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Master plan problematic for PISD

By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer

As architects, school officials and a citizens committee continue to zero in on a master plan for Pampa school facilities, scenarios narrow, but costs remain a problem.

Architects will return to their offices this week to develop plans

for replacing Pampa Junior High School. They will return to meet with school officials and the citizens' committee at 6 p.m., July 25, at the Pampa High School library, to discuss the junior high.

Following earlier studies of Pampa Independent School District facilities, Jay Edwards with Parkhill, Smith and Cooper, an architectural

firm, told school officials and a 40-member citizens advisory board that both the high school and junior high needed replacing.

After a number of meetings over the last month and a half, there appears to be a consensus of opinion among school officials and the advisory committee that Pampa Junior High will be replaced and Pampa

High School will be renovated. Some 60,000 square feet of new space, including science labs, classrooms, a library, a girl's gym and a commons area that can be used as a cafeteria will be added to the high school at an estimated cost of between \$21.2 million to \$17.8 million.

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HUMAN INTEREST

St. Matthew's to expand school's pre-K program

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

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Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS

▲ Kara Flathouse, director of St. Matthew's Day School, holds her daughter Sophie as they help her daughter Emma check for butterflies in the school's butterfly garden.

Four-year-old boy drowns Sunday

Pampa police are investigating the apparent drowning death of a four-year-old Pampa boy which occurred Sunday evening at a home in the 400 block of South Barnes, according to Police Chief Trevlyn Pitner.

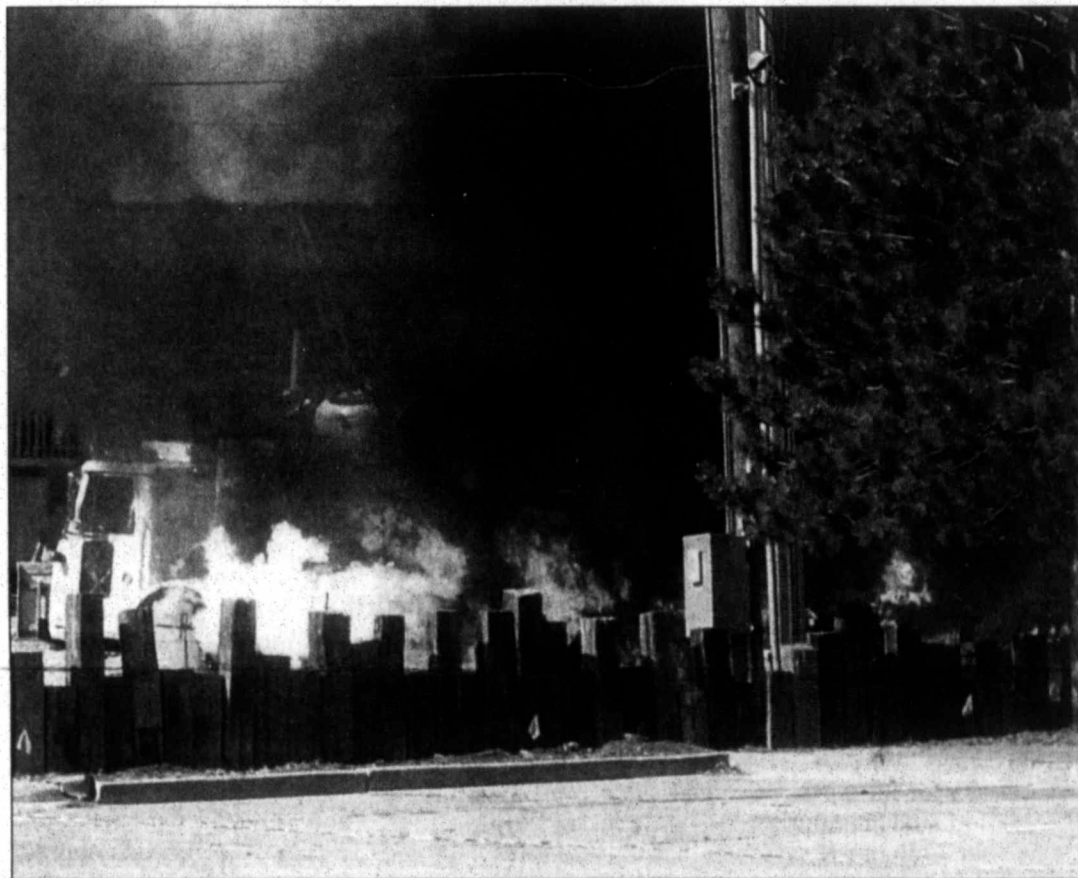
The child was reportedly found in an above-ground swimming pool. An emergency 911 call was made at 7:23 p.m. to report the incident, according to police records.

Guardian EMS

Ambulance Service, Gray County Sheriff's Office and Pampa Police Department responded to the call. The boy was transported by ambulance to Pampa Regional Medical Center, where Precinct 2 Justice of the Peace Kurt Curfman later pronounced him dead, Pitner said.

The body has been sent to Lubbock for autopsy.

"We don't want to speculate on anything at this point," Pitner said.



Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS

Billows of black smoke, horizontal columns of fire and explosive sounds erupted in the parking lot north of Best Western Northgate Inn on Highway 70 Saturday morning as a truck caught fire. The truck was one which was used to paint highway stripes, and several pallets of paint along with two propane tanks were on the truck at the time of the fire, according to Craig Harkcom, Pampa Fire Department equipment operator. Five pallets of paint beside the truck were also involved in the blaze, which melted a fender of a truck parked nearby. Four vehicles and seven personnel from PFD responded to the 10:35 a.m. call, and had extinguished the fire 30 minutes after their arrival.

Koi pond tour



Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS

Clay flower pots in a variety of sizes make up the figure of a man seated in the back yard of Lewis and Debbie Davis. The Davis' yard, which includes a koi pond, is one of the stops on this year's annual koi pond tour, which will be from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday. The tour is sponsored by Las Pampas Koi and Water Garden Society. Tickets are available from West Texas Landscape, the Pampa Chamber of Commerce, and Pollie's Country Garden, or by calling 665-6466 or 665-2878.

YES! YES! YES!

Collette Dudley

Plan

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In meetings Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings last week, the architects presented a series of plans to school officials and an advisory board of what could be done to extend the life of Pampa High School.

After discussions Wednesday night, Edwards and his team returned Thursday evening with four different floor plans. Following Thursday night's meeting, the architects returned Friday with one plan of what could be done at the high school.

"We're zeroing in on it," Edwards said.

The plan on the table Friday night, drawn from two of the four plans presented Thursday, included a two-story wing with science labs and classrooms built along the north side of the main high school building east of the parking lot. Friday's plan also included a new library, administrative offices, commons area and kitchen. The commons area, which would be where the library is now, would also double as a cafeteria.

The journalism and art programs would be moved to the basement where the cafeteria is now.

The new commons area would feature a 70-foot wide stage and a mezza-

nine overlooking the commons.

The north end of the commons area would be extended to McNeely Field House. The west side of the commons area would be glassed in and look out to the parking lot north of the high school.

Counselors' offices would be at the south end of the commons area.

The girl's gym would be moved to the south end of the MPACT building across the street to the north, between the baseball fields and football stadium.

The woodworking shop would be demolished for parking. Initially, there was some discussion of moving it into the vocational building, but with only 13 students in the woodworking class, there seemed to be a consensus to simply eliminate the program or see if it could be moved off campus.

The administrative office would be across a wide corridor from the commons and between the commons and office would essentially be a new canopied main entrance to the high school.

Edwards said he expected that 95 percent of the people coming and going from the school would use the north entrances to the building.

Across the existing main east-west corridor from the proposed counselors' offices, Edwards suggested a new main Harvester

Street entrance. The entrance that is already there, east of the Harvester statue, he said, will require renovation for security and access anyway.

The old main entrance, west of the Harvester statue, would remain, but would probably be an exit only.

Lance Defever, school board president, emphasized that this was only a preliminary drawing.

"We're honing in on answers," Edwards said, "but this is not final. It may change."

If a bond issue passes in November to pay for the renovation of the high school, replacement of the junior high and upgrades for other buildings, there would still remain about six months of planning before work could begin.

Edwards said that construction on the high school and junior high could start next summer. Both projects would be carried out simultaneously and are expected to take close to two years.

