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Lexie Dorn, upper left, waits her turn at pineapple bowling while her brother Caleb takes a turn. The game was part of Centramedia's display at Saturday's Business Expo in M.K. Brown Civic Auditorium. Lance Porter, in upper right photo, reacts as his daughter Megan hits the target with a baseball to cause her dad to be dunked into a barrel of water. Proceeds from the dunking booth will be used to help pay for a trip for the youth of First Assembly of God Church to go to a national fine arts competition in Indianapolis, Ind. Pampa Police Chief Trevlyn Pitner, in lower left photo, uses a Webcam at the expo to take a photo of Tanay Patel of Rochester Hills, Mich. The photo is part of the information for a child's identification card, complete with DNA packet.

Pampa News photos by MARILYN POWERS

Weekend business expo termed a large success

By KERRI SMITH
Staff Writer

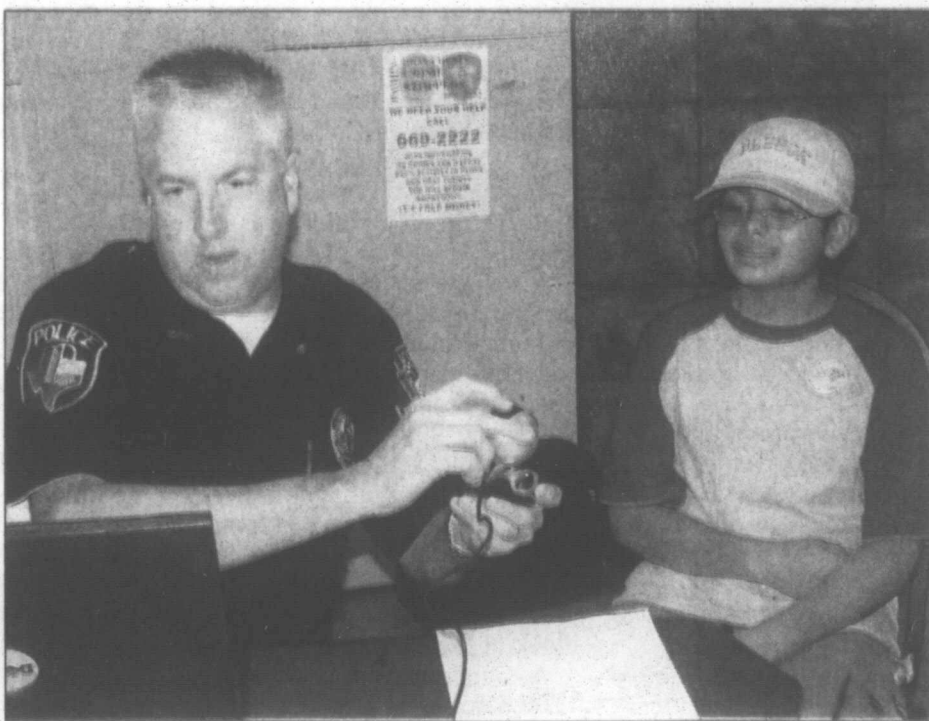
The eighth annual business expo sponsored by the Pampa Chamber of Commerce on Saturday was a success and everyone who attended seemed to have a good time and learn what Pampa has to offer to the community, according to Interim Chamber Executive Director Keith Pitner.
"We had 49 booths of exhibitors and we estimate that approximately 1,000 people attended the event, mainly in the morning," Pitner said. "Several of the booths were very

outstanding and the information that was provided was done in a very professional way."

Pitner said there were many young children who came with their parents and a few of the booths were a big hit with the younger crowd.

"A balloon artist from Lubbock was at the Innovative Staffing booth and the kids were lining up at that booth," Pitner said. "The Pampa police and fire departments were doing wonderful things for

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Commission to meet on seal coating bid

By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer

Seal coating bids will be the only agenda item Tuesday for a special meeting of the Pampa City Commission.

The \$382,500 bid is expected to go to G.W. James of Pampa, who was the low bidder.

Other bidders included Lewis Construction of

Dumas with a total bid of \$409,450 and Ronald R. Wagner of Kendalia with a total bid of \$390,400.

Lipham Construction of Hereford made only a partial bid on the seal coating project.

The city commission will meet in special session at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday in the commission chambers of City Hall.

Lake Meredith provides safety buoys

By KERRI SMITH
Staff Writer

A tragedy that occurred at Lake Meredith near Fritch recently has prompted area officials to provide extra materials at the recreational area that can be used in emergency situations.

Rodrigo Neifo Martinez, 19, drowned at the lake in the Spring Canyon area on June 10. Officials of the Lake Meredith National Recreation Area have provided two U.S. Coast Guard approved Type IV throwable devices (ring buoys), which can be used in the case of swimming related emergency incidents.

According to Dane Tantay, chief ranger — visitor and resource protection for Lake

Meredith, said the devices have been placed at each beach regulation sign in Spring Canyon.

"We want to remind the public to know your limitations while swimming and to keep close watch of small children," Tantay said. "If the need arises, the public should utilize these new personal floating devices that we have provided. We ask for the cooperation of the public to report any misuse or tampering of these vital pieces of emergency equipment."

