'll see in the p.m. You are all smiles. Tonight:

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) *** Triends clamor for your attention, and why not? You are a handful of fun, waiting and wanting to toss plans to the wayside and simply be carefree. You might see a black cloud rise at the end of the day. Perhaps you are simply too tired. Tonight: Head home.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) *** Visit with an older relative and assume responsibility, and you'll get results. Others might not let you know how disappointed they are if you change plans. Plan to get together with friends later. Tonight: Let your hair down.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) *** Easy does it. You might not have enough energy to cover the ground you want to cover. Let your mind find ways to shorten your errands. A happening deserves your attention as well as your energy. Tonight: In the limelight. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

*** Go on an outing and invite a special friend or loved one along. You'll reconnect and bond once more. Often, you forget what is going on. Let your magination calm down a bit. Reality doesn't always conform to fantasy. Tonight: Let music surround you. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

*** Others run with the ball. You might have a predetermined set of plans, but don't be surprised if those get tossed to the wind. Are your relationships and having control more important? Events pinpoint these issues. Tonight: Go with

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ** Clear out what you must so that you can kick back and enjoy yourself.

Think positively about your opportunities and what can happen. You easily go overboard without knowing what hit you. At the same time, stop and smell the roses. Tonight: Say yes.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

*** You might be more creative and dynamic than you are aware of. What might be a problem is really a flashing ight saying enough. You might want to do something differently. Plug in your conservative energy. Tonight: Wind

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

*** You might want to close down or take some downtime. You might be overwhelmed by what is happening, and as a result, you could take on a touchy or stoic attitude. Through relaxing, you guarantee the quality of the next few days. Tonight: Easy does it. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

*** You could be out of sorts but wanting to discuss an issue no matter what others say or do. You laugh, and someone else will lighten up. Your mood is interrelated with others'; you cannot get around this fact. Tonight: Make peace; relax; stay close to home AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

*** Friends could be a source of distress. Trying to understand what makes them tick might not be worth it. Just don't get overly wrapped up. Your expenses could be vulnerable. You might want to build a financial fort. Tonight: Hang out with your friends

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ** Others make demands. You shake your head. Put your best foot forward and trust your reactions. You can melt others' resistances. Think positively, and you'll change others' moods. Take an overview. Tonight: Your treat.

Singer Linda Ronstadt (1946), author Clive Cussler (1931), wrestler, politician Jesse Ventura (1951)

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Bahiagrass can be wise addition to forage program, researcher says

By ROBERT BURNS **Extension News**

OVERTON - Where coastal bermudagrass is commonly called "the queen of forages," bahiagrass is often considered the unwanted offspring.

But in these times of expensive fertilizer, bahiagrass - in some areas, under some conditions - can be a wise addition to a forage program, said Dr. Gerald Evers, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station forage researcher.

Whether bahiagrass is an unwelcome guest or a valued addition to the family depends upon many factors, Evers said. Soils, available moisture and stocking rates - all have to be considered. But in these times of high fertilizer costs, the degree of management the producer can afford plays a major role.

"Bahiagrass primarily gets bashed because it invades bermudagrass pastures if they haven't been fertilized properly, " Evers said. "Another disadvantage is that it lacks drought tolerance compared to hybrid bermudagrasses."

Under drought conditions, bermudagrass will stay green and continue to grow, where under the same conditions, bahiagrass will not grow at all, he said.

Despite its bad rap, bahiagrass shouldn't be bashed unconditionally, and it as its place with other forages, he added.

Bahiagrass' biggest advantage is it will survive on sandy, acid, infertile soils.

This means, as fertilizer prices increase, bahiagrass becomes more attractive, Evers said.

"With little or no fertilizer, bahiagrass can be as productive as bermudagrass unless moisture is limited," he said.

If high fertilizer prices are coupled with low cattle prices, many producers may feel forced to cut back on fertilizer applications. The resulting low fertility can damage hybrid bermuda-

grass stands. bermudagrass, "With you've got to apply some fertilizer every year to maintain the stand," he said.

With bahiagrass, however, producers can go into a 'holding pattern' until cattle markets are strong again. Given moderate amounts of

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Bahiagrass yields ranged

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significantly so.

Evers said.

The biggest advantage of bahiagrass is that it will survive on sandy, acid, infertile soils, said Dr. Gerald Evers, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station forage researcher.

fertilizer, a bahiagrass stand will make a good recovery after such a hiatus.

Hybrid bermudagrass pastures may be slow to come back or need to be resprigged if an annual fertility program is interrrupted, Evers said.

Bahiagrass does best south of the Lufkin/Crockett area in East Texas for two reasons. One, the milder winter weather is beneficial to bahaigrass, which is less cold tolerant than bermuda-

Second, the ground is generally more level in that area, which means sandy soils are slower to dry out, Evers said.

"North of that (region), the area is too sandy and drought-prone for good bahiagrass production," he

In northern counties, bahiagrass may have success in some areas, as long as moisture is good, but Evers doesn't recommend starting new

"If they don't have it already, they may not need to plant it, but (even north of Lufkin) producers can learn to manage it for better pro-

ductivity.' There are a few points to remember about bahiagrass, according to Evers:

When bahiagrass growth is less than four weeks old, its nutritive value is usually close to that of coastal bermudagrass.

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 Use limited fertilizer:50 to 70 pounds per acre per year, applied in the spring, is sufficient.

Bahiagrass forms a thick, tight sod that tolerates continuous grazing and makes it competitive with

- Bahiagrass greens up earlier in the spring than bermudagrass and stays green later in the fall, until temperatures drop to 29 F or below.

Evers started a bahiagrass variety test at the Texas A&M University System Agricultural Research and **Extension Center at Overton** in the spring of 2004. His goal was to compare new and experimental varieties with Pensacola bahiagrass under East Texas conditions. Evers used Pensacola as the standard because it is the most common, improved bahiagrass variety in East Texas.

Evers tested four varieties

in addition to Pensacola: Rapid Germination Tifton 9, a new variety from Georgia not yet on the mar-

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