The high school renovation would be done in phases, while a new junior high could be built while students continue to attend class in the old building.

Lee Porter, the school board member chairing the facilities committee, said there had already been two tentative offers of land for the proposed new junior high school.

Emergency Services

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the 72-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Twenty-eight traffic stops were made, resulting in at least three arrests. One traffic stop in the 300 block of East Kingsmill resulted in three reports of possession of drug paraphernalia.

Traffic complaints were received from the 1000 block of North Hobart, the police department lobby, the 2800 block of Perryton Parkway, and the 1500 block of North Hobart.

Vehicle accidents were reported in the 500 block of South Cuyler, the intersection of Linda and Beech streets, and the 2800 block of Charles.

An abandoned vehicle was reported in the 200 block of North Starkweather.

Motorist assistance was rendered in the 2300 block of Perryton Parkway and the 1100 block of Alcock.

Animal complaints were received in the police department lobby and the 100 block of West 30th.

Welfare checks were made in the 1300 block of Coffee, the intersection of Beryl and Jean streets, the 800 block of South Somerville, the 900 block of East Browning, the 800 block of North Nelson, the 600 block of West Wilks and the 2200 block of North Wells.

Warrant service was attempted on two occasions, resulting in at least two arrests.

Agency assistance was rendered in the 1300 block of Garland, the intersection of Cuyler and Sunset streets and Loop 171.

Lost property was reported in the police department lobby. A cell phone valued at \$100 was lost.

Found property was reported in the police department lobby and in the 1900 block of North Hobart, where a blue money bag was found.

A missing person was reported in the 1200 block of South Finley.

Unattended deaths were reported in the 1200 block of North Wells and the 400 block of South Barnes.

Civil matters were reported in the 1300 block of Coffee, the 600 block of North Hobart, the police department lobby, the 1700 block of Aspen, the 1100 block of East Kingsmill, the 300 block of North Wells, the 800 block of North Nelson, and twice in the 1100 block of North Frost.

Violation of a city ordinance was reported in the 700 block of East Brunow, the 400 block of North Perry and twice in the 1000 block of South Banks.

A silent/abusive 911 call was received from the 400 block of Jupiter.

A suspicious person call was received from the 1600 block of North Somerville.

A suspicious vehicle call was received from the 700 block of North Davis.

A prowler was reported in the 1000 block of South Sumner.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 2600 block of Seminole, the 1300 block of Hamilton, Highway 60 East, the 100 block of West Albert, the intersection of Kingsmill and Lefors streets, the 800 block of East Locust, the 700 block of North Russell, the 400 block of Short, the 500 block of North Warren and twice from the 700 block of East Browning.

Criminal mischief was reported at Pampa Mall, 2545 Perryton Parkway. A window pane valued at \$100 was broken.

Criminal mischief was reported at the Woody Guthrie Folk Music Center, 320 S. Cuyler. A door was kicked in.

Criminal mischief and assault were reported at the intersection of Harvester and Hamilton streets. A passenger window of a Pontiac Grand Am was damaged. Estimated cost of damage is \$200.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 200 block of North Faulkner. Siding was burned, resulting in an estimated \$100 damage.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 600 block of Hazel. A double-pane glass window was broken. Estimated cost of damage is \$150.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 700 block of West Brown and the 900 block of South Nelson.

Criminal trespass was reported in the 1000 block of North Wells, the 600 block of North Roberta and twice in the 1100 block of North Frost.

Harassment was reported in the 800 block of North Hobart, the 1000 block of North Wells, the 500 block of North Sumner and the 800 block of East Brunow.

Domestic disturbances were reported in the 12200 block of County Road E, the 900 block of South Wells, the 800 block of North Nelson, the 1400 block of West Somerville, the 600 block of North Wynne and the 600 block of Lowry.

Assault was reported in the 100 block of North Warren, the 12000 block of East Frederic, the 1000 block of West Thut and on two occasions in the police department lobby.

Assault/family violence was reported on Price Road and the 1200 block of Darby.

Injury to a child was reported in the 700 block of West Browning, where a child was bitten. The source of the bite was not included in the information.

Possession of drug paraphernalia was reported in the 1000 block of East Frederic.

Consumption of alcohol by a minor, public intoxication on licensed premises and failure to identify were reported in the 400 block of West Foster.

Three burglar alarms were reported.

Forgery was reported in the 1500 block of North Hobart.

Fraud was reported in the 1900 block of North Christy.

Identity theft was reported in the police department lobby.

Theft was reported in the police department lobby. A lawn mower valued at \$216 was taken from an unreported location.

Theft was reported at Pampa High School, 101 Randy Matson. Cash valued at \$390 was taken.

A gas drive-off was reported at Allsup's, 1900 N. Hobart. Fuel valued at \$20 was taken.

Burglary was reported in the 800 block of East Kingsmill. A television and pair of shoes were taken. Estimated value of loss was not reported.

Burglary was reported in the 1200 block of Mary Ellen and the 1600 block of North Banks.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 1100 block of North Starkweather. A purse and wallet were taken, for an estimated loss of \$50.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 700 block of North West. A compact disc player was unhooked.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 2300 block of Comanche. A laptop computer, XM radio, digital camera, memory chip, prescription eyeglasses, and computer bag were taken, for an estimated loss of \$2,525.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 2600

block of Navajo. A clothing bag valued at \$200 was taken.

Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle was reported in the 1100 block of Prairie Drive, the 1100 block of South Banks and the 300 block of North Hobart.

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

Saturday, July 15
Michelle Luster, 33, of Pampa was arrested in the 1200 block of Darby by Pampa Police Department for assault causing bodily injury to a family member.

Ignacio Vargas Jr., 53, of Pampa was arrested in the 800 block of South Banks by PPD for assault causing bodily injury to a family member.

Sunday, July 16
Alicia Grace Kirkwood, 17, of Pampa was arrested in the 1600 block of West Somerville by PPD for public intoxication and minor in possession/consumption.

Richard Lee Price, 26, of Pampa was arrested in the 1400 block of West Somerville by PPD on a capias pro fine for no valid driver's license.

Felipe Soria, 25, of Pampa was arrested in the 400 block of West Foster by PPD for failure to identify and public intoxication.

Chasity Deree Bush, 31, of Liberal, Kan., was arrested in the 1100 block of Frost for criminal trespass.

Monday, July 17
Luis Ubaldo Baca, 20, of Pampa was arrested in the 300 block of East Kingsmill by PPD for possession of drug paraphernalia.

Tyrell Terry, 20, of Pampa was arrested in the 300 block of East Kingsmill by PPD for possession of drug paraphernalia.

Jason Harlan, 25, of Pampa was arrested in the 300 block of East Kingsmill by PPD for failure to appear, no insurance, no driver's license and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls between 7 a.m. Saturday and 7 a.m. today.

Saturday, July 15
9:38 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 1100 block of South Wells on a gas leak. The firefighters slowed the leak and stood by for Atmos Energy to arrive at the scene.

10:25 a.m. — Four units and seven personnel responded to a vehicle fire in the 2800 block of Perryton Parkway.

7:48 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to a medical call in the 1200 block of North Wells.

Sunday, July 16
1:26 p.m. — One unit and two personnel responded to 1 Medical Plaza on a Dumpster fire.

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

Sunday, July 16
9:31 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 400 block of Jupiter and transported a patient(s) to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

3:59 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 600 block of West Wilks and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

7:23 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 400 block of South Barnes and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

11:43 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 2500 block of North Charles.

Monday, July 17
12:21 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 2500 block of North Charles. The call was canceled.

School

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Students also receive instruction in computers and Spanish one day a week, and attend chapel and the church's Good Shepherd religious program daily.

A hot lunch is provided, or students may bring their own lunches.

Full-day pre-K classes meet from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays, and 8:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. on Fridays.

Three-year-olds attend classes from 8:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays or on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

The church also offers daycare for children ages 18 months to kindergarten. Day school students may stay in daycare when they are not in class, Flathouse said.

"We're looking to expand that next year," she said of the daycare program.

"We are going to have a Montessori-trained teacher

who's going to work in our day care," Flathouse said. "We have multiple ages in day care, and sometimes it's hard to get everyone involved in the same thing, but Montessori does that."

Enrollment in the school is currently being conducted and continues through the first day of the fall semester, on Sept. 5. For more information, call 665-0703.