Tantay said it is a federal violation to tamper with this property and any person found guilty of this violation can be subject to a fine up to \$5,000 and up to six months in jail.

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Daily routine



Firefighter LeRoy Cox starts up Engine Number One and turns on the flashing lights today during the regular morning routine at the Pampa Fire Department.

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Bush presses Iraq to clamp down on violence

By LARA JAKES JORDAN
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration renewed efforts Monday to press the Iraqi government to clamp down on sectarian violence as the U.S. commander in Baghdad warned it could take as long as a decade to stabilize the country.

Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and Iraqi foreign minister Hoshiyar Zebari met at the State Department to assess the situation and plot strategy following the comments Sunday from Gen. David Petraeus.

"We have enough work to do here," Rice said, gesturing to Zebari as she declined to answer a reporter's question about U.S. aid to the Palestinians.

The meeting came just a day after Petraeus' grim assessment.

"In fact, typically, I think historically, counterinsurgency operations have gone at least nine or 10 years," he said. "The question is, of course, at what level."

Petraeus said insurgents pushing back on newly aggressive coalition military forces have led to continued violence in Iraq, describing an ebb-and-flow of sectarian murders in Baghdad.

"The fact is that as we go on the offensive, the enemy is going to

respond," Petraeus said. "That is what has happened."

Petraeus also described a "stunning reversal" in the Anbar province, a former al-Qaida stronghold west of the city where tribes have begun to help fight the terror organization.

A Pentagon report released last week concluded that violence in Iraq edged higher during a four-month period between February and May — despite the U.S.-led security push in Baghdad.

The report also raised questions about Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki's ability to fulfill a pledge made in January to prohibit political interference in security operations and to allow no safe havens for sectarian militias.

Ryan Crocker, the U.S. ambassador in Baghdad, on Sunday called the situation in Iraq "a mixed picture, but certainly not a hopeless one." He noted frustrations among signs of progress, and cautioned against withdrawing troops too soon.

Also Sunday, the Senate's top Republican said that the Iraqis need to step up their own efforts as the U.S. scales back troops in the wake of rising violence in and around Baghdad.

Sen. Mitch McConnell of Kentucky expressed disappointment with the Iraqi government's progress in stem-

ming violence and said the U.S. presence there "will be different in the fall."

"I don't think we'll have the same level of troops, in all likelihood, that we have now," McConnell said. "The Iraqis will have to step up, not only on the political side, but on the military side to a greater extent. We're not there forever."

Congress is waiting for another progress report, due in September, on whether the increase in U.S. troops in Iraq has been successful.

In an interview in Newsweek, al-Maliki avoided being drawn into the debate between the Bush administration and Congress. The U.S. "helped us by toppling the regime and accomplishing many steps of the political process but they still can leave," al-Maliki said. "If the consequences of staying are bigger than the consequences of leaving, they will leave."

Crocker said the Iraqis also are frustrated with their slow progress but are "very close" to agreement on a plan for managing the country's oil production and share resources.

Petraeus spoke on "Fox News Sunday." Crocker was interviewed from Baghdad on NBC's "Meet the Press." McConnell appeared on CBS' "Face the Nation."

Court rules against investors in antitrust case

By PETE YOST
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court on Monday dealt a setback to investors suing over their losses in the crash of technology stocks seven years ago.

In a 7-1 decision, the court sided with Wall Street banks that allegedly conspired to drive up prices on 900 newly issued stocks.

The justices reversed a federal appeals court decision that would have enabled investors to pursue their case for anticompetitive practices.

The case deals with alleged industry misconduct during the dot-com bubble of the late 1990s.

The outcome of the antitrust case was vital to Wall Street because damages in antitrust cases are tripled, in contrast to penalties under the securities laws.

The question was whether conduct that is the focus of extensive federal regulation under securities laws is immune from liability under federal antitrust laws.

An antitrust action raises "a substantial risk of injury to the securities market," Justice Stephen Breyer wrote. He said there is "a serious conflict" between applying antitrust law to the case and proper enforcement of the securities law.

In dissent, Justice Clarence Thomas said the securities laws contain lan-

guage that preserves the right to bring the kind of lawsuit investors filed against the Wall Street investment banks.

In 2005, the 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals said the conduct alleged in the case is a means of "dangerous manipulation" and that there is no indication Congress contemplated repealing the antitrust laws to protect it.

Investors allege that the investment banks, including Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC, agreed to impose illegal tie-ins, or "laddering" arrangements. Favored customers were able to obtain highly sought-after new stock issues in exchange for promises to make subsequent purchases at escalating prices. The investment banks allegedly conspired to levy additional charges for the stock.

As a result of the conspiracy, the investors say, the average price increase on the first day of trading was more than 70 percent in 1999-2000, 8 1/2 times the level from 1981 to 1996.

Private class-action lawsuits, say plaintiffs' attorneys, provide a significant supplement to the limited resources available to the Justice Department to enforce the antitrust laws.

Lawyers for Wall Street investment banks say it is a highly technical matter where the line is drawn between legal and illegal activity in the sale of newly issued stock. It must be left to highly

trained securities regulators to decide, rather than to courtroom juries in antitrust lawsuits brought by investors, the industry says.

The Supreme Court concluded that "antitrust courts are likely to make unusually serious mistakes" that hurt defendants. As a result, investment banks must avoid "a wide range of joint conduct that the securities law permits or encourages."

In other action, the court also added one case to its calendar for next term. It will consider whether an investor in a large 401k retirement plan can sue to recover losses to his individual account that are the fault of the plan's manager.

Other Wall Street institutions in the case before the Supreme Court were Bear, Stearns & Co. Inc.; Citigroup Global Markets Inc.; Comerica Inc.; Deutsche Bank Securities Inc.; Fidelity Distributors Corp.; Fidelity Brokerage Services LLC; Fidelity Investments Institutional Services Co. Inc.; Goldman, Sachs & Co.; The Goldman Sachs Group Inc.; Janus Capital Management LLC; Lehman Brothers Inc.; Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Inc.; Morgan Stanley & Co. Inc.; Robertson Stephens Inc.; Van Wagoner Capital Management Inc.; and Van Wagoner Funds Inc.

The case is Credit Suisse v. Billing, 05-1157.

ment was doing 'Kid Print' for the safety of children and the fire department had 'Patches' the dog driving around talking to kids about fire safety."

While this year's expo is still fresh in the minds of the chamber, they are

going to do a careful critique and see what worked and what needs to be changed for next year.

They hope to have more local businesses participate next year and also get more of the Pampa residents to attend.

Oil industry scaling back due to biofuels

WASHINGTON (AP) — A push from Congress and the White House for huge increases in biofuels, such as ethanol, is prompting the oil industry to scale back its plans for refinery expansions. That could keep gasoline prices high, possibly for years to come.

With President Bush calling for a 20 percent drop in gasoline use and the Senate now debating legislation for huge increases in ethanol production, oil companies see growing uncertainty about future gasoline demand and little need to expand refineries or build new ones.

Oil industry executives no longer believe there will be the demand for gasoline over the next decade to warrant the billions of dollars in refinery expansions — as much as 10 percent increase in new refining capacity —

they anticipated as recently as a year ago.

Biofuels such as ethanol and efforts to get automakers to build more fuel-efficient cars and SUVs have been portrayed as key to countering high gasoline prices, but they are likely to do little to curb costs at the pump today, or in the years ahead as refiners reduce gasoline production.

A shortage of refineries frequently has been blamed by politicians for the sharp price spikes in gasoline, as was the case last week by Sen. James Inhofe, R-Okla., during debate on a Senate energy bill.

"The fact is that Americans are paying more at the pump because we do not have the domestic capacity to refine the fuels consumers demand," Inhofe said.

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children as well. The police depart-

Viewpoints

Armless judge got along nicely by using his toes

Armless judge got along nicely by using his toes

Hard-drinking, crusty Judge Roy Bean has gotten a lot of ink over the years, but he wasn't Texas' only colorful justice of the peace.

The antics of the so-called Law West of the Pecos have always made great copy for Western writers, but Norman Porter Sr., a retired school principal from South Texas, has rescued another notable Lone Star jurist from obscurity — Paul Desmuke.

Born April 25, 1876, in the community of Amphion in Atascosa County, Desmuke came into the world normal in every way except one — he had no arms. With the help of a loving mother, he learned to compensate for his lack of upper appendages by using his feet. Before long, he could use his feet as adroitly as others used their hands.

As a school student, he wrote his lessons on a slate board just like the other kids, only he used his toes. If called on to solve a math problem on the chalkboard in front of the class, he stood on one foot and raised his leg up to add and subtract with the other. His disability also did not affect his voice. He led the choir at the Amphion Methodist Church. Desmuke also learned to play a mean fiddle.

His handicap apparently did not affect his personality. With one of his feet, he politely tipped his hat to the ladies or warmly shook someone's hand.

Despite his successful efforts to overcome his disability, Desmuke had his limits. He obviously couldn't use both of his feet at the same time unless seated or reclining. But people like him with severe disabilities almost always could count on landing a job with a circus,

becoming a sideshow freak.

But Desmuke's mother, naturally wanting as normal a life as possible for her son, believed the circus life would be demeaning for him. She argued strongly and successfully against it and Desmuke honored her wishes. He got by as



Mike Cox
Texas Tales

best he could until, at the age of 26, he got a break.

When the incumbent Atascosa County Precinct Three justice of the peace resigned from office in May 1902, Desmuke gained appointment as his replacement. From all accounts, the young JP

served his constituents well, handling a variety of statutory duties ranging from accepting criminal complaints to pronouncing people dead and ruling on their cause of death to performing marriages.

Still, a yearning for adventure or money — or both — eventually led him to sign on with the A.G. Barnes Circus and Sideshow. Somewhere along the way, he learned to throw knives with his feet and developed an act around that. He went on to be part of the 400-plus entourage with Zack Miller's 101 Ranch Wild West show.

The armless judge from South Texas also played an armless man in a silent movie called "The Sideshow" (1926) and got paid as a stunt double for Lon Cheney in "The Unknown" a year later.

After the wild west show went bankrupt at the height of the Great

Depression, Desmuke got a gig at the Century of Progress Expo in Chicago in 1933-34 with Ripley's Believe It or Not! Odditorium. In that show, Desmuke would send 10 butcher knives swooshing toward a human volunteer, each blade twanging into a backboard within an inch of the living target. Demonstrating the power of trust in a marriage, the target was his wife, Mae Dixon.