"I'm hoping we can integrate our day school classes with our extended daycare and provide a Christian, nurturing environment," Flathouse said.

Flathouse was named director of the school on May 1, after having taught there for two years, one year as a pre-K teacher and one as science instructor.

She has been a Pampa resident for the past 10 years. She received a degree in psychology and completed her postgraduate education at Texas Tech University.

Obituaries

Hazel 'Pat' Patterson Guill, 86

HOUSTON — Hazel 'Pat' Patterson 2006, at Dayton. Services pending with Guill, 86, formerly of McLean, died July 17, Bailey-Ware Funeral Home of McLean.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Atebury Grain of White Deer.

Wheat 4.45
Milo 3.71
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Soybeans 4.92

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

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Celanese	19.41	-0.10
Cabot Oil Gas	46.15	-0.84
Coca Cola	42.62	-0.03
VLO	64.01	-0.84
HAL	35.89	-1.06
TRI	38.66	+0.18
KML	99.76	-0.17
XCEL	19.20	+0.03
Kerr McGee	69.90	+0.01
XOM	64.49	-0.41
Nat'l Oilwell	60.67	-1.42
Limited	23.96	+0.03
Williams	22.76	-0.40

MCD	33.89	+0.85
Atmos	28.01	-0.07
Pioneer Nat	44.06	-0.59
JCP	65.73	+0.89
COP	66.42	-1.03
SLB	66.72	-1.35
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Wal-Mart	43.04	-0.01
OKE	35.80	+0.04
NS Grp	51.92	-1.05
New York Gold	663.55	
Silver	11.61	
West Texas Crude	77.03	

Lefors ISD to convene next meeting

Lefors Independent School District's school board will meet at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday in the high school library at 209 East Fifth Street.

Superintendent candidates will be interviewed in executive session, followed by naming of the lone finalist for the position in open meeting.

Cafeteria prices for the 2006-2007 school year will be discussed and approved. Board members will vote on Duncan, Fraser and

Bridges insurance agency for school insurance for the upcoming year.

The resignation of the district's special education teacher will be accepted. A donation for Teacher of the Year will be approved.

Other agenda items include an update on outstanding bills from the 2005-2006 school year, and setting special meeting dates in August to discuss and approve the budget and tax rate for 2006-2007.

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Harley Party 12 off to roaring start

AMARILLO — Christine Nusser, executive director of Family Support Services, has announced that ticket sales for the organization's annual Harley Party are going well.

"We expect to sell more tickets this year than ever before," Nusser

said, adding that with a limited number of tickets available, a sell-out is a possibility.

Money raised through the Harley Party will help the agency with its programs that serve children and families, Nusser said.

The original Harley Party, an

Amarillo tradition, is scheduled from 4-8 p.m. July 22 at 10th and Polk in downtown Amarillo. Tickets are available at Tripp's Harley-Davidson, Hoffbrau Steaks and Family Support Services.

Only 1,500 tickets will be sold at a cost of \$75 each. Each ticket

admits two to the party, provides one chance to win this year's bike — a special edition 2006 Screamin' Eagle Fat Boy, and offers free food and beverages, live music, and admission to a Harley Bike Show.

This year, organizers have announced a lineup of bands that

includes Vic Fontana & the Automatics and Grupo Centacion.

"This is a great event for a great cause," said Steve Brown, event chair. "The Harley Party not only enables Family Support Services to

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Lions Camp



Brody Gilbert of Pampa recently went to summer camp at Texas Lions Camp at Kerrville. Brody was sponsored by Billy Kindig of the Pampa Lions Club. The non-profit camp offers special programs for children with type I diabetes or visual, hearing or physical disabilities. The camp is open to campers between 7 and 16. Children attend the camp free of charge and enjoy a variety of activities including theater, arts & crafts, field sports, riding and swimming. To learn more or to obtain a camp application, call (830) 896-8500 or visit www.lionscamp.com on the Internet.

Industrial production up 0.8 percent in June

WASHINGTON (AP) — Industrial production rose significantly in June, reflecting advances in manufacturing, mining and auto production.

The Federal Reserve reported Monday that output at the nation's factories, mines and utilities jumped by 0.8 percent last month following a gain of 0.1 percent in May. The latest increase was stronger than expected; analysts had anticipated an increase of 0.4 percent.

The rise in production also marked a 4.5 percent increase over June 2005.

Production of autos and auto parts rose a robust 3.3 percent in June, swinging from a 1.3 percent drop the month before as the industry struggled with soaring gasoline prices that sapped demand for sport utility vehicles.

It was a patch of positive

The strength in industrial production in June also included a 1.7 percent rise in output of oil and natural gas.

economic news following a series of indications last week of a cooling economy, including continued curtailment of spending in June by American consumers.

Economic unease deepened last week amid interest rate jitters and escalating violence in the Middle East that carried oil prices to new highs. The spike in oil prices and weak economic reports helped drag stocks lower on Wall Street for three straight days.

On Monday, the June industrial data offset the market's unease over the Middle East situation and Citigroup Inc.'s disappoint-

ing earnings, as investors sent stock prices higher in early trading. In the first hour of trading, the Dow Jones industrial average rose 46.91, or 0.44 percent, to 10,786.26.

U.S. mining production rose 1.2 percent in June and manufacturing gained 0.7 percent from the previous month, the Federal Reserve figures showed.

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included a 1.7 percent rise in output of oil and natural gas.

May's production was revised to a rise of 0.1 percent from a previous decline of the same amount — the first decrease since January.

Economists generally believe that manufacturing will slow in coming months as overall economic growth slows.

The economy expanded at a sizzling pace of 5.3 percent in the first three months of the year but many analysts believe that will slow to around 3 percent in the April-June quarter, as consumers struggle with rising interest rates, soaring gasoline prices and cooling home sales.

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PUBLIC NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING

Region A Panhandle Water Planning Group will hold a public meeting and a public hearing starting at 1:30 pm on August 18, 2006 at the offices of the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission located at 415 W. 8th Ave Amarillo, Potter County, Texas.

1. Notice is hereby given that the Region A Panhandle Water Planning Group is seeking public input on the scope of work for the third round of regional water planning. Written and oral comments regarding the scope of work will be accepted at the public meeting. Written comments may also be received by mail by 5:00 pm on August 17, 2006.

2. Notice is also given that the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission (PRPC) will submit, on or before September 14, 2006, a grant application for financial assistance to the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) to carry out the scope of work. Copies of the grant application may be obtained from the PRPC when it becomes available. Written and oral comments regarding the grant application will be accepted at the public hearing. Written comments regarding the grant application may be submitted by mail to the PRPC by 5:00 pm August 17, 2006 and to the TWDB, Attn: Kevin Ward, Executive Administrator, P.O. Box 13231 Austin, TX 7711-3231.

3. Notice is also given to the public that the PWPG is seeking nominations for board members to serve on the PWPG. Nominations for representatives are being solicited to serve as a board member representing the following interest groups: Agriculture (1 seat), Environmental (1 seat), County (1 seat), Small Business (1 seat), Industry (1 seat), Water Utilities (1 seat), and Water Districts 9 (2 seats) for a total of eight positions. Nominees must be a person that has knowledge or specific interest as defined by Senate Bill 1 and TAC 357, be willing to participate in the regional water planning process and abide by the by-laws of the PWPG. Nominations will be accepted by phone, facsimile or by mail received on or before 5:00 pm on August 16, 2006. Nominations must include: Nominee's name, address, telephone number and which interest group and/or entity the nominee represents.

The Region A Panhandle Water Planning Group (PWPG) includes all of the following counties: Dallam, Sherman, Hansford, Ochiltree, Lipscomb, Hartley, Moore, Hutchinson, Roberts, Hemphill, Oldham, Potter, Carson, Gray, Wheeler, Randall, Armstrong, Donley, Collingsworth, Hall and Childress Counties.

For additional information, submission of written comments, requests and nominations, please contact the PRPC, Chris Coffman, Local Government Services Director, P.O. Box 9257 Amarillo, TX 79105 or call 806-372-3381.

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Viewpoints

Five decades of Texas highways ...