By the early 1940s, Desmuke had come home to Atascosa County. Porter, then a youngster living in Jourdanton, saw Judge Desmuke (as he was known locally) walk into the Post Office and do something he considered quite routine but which Porter considered extraordinary.

"He slipped his shoe off, with his toes protruding through the end of his 'prepared' sock, lifted his

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Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, June 18, the 169th day of 2007. There are 196 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On June 18, 1940, during World War II, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill urged his countrymen to conduct themselves in a manner that would prompt future generations to say, "This was their finest hour."

On this date:

In 1586, English colonists sailed from Roanoke Island, N.C., after failing to establish England's first permanent settlement in America.

In 1778, American forces entered Philadelphia as the British withdrew during the Revolutionary War.

'Frailty, thy name is no longer woman.'

— Victor Riesel
American labor journalist (1913-1995)

In 1812, the United States declared war against Britain.

In 1815, Napoleon Bonaparte met his Waterloo as British and Prussian troops defeated the French in Belgium.

In 1857, Henry Clay Folger, the founder of the Folger Shakespeare Library in Washington, D.C., was born in New York City.

In 1928, Amelia Earhart became the first woman to fly across the Atlantic Ocean as she completed a journey with pilots Wilmer Stultz and Louis Gordon from Newfoundland to Wales in about 21 hours.

In 1948, the United Nations Commission on Human Rights finished drafting an International Declaration of Human Rights.

In 1979, President Carter and Soviet President Leonid I. Brezhnev signed the SALT II strategic arms limitation treaty in Vienna.

In 1983, astronaut Sally K. Ride became America's first woman in space as she and four colleagues blasted off aboard the space shuttle Challenger.

In 1986, 25 people were killed when a twin-engine plane and helicopter carrying sightseers collided over the Grand Canyon.

Ten years ago: The Southern Baptist Convention called for a boycott of the Walt Disney Co., protesting what the convention called its "gay-friendly" policies. Sirhan Sirhan failed in his tenth bid for parole in the assassination of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy. Irineo Montoya, a Mexican laborer, was executed by the state of Texas for a 1985 killing despite protests by the Mexican government.

Five years ago: A Palestinian detonated a nail-studded bomb in a Jerusalem bus, killing 19 passengers and himself. President Bush sent to Congress his detailed proposal for creation of a new Homeland Security Department. Minnesota Gov. Jesse Ventura announced he would not seek a second term.



Iran: Drumbeat for war keeps sounding

The drumbeat for war against Iran has begun again, led by Sen. Joe Lieberman, the independent Democrat from Connecticut, and the usual pro-Israel crowd. Lieberman seems to be under the impression that the U.S. can bomb Iran and not get into a full-fledged war.

Well, we know all about cakewalks and how they turn into long, bloody and dreary marches. We learned nothing from Vietnam, and apparently some of the people have learned nothing from Iraq, now a cakewalk war that has lasted longer than World War II, though not with the same intensity and mass.

If the senator, who seems to be one of those who loves war as long as he doesn't have to fight it, really believes that we can attack Iran without Iranian retaliation, then he's naive. If he knows better, he's a liar, and

to lie the American people into a second war before the other lied-into war in Iraq is even over is despicable. He should be shunned by all decent people.

I don't see how any honest man can believe that Iran is a threat to the United States or its neighbors. Iran has not invaded anyone in the past 100 years. Iran has from the beginning insisted that its nuclear program is for peaceful energy purposes, and there has been no evidence — I repeat, no evidence — to the contrary. The Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty explicitly authorizes countries to enrich uranium. In other words, Iran has not done anything illegal.

Iran has no intercontin-

tal missiles, and the only country in the Middle East with nuclear weapons is Israel. Please note that the

United States flatly refuses to endorse the idea of a nuclear-free Middle East. Iran

has signed the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty. Israel has refused to sign it. Iran admits international inspectors. Israel flatly refuses to allow international inspectors. The only country in today's Middle East with weapons of mass destruction and a history of invading and occupying other people's countries is Israel.

As for Iran's alleged threat to "wipe Israel off the map," that is propaganda based on a mistranslation. Nobody in Iran has ever

threatened to attack Israel militarily. The accurate quotes from Iranians have been simply that Israel as a Zionist state will eventually collapse, just as the Soviet Union as a communist state did. Iranian officials have even explicitly said they have no desire or intention of attacking Israel.

You should ask yourself, What is the real motive of people who deal in lies? What is the real agenda of people who wish to paint Iran as a threat to the world? (Remember what a threat they said Iraq was?) Why, if the United States is really concerned about preventing the spread of nuclear weapons, has it steadfastly refused to endorse the idea of a nuclear-free Middle East — something Iran and the Arab countries have proposed time and again?

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Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

■ June 11

The Dallas Morning News on Dallas going "green":

In his run for Dallas mayor, businessman Tom Leppert has proposed mandating that new public- and private-sector construction be more environmentally green, a goal he says would make the city more energy efficient and attract new businesses.