"Don't Mess with Texas" reflects a flair that Texans have. By echoing the "Don't Tread on Me" sentiments of the early American colonists, this slogan captures the independence and spirit ingrained in us. Our state is full of hard-working citizens with a can-do attitude. The Texas Department of Transportation adopted this same "Don't Mess with Texas" slogan 20 years ago as part of an anti-litter campaign for Texas highways.

Highways are part of our state's culture and identity, and they are also a piece of Americana. Our nation recently celebrated the 50th anniversary of the interstate highway system, an American institution influenced by the spirit of

Texans. President Dwight D. Eisenhower, who was born in Denison, initiated a national system of highways by signing the Federal-Aid Highway Act on June 29, 1956.

Texan Frank Turner was known by many as the "Father of the U.S. Highway System" for his work as an engineer within the Federal Highway Administration. And the most popular sign on the road — the familiar red, white and blue shield of the interstate highway system — was designed by Texan Richard Oliver in 1957.

Over the past five decades, our interstate highway system has grown into a 46,876-mile network of roadways through which our

interstate commerce circulates. For 50 years, our highways have brought us together and put us in the fast lane to prosperity. President Eisenhower first recognized the need for a national highway system in 1919 when, as a young Army officer, he crossed the country from

Kay Bailey Hutchison
U.S. Senator

the Nazi troops back to Berlin at the end of World War II, then-Gen. Eisenhower used the new German autobahn system, which served as a model for our national highway system.

Texas has the most interstate highway miles of any state. Our highways serve an important economic purpose by transporting goods, people and ideas. By facilitating movement and bringing businesses together, our highways help keep our state vigorous, innovative and open. Texas roads have also played a major role in trade;

our exports are the largest of any state. From 2001 to 2005, Texas exports grew 50 percent more than U.S. exports.

There are some spectacular scenic drives in Texas. One such route is along Texas' highest highway, a spur from Texas 118 that leads to the McDonald Observatory near Alpine. By the end of this trek, the elevation is 6,791 feet above sea level. Another stretch of Texas road takes advantage of one of our state's 48,000 bridges.

The road to South Padre Island runs along the coast before crossing the sparkling Laguna Madre on Texas' longest bridge at 2.4 miles, the Queen Isabella's Causeway. Of course, Route

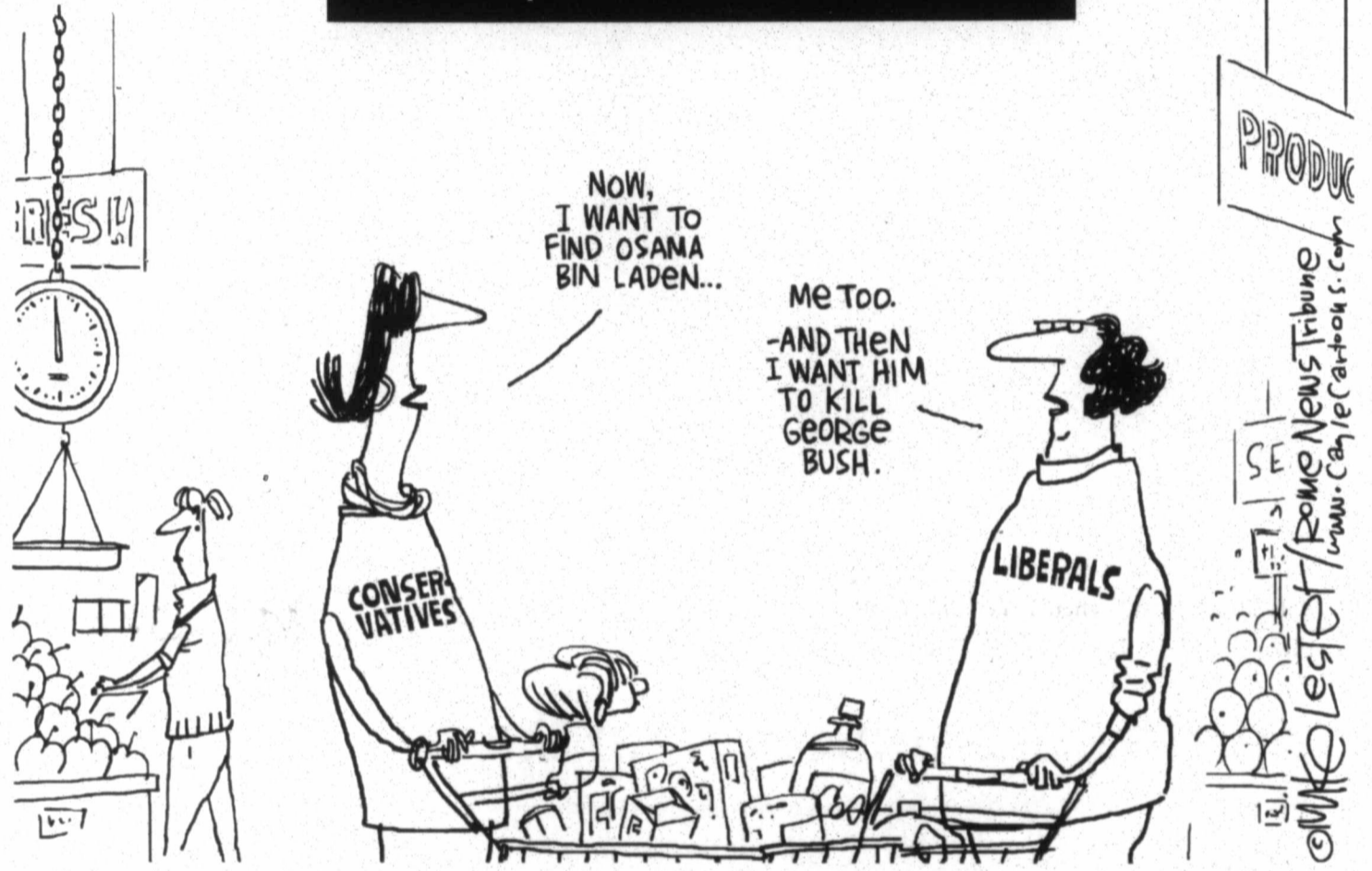
66, which is prominently featured in the summer hit movie "Cars," cuts across the Panhandle through Amarillo.

The most famous Texas road is El Camino Real de Los Tejas. This 2,580-mile long trail weaves across our state and through our history. Followed by explorers, missionaries, settlers, and even revolutionary soldiers for almost 150 years, the Camino Real was the first great road in Texas. In 2004, the Senate enacted my legislation to designate this route as a U.S. National Historic Trail, recognizing the trail's place in our history.

The U.S. interstate highway system has successfully

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FINALLY, SOME COMMON GROUND...



Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, July 17, the 198th day of 2006. There are 167 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

Ten years ago, on July 17, 1996, TWA Flight 800, a Paris-bound Boeing 747, exploded and crashed off Long Island, N.Y., shortly after leaving John F. Kennedy International Airport, killing all 230 people aboard.

On this date:

In 1821, Spain ceded Florida to the United States.
In 1898, during the Spanish-American War, Spanish troops in Santiago, Cuba, surrendered to U.S. forces.
In 1917, the British royal family adopted the name "Windsor."

'Every soul is a melody which needs renewing.'

— Stephane Mallarme
French essayist and poet (1842-1898)

World War II.

In 1955, Disneyland debuted in Anaheim, Calif.
In 1975, an Apollo spaceship docked with a Soyuz spacecraft in orbit in the first superpower linkup of its kind.

In 1979, Nicaraguan President Anastasio Somoza resigned and fled into exile in Miami.

In 1981, 114 people were killed when a pair of walkways above the lobby of the Kansas City Hyatt Regency Hotel collapsed during a "tea dance."

In 1986, White House chief of staff Donald Regan drew criticism for suggesting in an interview that American women would not be prepared to "give up all their jewelry" if the U.S. were to impose economic sanctions against South Africa.

Five years ago: Katharine Graham, chairman of The Washington Post Company, died three days after suffering a head injury in Sun Valley, Idaho; she was 84.

One year ago: The Iraqi Special Tribunal filed its first criminal case against Saddam Hussein for a 1982 massacre of Shiites. Tiger Woods closed with a 2-under 70 to win the British Open for his tenth career major. Sir Edward Heath, former British prime minister, died in Salisbury, England, at age 89. Actress Geraldine Fitzgerald died in New York City at age 91.