Going green is an idea with national momentum. In San Francisco, a multi-million-dollar budget promotes energy sustainability. Dozens of other cities are hiring sustainability directors and setting eco-structure goals.

Dallas hasn't ignored the trend. The Jack Evans Police Headquarters and a few fire stations and libraries were built to be more energy-efficient. New city buildings over 10,000 square feet have to meet efficiency standards.

However, Dallas needs more aggressive leadership to get private developers and citizens thinking green. Fewer than two dozen for-profit office buildings in North Texas have a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design certification from the U.S. Green Building Council, the nationally recognized rating organization.

Citywide energy efficiency must be a priority for the next mayor, whether it's Mr. Leppert or council member Ed Oakley, whose green credentials include support for recycling, improv-

ing air quality and participation on a city committee exploring ways to encourage the private sector to construct green buildings.

Aside from the obvious environmental benefits, energy-efficient buildings and operating costs are attractive to commercial tenants. Competition comes from all over the U.S.

Frisco was the first U.S. city to adopt a mandatory residential green construction program, and major private-sector energy-efficiency projects are under way in Allen and McKinney. Austin Mayor Will Wynn wants all new homes to become so efficient that solar panels could provide basic energy needs. In Chicago, city officials are planting

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Loved ones remember Ruth Graham at service

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CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Billy Graham told his children and grandchildren at his wife's funeral that he was "looking forward to the ... next service here," when he will be buried at her side.

The 88-year-old evangelist's remarks, reported in The Charlotte Observer, came at Saturday during a public service in Montreal that celebrated Ruth Graham's life as a spiritual stalwart, modest mentor, and her husband's closest advisor.

She died Thursday at 87 after a long illness.

She was buried at the foot of a cross-shaped walkway in the woody Prayer Garden at the Billy Graham Library in her husband's hometown.

Her family sang "Amazing Grace" and heard messages from Billy Graham and two ministers, according

to Graham spokesman Larry Ross.

"The Bible says the Lord has prepared a place for us and I know He has prepared a home for her — I hope she saves a room for me," Graham said of his wife of almost 64 years.

Ruth Graham's casket was adorned with a bed of lilies, the Christian symbol for resurrection.

Billy Graham, like his wife, will be buried in a birch plywood coffin built by inmates at Louisiana State Penitentiary in Angola, La. The Graham's son Franklin made the request after seeing the coffins on a visit to the Angola prison and being struck by their simplicity, according to a statement from the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association. The coffins cost \$215 each.



COURTESY PHOTO

Nancy Coffee, left, recently installed Karen Slate as regent of Las Pampas Chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution. The following officers were also installed: Ruth McBride, vice president; Sodie Reeder, secretary; Mary Cantrell, treasurer; Donna Burger, registrar; and Willie Mae Mangold, historian.

Zoo's bull elephant prolific father

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Just in time for Father's Day, tests show that a bull elephant known as a prodigious stud has sired another offspring.

The Louisville Zoo said the tests showed Jackson was the father of Scotty, a male elephant recently born there. Scotty's mother was artificially impregnated in 2005.

With six living offspring, the 28-

year-old Jackson holds the record for fathering the most calves at U.S. zoos. He lives at the Pittsburgh Zoo, where zookeepers regularly collect Jackson's semen and ship it around the country.

"He is extremely valuable," said Deborah Olson, director of conservation and science programs at the Indianapolis Zoo and studbook keeper for African elephants in North America.

Jackson is by far the most productive of the five male African elephants available for breeding in North America; three others have two calves each.

"We really appreciate the (Pittsburgh) zoo's willingness to use him for breeding," Olson said. "They never say no, they're just always right there ready to help."

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Topless woman will accept \$29,000 in suit

NEW YORK (AP) — A woman arrested for exposing her breasts has accepted a \$29,000 settlement from the city, her lawyer said.

Jill Coccaro, 27, was arrested on a topless stroll two years ago, despite a 1992 state appeals court ruling that concluded women should have the same right as men to take off their shirts.

Coccaro, who now goes by the name Phoenix Feeley, remained in custody for 12 hours before she was told prosecutors were not going to pursue charges.

Her attorney, Jeffrey Rothman, told the Daily News that his client won the civil rights settlement from the city, which did not admit or deny wrongdoing.

"We hope the police learn a lesson and respect the rights of women to go topless," Rothman said.

Feeley told the New York Post that she was not treated well after her Aug. 4, 2005, arrest in Manhattan's Lower East Side section. She claimed in an October lawsuit that a police officer yanked her out of a patrol car by her hair and police took her to a hospital for a psychiatric evaluation.

She told the newspaper she had gone bare-breasted after running the 2004 city marathon without police bothering her.

"I've always just felt that was something natural," Feeley said of going topless. "I've kind of always done it out of practicality."

Cox

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foot almost head high, turned the combination with his toes, and opened the box," Porter wrote in a short article published by the Atascosa Writer's Guild. "Sticking his long toes into the box, he retrieved his mail, stuck it in his pocket and closed the box. He slipped his shoe back on and walked out the door."

In addition to everything else he could do with his feet, Desmuke could play a spirited game of dominos.

The armless former judge and sideshow star spent the rest of his life in his native Atascosa County. He died June 19, 1949, and is buried in the Jourdanton City Cemetery.