Today's Birthdays: TV personality Art Linkletter is 94. Comedian Phyllis Diller is 89. The former president of the International Olympic Committee, Juan Antonio Samaranch, is 86. Jazz singer Jimmy Scott is 81.

Time is ripe for third-party candidate

If Mike Bloomberg runs for president as an independent, he can win. Yes, not just Hillary Clinton or the Republicans, but actually win the White House.

Obviously, he has his bank account in his favor. Like Ross Perot in 1992 and 1996, he wouldn't have to convince skeptical donors that a third-party candidate could succeed for the first time in American history. He can cut short the conversation by just writing a mega check.

But he can succeed where Perot failed, because he knows how to handle himself in the public spotlight.

Bloomberg's years as mayor have fully equipped him to handle the national

press corps. He's been on stage 24/7 for his entire term in office and through two campaigns. That education makes it unlikely that he will implode with paranoia or be rattled by the antics of the party national committees, as Perot was.

The mayor has played in the biggest of leagues in front of the toughest of press and media — not to mention the most wary of electorates — and has come out in great shape. It is no mean feat to survive as a Republican mayor in a liberal,

Democratic city. And Rudy was no easy act to follow.

By contrast, service as a senator or governor — particularly of a small state — doesn't prepare a candidate adequately for the national stage.

In the Senate, the media is largely absent except on those very rare occasions when great legislation hangs in the balance. A senator can attract attention when and where he chooses by making a statement or holding a media event, but unwanted, unsolicited attention — of the sort that drives presidential

candidates crazy — is quite rare.

A governor usually doesn't face the intense media focus that a mayor or a presidential candidate must handle. His life is much more quiescent and, if he chooses, he can be nearly invisible except when the legislature is in session.

Also unlike Perot (whose impact was to make it impossible for the first President Bush to be re-elected), Bloomberg would draw equally from each of the two main parties.

The mayor's strong anti-terrorism credentials and practical experience at keeping New York City safe from attack would be vastly reas-

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Dick Morris
Columnist



North Korea too poor to pose real danger

The media flap over North Korea's test flights of missiles is another red herring tossed out by the Bush administration to distract the public from its disastrous policies, both foreign and economic.

As I keep pointing out, the intercontinental missiles armed with nuclear warheads that should be our concern are operational and sitting in silos and aboard submarines in Russia and China. Those countries have more than enough missiles — long ago tested, manufactured and deployed — to obliterate the U.S. Yet serious disarmament talks with these powers are not even on the Bush agenda.

No, the Bush administra-

tion chooses to make a public issue out of a nuclear missile program in its infancy that it knows darn well poses no threat to the U.S. In these Alzheimer's times, one has to keep reminding people that deterrence works, just as it worked against the Soviet Union's enormous stockpiles of weapons of mass destruction. North Korea is so poor that it would take a lifetime for it to produce enough ICBMs to become a threat to the U.S.

And don't buy that nonsense that the U.S. consid-

ered shooting down the North Korean missile with its multibillion-dollar anti-missile system. The U.S. wouldn't dare try, because failure, which is the most likely outcome, would be unbearably embarrassing.

As for the Bush people smirking about the North Korean long-range-missile failure, they should remember that it has not failed nearly as many times as the U.S.'s ABM missiles have failed. Building an ICBM is not easy, which is probably why we had to use Hitler's

rocketeers to develop ours. Well, you hard-core Bush defenders might say, what about nuclear nonproliferation? Well, what about it? The Bush administration has already dealt the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty a death blow. It condemns Iran, which is in full compliance, while subsidizing Israel and Pakistan and cutting a nuclear deal with India, all of which refused to sign the treaty. And if those steps don't kill it, the Bush administration has scrapped the anti-ABM treaty and announced that it is developing new nuclear weapons.

The Bush administration resembles a bunch of

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Charley Reese
Columnist



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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I just finished reading the letter regarding the husband who, while coming out of anesthesia, "confessed" to cheating on his wife. You were dead on when you said, "People babble all sorts of nonsense when coming out of anesthesia." Some of it may be true, but most of the time it is not! I know from experience. When I had knee surgery, I later learned that while I was in recovery I told the nurse I hoped Meredith wouldn't see me, as I looked horrible. When asked who Meredith was, I said she was my wife. Abby, I was 14 years old at the time! I hope that the wife in that letter realizes that maybe her husband's confession was just the result of being in a completely different world. And hopefully, the husband's alleged mistress is only as real as my supposed "wife" was. — **GREGORY B., CINCINNATI**

DEAR GREGORY B.: Thank you for sharing your experience. Believe it or not, I got a rash of mail from people telling me I should not have printed that letter because it would deter people from having necessary medical procedures that require an anesthetic! What the hospital worker had actually done was share an old wives' tale. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: If it were true that "people coming out of anesthesia are completely incapable of lying," the police would be giving this as a test instead of polygraphs, neither of which are admissible in court as reliable indicators to convict someone. Other evidence is needed. — **JUANITA IN MELBOURNE, FLA.**

DEAR ABBY: My husband had a colonoscopy, and when I met him in the recovery room he was still "under the influence." When I asked him how it went

in there, he responded, "Well, we had Earth, Wind and Fire in there, and we were dancing all over the place." I replied, "I find that hard to believe, honey," and he said, "I won the dance contest! I would advise that wife not to believe what others say while coming out of anesthesia. — **CINDY IN ANN ARBOR, MICH.**

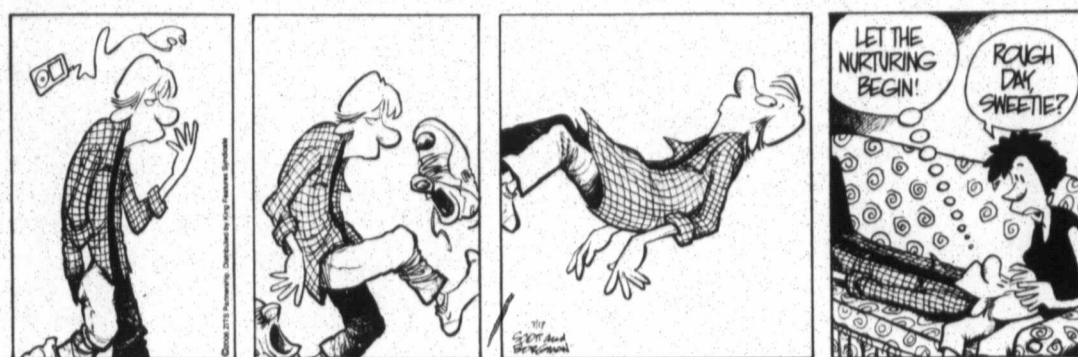
DEAR ABBY: Since I have been giving anesthesia for more than 30 years, I feel somewhat qualified to comment on the nurse's statement that "It's impossible to lie under anesthesia." There are many classes of drugs given during anesthesia, and most of them only make you talkative and amnesic. I don't know of a single one that is guaranteed to produce the truth. I hope the woman who might be getting a divorce due to her husband's response reads this. — **PAT IN MARSHALLTOWN, IOWA**

DEAR ABBY: It is my experience that much of the public refer to anyone wearing scrubs as a nurse. In fact, many other employees in health care wear scrubs, including lab techs, nursing aides and assistants, orderlies, housekeepers and unit secretaries. Assuming you are interacting with a nurse when, in fact, you aren't in a health care setting can lead to consequences ranging from annoying to downright dangerous. There was no excuse for any employee in health care to have made such appalling comments. Especially in this age of overburdened health care workers and crowded hospitals, it is imperative that the public know with whom they are speaking, questioning, or taking instructions from in a medical setting! — **AN R.N. IN EUGENE, ORE.**