Mike Cox, a member of the Texas Institute of Letters, is the author of a dozen Texas-related books.

Reese

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Finally, of course, there is the matter of deterrence. Deterrence worked against the Soviet Union's 30,000 nuclear weapons and the means of delivering them. Anybody who says Iran would not be deterred from using a handful of nuclear weapons — assuming it even developed them — is a fool or a liar.

Furthermore, Iran would gain nothing by attacking Israel, the U.S. or Europe. Americans might disagree with how Iranians choose to run

their country, but that doesn't mean that Iran's leaders are insane. They are, in fact, intelligent and well-educated.

As for the United States' latest claim that Iran is supplying weapons to the Taliban, I simply don't believe it. The U.S. government has lied and lied to the American people. It has zero credibility. Iran is a Shiite country; the Taliban are a fanatical Sunni sect. Iran volunteered its assistance during the initial American attack on Afghanistan. Why would Iran suddenly change its mind?

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

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Pampa ISD will hold a public meeting at 6:00 PM, June 28, 2007 in Pampa ISD Administration Office, Carver Center, 321 W. Albert, Pampa, Texas 79065. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

| | |
|--------------------------|---|
| Maintenance Tax | \$1.040050 / \$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations) |
| School Debt Service Tax | \$0.285000 / \$100 (Proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness) |
| Approved by Local Voters | |

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

| | |
|--------------------------|--------------------|
| Maintenance & Operations | (3.17)% (decrease) |
| Debt Service | 368.14% increase |
| Total Expenditures | 5.88% increase |

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code)

| | Preceding Tax Year | Current Tax Year |
|--|--------------------|------------------|
| Total appraised value* of all property | \$1,134,922,746 | \$1,177,607,317 |
| Total appraised value* of new property** | \$19,766,364 | \$36,144,430 |
| Total taxable value*** of all property | \$943,301,277 | \$987,704,906 |
| Total taxable value*** of new property** | \$19,766,364 | \$36,144,430 |

* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.

** "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.

*** "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$53,059,996

*Outstanding principal.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

| | Maintenance & Operations | Interest & Sinking Fund* | Total | Local Revenue Per Student | State Revenue Per Student |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Last Year's Rate | \$1.370000 | \$0.065000 | \$1.435000 | \$4.197 | \$3.239 |
| Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service | \$1.042870 | \$0.0284080 | \$1.326950 | \$4.157 | \$3.691 |
| Proposed Rate | \$1.040050 | \$0.285000 | \$1.325050 | \$4.067 | \$4.059 |

*The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

| | Last Year | This Year |
|---|------------|------------|
| Average Market Value of Residences | \$36,062 | \$38,000 |
| Average Taxable Value of Residences | \$21,062 | \$23,000 |
| Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value | \$1.435000 | \$1.325050 |
| Taxes Due on Average Residence | \$302.24 | \$304.76 |
| Increase (Decrease) in Taxes | | \$2.52 |

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$1.04005. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of \$1.04005.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

| | |
|--|-------------|
| Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s) | \$1,000,000 |
| Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s) | \$4,000 |

Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have been invited to the wedding of some casual friends, "Ron" and "Barbie." We sent in our RSVP accepting the invitation, but already we're dreading the day. You see, a few weeks after we mailed it, we had dinner with them. During the dinner, Ron and Barbie blatantly informed us that they had registered for expensive shower items (I had attended the shower) so they could return the gifts for cash. During the conversation, I mentioned I'd had my eye on a pricey vacuum cleaner I had seen advertised on TV. Barbie turned to her fiance and said, "Honey, we should have registered for that so we could return it for the cash!" I was floored. So was my husband, though neither of us said a word until we were well on our way home and away from the "happy couple." If that wasn't enough, they were complaining about some blue towels they had received that they had not registered for. Barbie said they hated them and had returned them. Want to guess what my shower gift was? The blue towels, of course. I couldn't believe she was saying this to us! My husband was so disgusted he quietly excused himself from attending the bachelor party. Now he no longer even wants to go to the wedding -- let alone give them another gift. He says they make him sick. But we already sent in the card saying that we'll be attending. I agree with my husband on this. The only thing holding us back is the etiquette issue of being a "no-show." Otherwise, I couldn't give a rip about those people. What to do? -- **SPEECHLESS IN MICHIGAN**

DEAR SPEECHLESS: After the performance you witnessed, no one can blame you for feeling as you do. Your breach of etiquette would not be in skipping the

fund-raiser (oops! wedding); it would be to do so without first informing the couple and having them go to the expense of ordering food and drinks for you. They should be notified immediately, in a short note, that "your plans have changed, and you are not able to attend." This will get you off the hook without being rude to a couple you really don't care to associate with in the future anyway.

DEAR ABBY: I recently had surgery to correct a defect in my urethra. The medical term for it is "hypospadias." I let my co-workers know in an e-mail and provided a link to answer any questions they might have. The link had a photo, and now some people are accusing me of "inappropriate conduct." I have since sent out an apology and a warning not to go to the link. Abby, it was not my intent to be unprofessional, but I didn't want to have 35 conversations about what the condition is, or 35 conversations about why I am walking so slowly and with a cane. How should I respond? -- **HEALING IN NEW YORK CITY**

DEAR HEALING: It's time to discuss this with your supervisor or the director of human resources at your company because your mistake could affect your career. While I understand your intention, you gave out far more information than your co-workers were comfortable with. You could have accomplished the same thing by simply "confiding" in one co-worker. Have you never heard of the office grapevine? It works faster than instant messaging.

For Better Or For Worse



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Crossword Puzzle

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

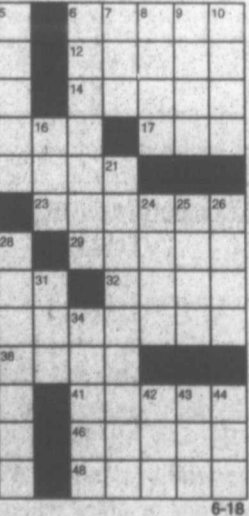
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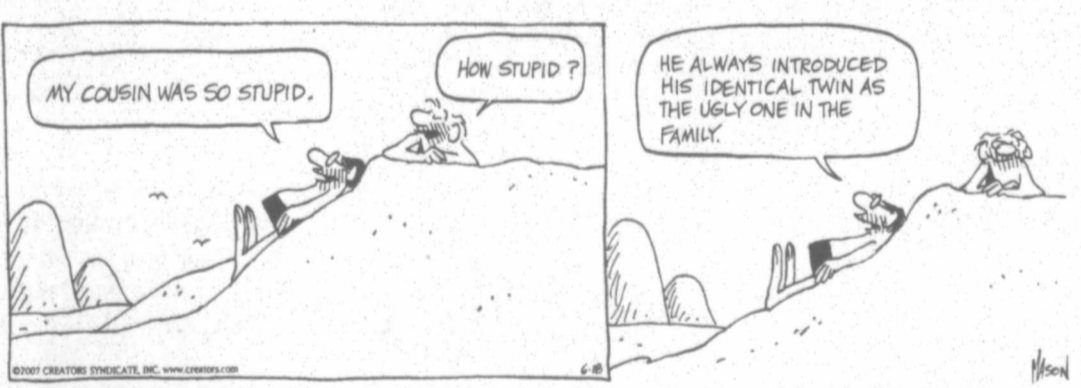
The Family Circus

By Bil Keane



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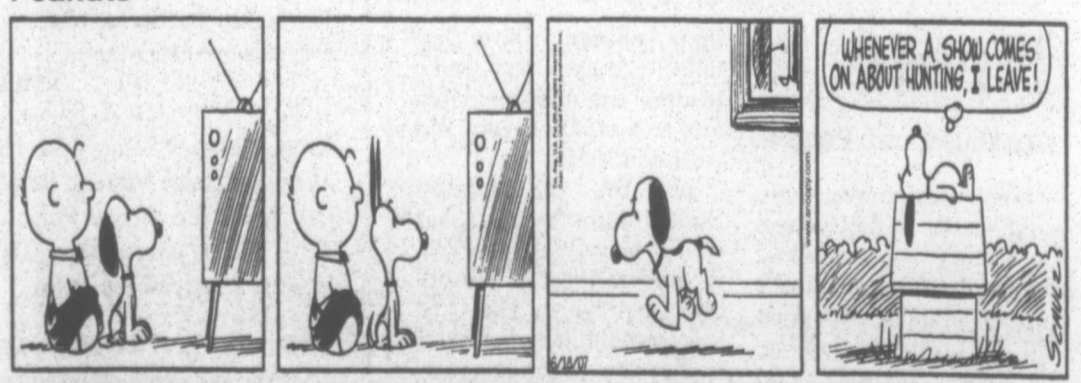
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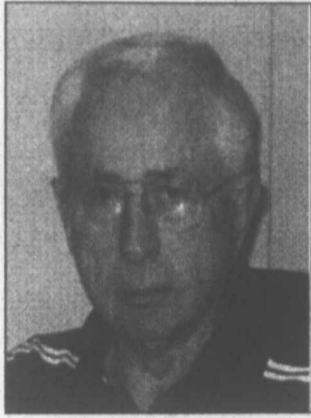


Chamber

A message from the desk of the executive director

Dear Members,

The first day of Summer is fast approaching, and we have been enjoying one of the wettest, coolest Springs that I can



remember. Not only have the rains almost eliminated the chance of range fires like we had last year, but they have "greened up" the entire area and have produced one of the best wheat crops in years.

June marked the start of many Spring/Summer activities in Pampa, including the Business Expo held over the past weekend. On behalf of all of the staff and board members of the Chamber, we want to thank all who participated and helped with the Expo. It was an excellent opportunity to see and visit with many of our leading companies and businesses.

Upcoming Summer events include the Panhandle Chapter of NAMI Bicycle Tour (10 to 68 miles), and the Pampa Backyard Pond Tours, all next Saturday, June 23. The big event for July, the Tri-State Senior Golf Tournament July 26, 27, and 28 has the distinction of being the oldest Senior golf tournament in the nation.

Then in August gather up your items for the City Wide Garage Sale Aug. 11, and then the Kid Pony Show Aug. 19, 20 & 21 and then the Top Texas PCRA Rodeo, Aug. 23, 24 & 25. Please remember to check your Chamber calendar/newsletter each month for listings of even more events coming up.