For Better Or For Worse



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Crossword Puzzle

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

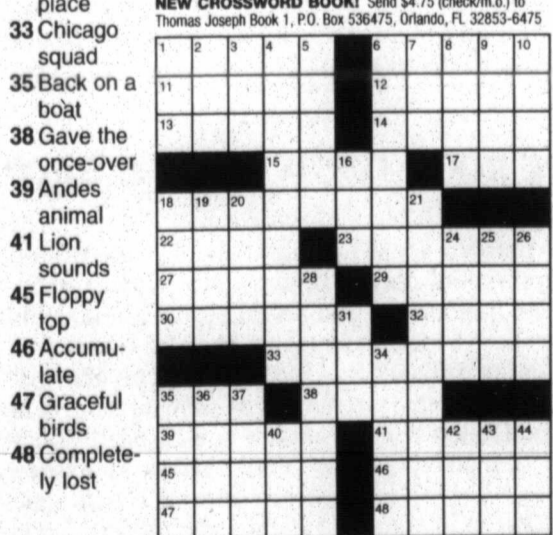
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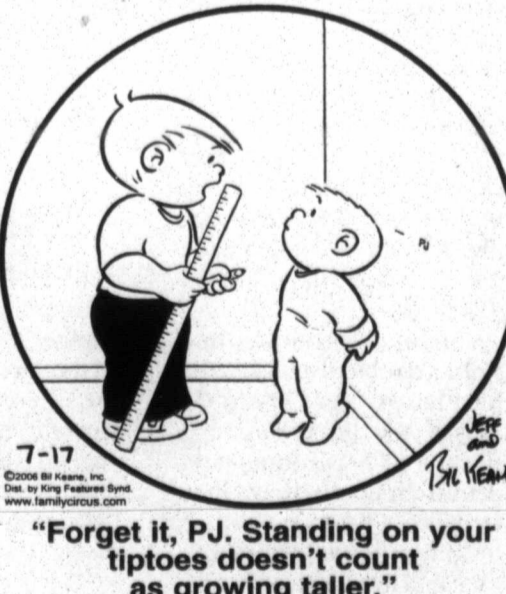


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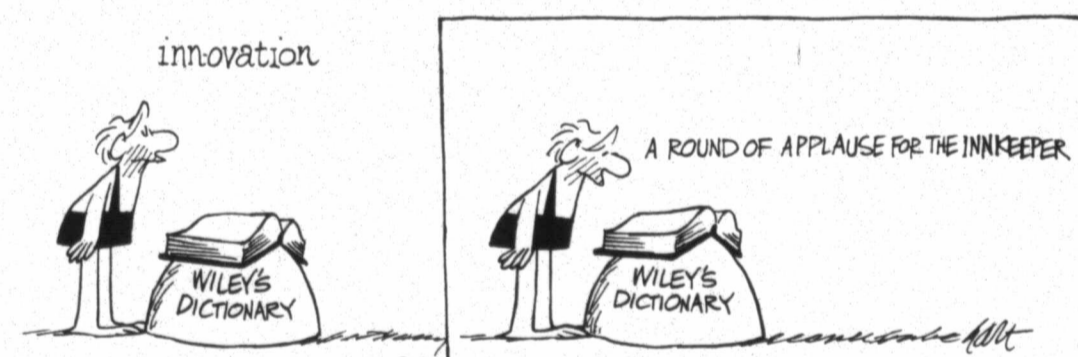


The Family Circus

THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil Keane



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Sports Day

Kim wins playoff; Senden, Wadkins card victories

Jamie Farr Owens Corning Classic

SYLVANIA, Ohio (AP) — Natalie Gulbis has waited 4 1/2 years for her first PGA Tour victory. Mi Hyun Kim made her wait a little longer.

Kim rolled in an 18-foot birdie putt on the third playoff hole to beat Gulbis and win the Jamie Farr Owens Corning Classic on Sunday.

Kim earned \$180,000 for her second victory of the year and seventh in seven seasons on the tour. The South Korean also won the Ginn Clubs & Resort Open in April.

Gulbis, who often models for magazines and calendars, is one of the tour's best-known players. Large galleries follow her every move. Still, she had never finished better than a tie for third in her five years on tour.

It appeared Gulbis, who had five consecutive birdies on the front nine of the final round, had ended her drought when she stared down a 12-footer for birdie and the win on the second playoff hole but she missed it. After Kim hit her clutch putt, Gulbis was wide on a 9-foot putt to continue the playoff.

The three top finishers each closed with 6-under 65s, with Kim and Gulbis completing regulation at 18-under 266. Paula Creamer, who birdied Nos. 14, 15, 16 and 17 but missed a 12-footer at 18 that would have gotten her into the playoff.

John Deere Classic

SILVIS, Ill. (AP) — Australia's John Senden birdied the 17th hole and saved par on 18 to hold off J.P. Hayes and win the John Deere Classic, earning his first PGA Tour victory and qualifying for the British Open.

Making his 139th tour start, Senden shot a 3-under 68 to finish at 19-under 265 and beat Hayes (65) by one stroke. Senden earned \$720,000.

Alex Cejka (67) and Heath Slocum (68) tied for third at 16 under.

The attention most of the week centered on Michelle Wie and her attempt to become the first woman in 61 years to make the cut on the PGA Tour, but she was 8 over and withdrew because of heat exhaustion after nine holes Friday. A day later, Senden stepped

into the spotlight, shooting a 64 to take a three-stroke lead.

Senior Players Championship

DEARBORN, Mich. (AP) — Bobby Wadkins overcame a four-stroke deficit, 95-degree heat and a double bogey on the final hole to win the Senior Players Championship for his first major victory on the 50-and-older circuit.

The 54-year-old Wadkins shot a 4-under 68 - making five straight birdies on the back nine - to charge past third-round leader Loren Roberts and Jim Thorpe.

Wadkins, a three-time winner on the Champions Tour, was 14 under for the tournament, which shifts next year to Baltimore after being played in the Detroit area since 1990 and at the Jack Nicklaus-designed TPC of Michigan since 1991.

Thorpe (69) finished second at 13, and Roberts (74), Jay Haas (68) and Gil Morgan (69) tied for third at 12 under.

Barclays Scottish Open

LUSS, Scotland (AP) — Sweden's Johan Edfors shot an 8-under 63 to beat England's Luke Donald and two others by two strokes in the Barclays Scottish Open.

Edfors, also the TCL Classic and British Masters winner this season, finished with a 13-under 271 total on the Loch Lomond course. Donald shot a 66 to tie for second with South Africa's Charl Schwartzel (67) and Argentina's Andres Romero (69).

Ernie Els shot a 69 to finish four strokes back.

American Century Celebrity Golf Championship

STATELINE, Nev. (AP) — Actor Jack Wagner made a 12-foot birdie putt on the final hole to shoot an even-par 72 and narrowly claim his first victory in the American Century Golf Championship.

Wagner, the first nonprofessional athlete to win the tournament in its 17-year history at Edgewood Tahoe Golf Course, finished with 70 points in the modified Stableford scoring system that puts a premium on eagles and birdies. Former NFL quarterback Billy Joe Tolliver had 69 points and former hockey player Dan Quinn was third with 67.

Cal Ripken 11-12 All-Stars tame Levelland

CANYON — Solid pitching by Cody Davis and timely hitting carried the Pampa Optimist 11-12 Cal Ripken All Star Team to a 9-4 win over Levelland to open the West Texas 11-12 Cal Ripken State Tournament here Saturday.

Pampa defeated North Randall County earlier this week 6-1 but lost to them 2-1 in the championship game of the District Tournament in Hereford. Under Cal Ripken rules, both teams advanced to the State Tournament. North Randall defeated Littlefield 4-3 Saturday. Pampa was given an opportunity for revenge in a game which was scheduled for Sunday at 1 p.m.

Davis limited Levelland to four unearned runs on four hits. He struck out nine and walked three to bring his post season tournament record to 2-1.

After going out in order in the first inning, Cole Engle walked with one out in the second to get things going for Pampa. Zach Graves drove a double into the gap in right center scoring Engle. Graves took third on a throw to the plate. Latigo Collins walked and tried to steal second. He was thrown

out, but Graves scored on the play to give Pampa a 2-0 lead.

In the third inning Davis walked. Reid Miller followed with a double down the left field line. Littlefield made only two errors in the game, but they came in succession on balls hit by Zach Murray and Shane Smith which plated both Davis and Miller.

Pampa made only four hits in the game but got three in the third inning as Collin Killgo and Engle both singled bringing in Murray and loading the bases. Smith came home on a wild pitch as the other runners moved up a base. Killgo raced home on a passed ball. Collins walked and was permitted to take second base. An attempted pickoff of Collins at second allowed Engle to score the sixth run of the inning for Pampa as they took an 8-0 lead.

Pampa's last run was scored by Miller. He walked in the fourth inning and came around to score on three passed balls.

Levelland broke into the scoring column without a hit in the bottom of the third inning. A walk, an error and a

successful double steal manufactured a run. In the sixth inning Levelland combined two hits with two Pampa errors and a walk by Davis to score three more unearned runs. Pampa has not given up an earned run in the post season.

Several outstanding defensive plays were turned in by Pampa. Second baseman Graves fielded a ground ball just past the first baseman's glove and flipped to pitcher Davis covering first to nip a Levelland batter in the first inning. In the fifth inning Killgo caught a line drive at first and tried to double a runner off second. The throw went into left field where an alert Trevor Morgan backed up and fired to Smith at third to complete a rare 3-7-5 double play. Murray caught a fly ball in right field, and Cody McIntyre grabbed one in left for additional defensive gems.

Pampa made its runners count as they left only one runner on base. Levelland stranded four.

The Pampa Optimist Youth Club is a Pampa United Way agency.

DALLAS COWBOYS

Safety Davis shot twice, in stable condition

DALLAS (AP) — Dallas Cowboys safety Keith Davis was shot twice while driving on a Dallas highway early Sunday and was hospitalized in stable condition after undergoing surgery to remove bullet fragments.

His agent, Curtis Stephens, said the injuries were minor and that Davis expected to be released late Sunday or today.

"He's going to fully recover and he's in good spirits," Stephens said. "Everything is being done on a precautionary basis. Two physicians both gave him a thumbs up. ... If camp opened tomorrow, he'd like to think he'd be there tomorrow."

Players are expected to report for camp a week from Thursday in Oxnard, Calif.

The 27-year-old Davis is among the Cowboys' top special teams players and the incumbent starting safety opposite Roy Williams. Earlier this summer, Dallas gave him a roughly \$3 million, two-year contract that includes about \$2 million in bonus and salary this season; the deal came after New Orleans signed Davis to an offer sheet.

Cowboys spokesman Rich Dalrymple said the team did not have any comment on the incident.

This is the second time in three years that Davis has been shot. He was an innocent bystander last time, and this time Stephens said the player was driving home from a family vacation.

"The thing that's really pertinent here is that Keith was not involved in any type of criminal activity or anything like that," Stephens said. "This is not the residual effect of that."

In June 2003, Davis was shot in the hip and elbow while picking up a friend at a topless club. Coach Bill Parcells released Davis about a month later, on the first day of the coach's first training camp with the Cowboys. Davis did not play football that season, but rejoined the club in 2004 and became a full-time starter last season.

In Sunday's shooting, Dallas police Sr. Cpl. Jamie Matthews said a dark blue two-door car pulled up next to Davis' vehicle around 5 a.m. and opened fire.

"He was able to pull over, and his front passenger then moved into the driver's seat and then drove him to a nearby hospital," Matthews said.

Matthews said police were investigating motives and suspects.

"We're looking to see if it was a possible carjacking," she said.

A native of Italy, Texas, Davis was undrafted coming out of Sam Houston State. He made the Cowboys as a rookie free agent in 2002. He started 15 games last season and made 68 tackles, fourth-best on the team.

Texas baseball

Orioles 4, Rangers 0

BALTIMORE (AP) — The Texas Rangers gave Rodrigo Lopez a justifiable nod for his fine performance, then wondered aloud why they had so much trouble hitting against a pitcher who started the game with 10 losses and a 6.77 ERA.

Miguel Tejada and Nick Markakis homered, Melvin Mora had three hits, and Lopez led a strong pitching performance that carried the Baltimore Orioles past the suddenly punchless Rangers 4-0 Sunday.

Lopez and three relievers limited the Rangers to five singles. Texas has gone 23 straight innings without scoring an earned run and went consecutive games without an extra-base hit for the first time since August 2000.

"We just didn't swing the bats well today," Rangers manager Buck Showalter said. "You have to give Lopez credit. We got down early and really didn't grind him like we need to."

Tejada's two-run homer in the first inning gave the Orioles all the offense they needed to salvage a split of the four-game series. The Rangers won 15-1 on Thursday, then beat the Orioles 2-1 on Friday before losing 8-1 on Saturday.

"You always have to give credit where credit is due. They pitched well," said Texas All-Star shortstop Michael Young, who went 2-for-16 in the series. "We just didn't get it done. We have to find ways to score runs."

The loss dropped the

Rangers into second place in the AL West, one game behind Oakland, which beat Boston 8-1 Sunday.

Marlins 9, Astros 3

MIAMI (AP) — The Marlins' worst home shutout loss in franchise history didn't faze them at all.

Hanley Ramirez and Wes Helms each homered and drove in three runs to help Florida bounce back with a 9-3 victory over the Houston Astros on Sunday.

Houston pounded Florida 12-0 on Saturday but the Marlins responded with four homers Sunday to salvage a split of the four-game series.

"This team is resilient," Marlins manager Joe Girardi said. "We beat (Roger) Clemens Friday night, get smoked last night, and bounce back today. Some days things work out."

Jeremy Hermida and Mike Jacobs also homered for Florida. Scott Olsen (7-4) allowed three runs and six hits in 5 1-3 innings to get his first win since June 16 against Toronto.

"It was hot out there but I was able to escape only giving up three runs," Olsen said. "The bullpen did great and saved me again."

Hermida hit the first pitch from reliever Wandy Rodriguez in the sixth over the right-field wall to put the Marlins ahead 5-3. Jacobs homered in the seventh and doubled in a run in the eighth, and Helms also doubled in two runs in the seventh for Florida.

Mosley stops Vargas

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Shane Mosley landed the crushing left hook, then turned and climbed the ropes in one elegant motion. Behind him, Fernando Vargas crumpled gracelessly to the canvas.

This rematch wasn't much of a match at all, and Sugar Shane was back on top.

Mosley stopped Vargas in the sixth round of their 154-pound rematch Saturday night, flattening Vargas with a wallop to the left hand for his second victory in the rivalry in five months.

A grotesque swelling that closed Vargas' left eye caused the fighters' first match to be stopped in the 10th round in February. But even with two good eyes, Vargas never saw that hook - and the smaller Mosley hit him with a near-perfect punch.

"It does boost my confidence knowing that I can knock out bigger guys," Mosley said. "My power is increasing from fight to fight. I've noticed more of a snap to my punches. I've noticed that I can knock people out. I've hurt people very well."

The charismatic four-time world champion is back in form after four losses from 2002-04, and he might get a matchup with Floyd Mayweather Jr. or Antonio Margarito if he drops to 147 pounds. But nothing will happen until 2007: After beating Vargas twice in five months, Mosley will take the rest of the year off.

Another good night for Barbaro

KENNETT SQUARE, Pa. (AP) — Barbaro spent another "comfortable" day in the intensive care unit at the George D. Widener Hospital for Large Animals, and his veterinarian reports the Kentucky Derby winner's attitude "remains positive."

There was no indication Barbaro's condition had improved since 80 percent of his left rear hoof wall was removed Wednesday to combat the often-fatal disease laminitis. For the third straight day, though, Dr. Dean Richardson said the colt's condition remained stable.

"His vital signs are good and his attitude remains positive," Richardson in a statement released by the

Monday Sports Briefs

TENNIS

OSTEND, Belgium (AP) — Kim Clijsters outplayed Vania King 6-0, 6-1 in 55 minutes Sunday to complete Belgium's Fed Cup victory over the United States and set up a final against Italy.

BASTAD, Sweden (AP) — Tommy Robredo routed top-seeded Nikolay Davydenko 6-2, 6-1 Sunday to win the clay-court Swedish Open for his second ATP Tour title of the season.

NEWPORT, R.I. (AP) — Mark Philippoussis beat eighth-seeded Justin Gimelstob 6-3, 7-5 to win the Hall of Fame Tennis Championships on Sunday.

GSTAAD, Switzerland (AP) — Richard Gasquet of France defeated Feliciano Lopez 7-6 (4), 6-7 (3), 6-3, 6-3 Sunday to win the Swiss Open.

BASEBALL

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — The Minnesota Twins placed center fielder Torii Hunter on the 15-day disabled list Sunday after learning the five-time Gold Glove award winner has a stress fracture in his left foot.

CYCLING

GAP, France (AP) — Frenchman Pierrick Fedrigo won stage 14 of the Tour de France on Sunday, while Spain's Oscar Pereiro kept the overall lead.

AUTO RACING

MORRISON, Colo. (AP) — J.R. Todd became the first black driver to win an NHRA Top Fuel event, beating Tony Schumacher on Sunday in the Mopar Mile-High Nationals.

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...suring to "security mom" voters. He has kept New York safe and even improved on Giuliani's extraordinarily low crime statistics. He has shown himself able to resist pres-

...sures for spending and taxes while keeping his budget balanced — and he's a strong advocate of charter schools and educational standards. All good Republican positions.

Democrats, meanwhile, would find his pro-choice, pro-gun control, pro-gay rights, pro-affirmative action positions very attractive. His pro-city focus

could attract large Democratic support, and he'd probably bring into his column the bluest of blue states — New York.

Not that Bloomberg is the only one who can win as an independent in 2008. If Hillary gets the Democratic nomination and some right-winger like Virginia Sen. George Allen defeats John McCain or Rudy Giuliani

for the GOP nod, the way will be wide open for a strong independent candidate.

Either McCain or Giuliani could run and win as an independent. Either one could raise the money. Giuliani, released from the deadly confines of a Republican primary, would find his liberal social views on abortion, guns, and gays

to be an asset, not a fatal flaw. McCain's legendary independence on issues like tobacco regulation, tough corporate governance, campaign-finance reform, global warming, torture of terror suspects and immigration would no longer be seen as straying from GOP orthodoxy once he left the Republican primaries, but would become the basis for a very attractive campaign platform.

The fact is that any of these three men could win as an independent. Both parties seem hell-bent on nominating extremely vulnerable candidates who cater to their ideological peculiarities more than to

the broad middle of the American electorate. As a result, the time is ripe for victory by a third-party candidate than it has ever been in our nation's history.

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

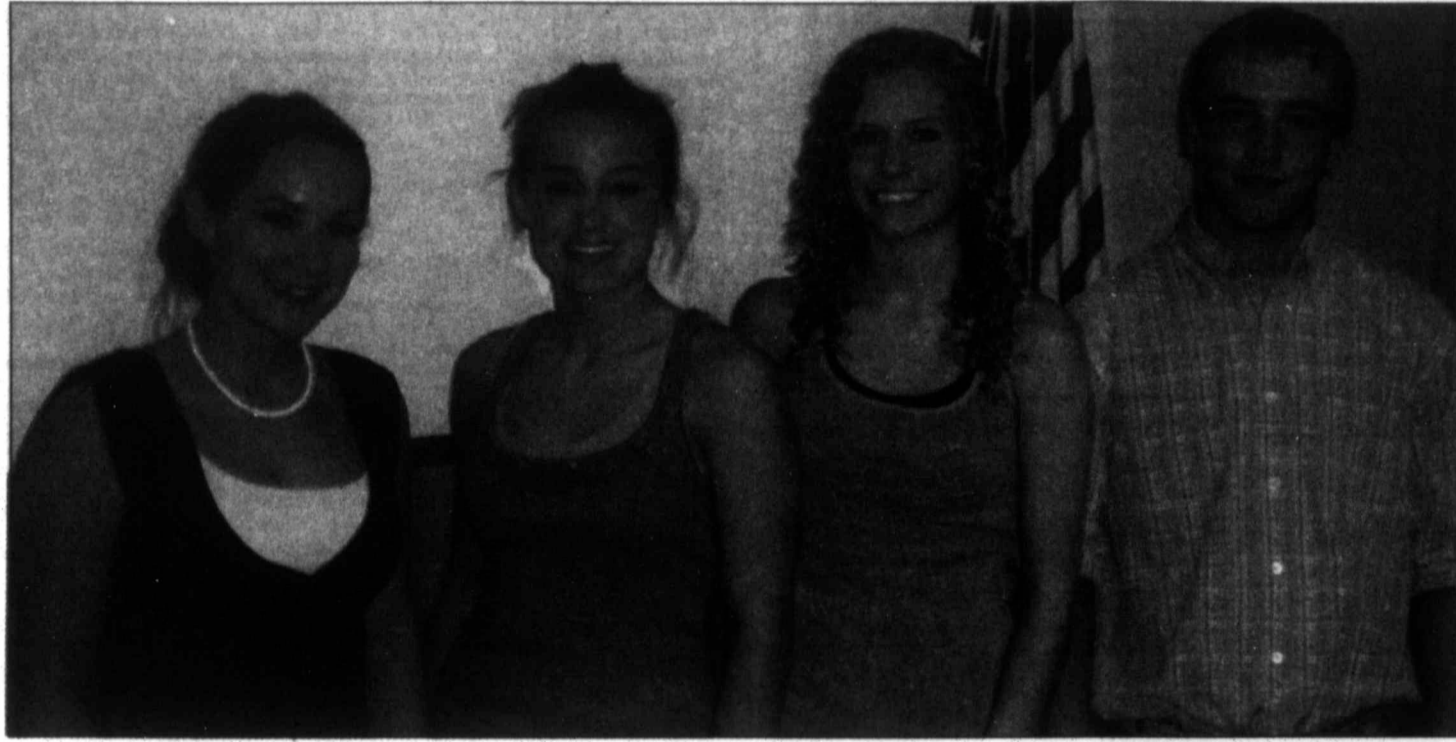
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Rotary leadership camp



Pampa News photo by SEAN SMITH

Pampa Rotary Club recently selected four high school seniors for sponsorship to Rotary Youth Leadership camp at Lone Tree Ranch in Capitan, N.M. The Pampa High School students, from left, are Angela Mechelay, daughter of Joe and Edie Mechelay; Logan Winkelman, daughter of Christi Boles and Tom Winkelman; Stephanie McVay, daughter of Mark and Ginger McVay; and Christopher Campbell, son of Bob and Martha Campbell. Campers are furnished an all-expense paid five-day experience at Capitan where they exchange ideas, opinions and beliefs with other student leaders from Rotary West Texas District 5730. Rotary believes that strong leaders are made, not born.

Reese

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teenagers — not real teenagers, some of whom are intelligent, but the stereotypes of teenagers that Hollywood manufactures. They resemble characters out of the old comic book "Archie." Imagine how the North Koreans just tremble when Secretary of State Condi Rice says, "Don't you test those missiles or you'll be sorry."

Imagine North Korea's amusement when the Bush

people say to the American public: "Well, they just want us to negotiate one on one, and we're not going to do it, so their missile test is a big, fat failure. Yuk, yuk, yuk." If the Bush people didn't have such dangerous toys to play with, they'd be good for a lot of laughs. Missiles are North Korea's chief export, and only one missile failed. All the rest worked. And if you're selling missiles, advertising and demonstrations work, too.

Now for a little reality check. The press is never, ever present when international diplomats meet.

Consequently, when you read a news story that says so-and-so said such-and-such, all you really know is that the reporter was told that's what was said, and he or she has no way to verify it. Governments lie — ours, theirs, everybody's. For all we know, both Russia and China may have told the North Koreans to fire away. They darn well will block any serious sanctions by the United Nations.

Secondly, keep in mind that the U.S. said the Koreans fired seven missiles, but a Russian said it might have been 10. Who is right? Well, when it comes

to missile firings, we are at the mercy of the government. We have no independent means to verify a missile launch if the launchers don't invite witnesses.

Just remember that with the Bush administration, disinformation is standard operating procedure, along with secrecy. It clearly sees the American people as a mass of unwashed peasants who are too dumb to understand what the elite is doing.

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fulfilled President Eisenhower's dream of quickly and conveniently connecting America. In his 1963 memoir, he wrote of

the Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1956, "More than any single action by the government since the end of the war, this one would change the face of America with straightaways, cloverleaf turns, bridges, and elongated parkways. Its impact on the American economy — the jobs it

would produce in manufacturing and construction, the rural areas it would open up — was beyond calculation."

It is hard to imagine what America would look like today without our highway system, and in 1990, to honor President Eisenhower's vision, President Bush signed leg-

islation renaming the highway system, "The Dwight D. Eisenhower System of Interstate and Defense Highways."

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limited production, according to Shane Richmond, general manager of Tripp's Harley-Davidson. "This is a factory customized motorcycle and the only one of its kind in Amarillo," he said.

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agency that assists children and families in Amarillo and across the Texas Panhandle, offering programs in the areas of behavioral health and wellness, community intervention and prevention, and childcare.

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