Remember to attend the Chamber luncheon, Tuesday, June 19. Kevin Anderson, lead service representative for Pampa's Halliburton District office, will present the program.

One of newest businesses is CVS Pharmacy and they have just become a Chamber member. CVS manager, Rosemary Marciel, will be introduced at the luncheon. Please welcome Rosemary to the Chamber. And, speaking of the Chamber luncheon, if you have not done so, please call 669-3241 for reservations. The Country Club will be catering for the event.

Sincerely,
Keith Pitner

Gold-coated



A Gold Coat ribbon cutting took place at Pamcell Federal Credit Union, May 21. Back row from left Roy Morriss, Bill Turner (with cap on-he is Pamcell President), Pat Montoya, Ken Rheams, Chuck White, Darville Orr, Jerry Foote, Pat Bagley, & Larry Baker. Front Row from left Manager Sherry Schaible, Sherry Cook, Neil Fulton & Gold Coat President, Gladys Vanderpool.

Luncheon info:

June 19th at 11:45 in the M.K. Brown room at the Chamber

Speaker will be Kevin Anderson with Halliburton

Meal provided by Pampa Country Club will include grilled pork chops, green beans, scalloped potatoes, and salad.

Public is invited.

\$8 a person please RSVP at 669-3241.

Thank You! to our Business Expo sponsors

Gold: Great Plains Abstract & Title, Dish Solutions, Pampa Communications, and Centramedia.

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Fourth Annual Community Wide Garage Sale is coming Aug. 11 so start cleaning out those garages, storage sheds, and closets. The cost is \$20 per address, which helps cover the cost of advertising. Each participant will receive 2 Garage Sale signs personalized with your address and a copy of "Garage Sale Tips" to help organize your sale. Deadline for entry is Aug. 3, 2007. For more information contact the Chamber at 669-3241.

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Sports Day

Picking up the game again — or trying to, at least

Earlier last week, I was working on a story for the upcoming 17th anniversary scramble at Hidden Hills, when I went up to the Pro Shop to visit with David Teichmann about what was going on.

Upon filling me in about how this scramble was going to be played, David also invited me to come out and join in on the fun.

The truth was that I hadn't picked up a golf club in about six years, but out of curiosity and excitement, I accepted.

In fact, the last time I played golf six years ago, I was at Hidden Hills, playing the front 9.

I was 13 years old back then, and I wasn't bad for an 8-year-old.

After accepting Teichmann's invitation to play in the anniversary scramble, I told myself I would spend all week practicing, in order to save myself from a weekend of embarrassment.

I managed to make it out to the driving range one evening, but that was it.

I borrowed some clubs from my dad, which I later found out to be ladies' clubs, and took to the course early Saturday morning.

Upon arriving at Hidden Hills, wearing my American Eagle tennis shoes, I really

hoped I would end up with a team of golfers who wouldn't try to kill me after realizing how terrible I am.

As it turned out, I was teamed up with three men who were "out there to have fun," which made the day more easy-going than I had anticipated.

Following a few announcements by Teichmann, Armando Soto, Fabian Soto, Buster Kelley and I jumped on to the carts and seized the day.



Jordan Reagan

Sports Editor

I immediately expressed to them that they shouldn't expect much out of me, but they repeatedly reassured me that it was just fine.

My drives were hooking way to the right, if they ever went very far to begin with, as Kelley and I spent a good percentage of our time on many holes searching for my ball that obviously had a phobia of the fairway.

All three of the men, however, were all good sports about my lack of skill and gladly carried me along as we worked our way through the last six holes.

We bogied one hole and birdied another to break even on the first third of our day.

On the front 9, things started to look good for us, if you don't count my attempt at an uphill putt on hole 3, which I can't help but



My teammates during Saturday's anniversary scramble at Hidden Hills, Armando Soto (left), Fabian Soto and Buster Kelley as Fabian tries to make a putt on hole 18.

Pampa News photos by JORDAN REAGAN

remember very vividly.

Starting on hole 4, we pulled out four birdies, each of which were putted in by one of us.

Armando Soto got the ball rolling on hole 4 with a birdie putt, then Buster Kelley followed with a

birdie putt on hole 5.

Much to my amazement, I made a somewhat lengthy put (for me, at least) on hole 6 for our third birdie, hopefully redeeming myself from my goof-up on Hole 3.

Then on Hole 7, which Fabian Soto had previously

claimed to be his favorite, we not only used his drive, but also his putt for our fourth-in-a-row birdie.

We stayed on par for the next five holes to finish with a 67.

I was told several times throughout the day, "All it

takes is one good shot for you to get hooked."

I had at least one pretty good putt, but I really should go back and play a few practice rounds by myself before making anyone else play with me.

Hidden Hills results

17th Anniversary Scramble
Hidden Hills Golf Course
June 16, 2007

2nd Place (60)
Clint Miller
Mike Crain
Ethan Hutcherson
James Gray

3rd Place (61)
Weston Teichmann
Pat Montoya
Howard Wells
John McGuire

4th Place (61)
John East
O.K. Lee
Kevin Burrows
Danny Riddle

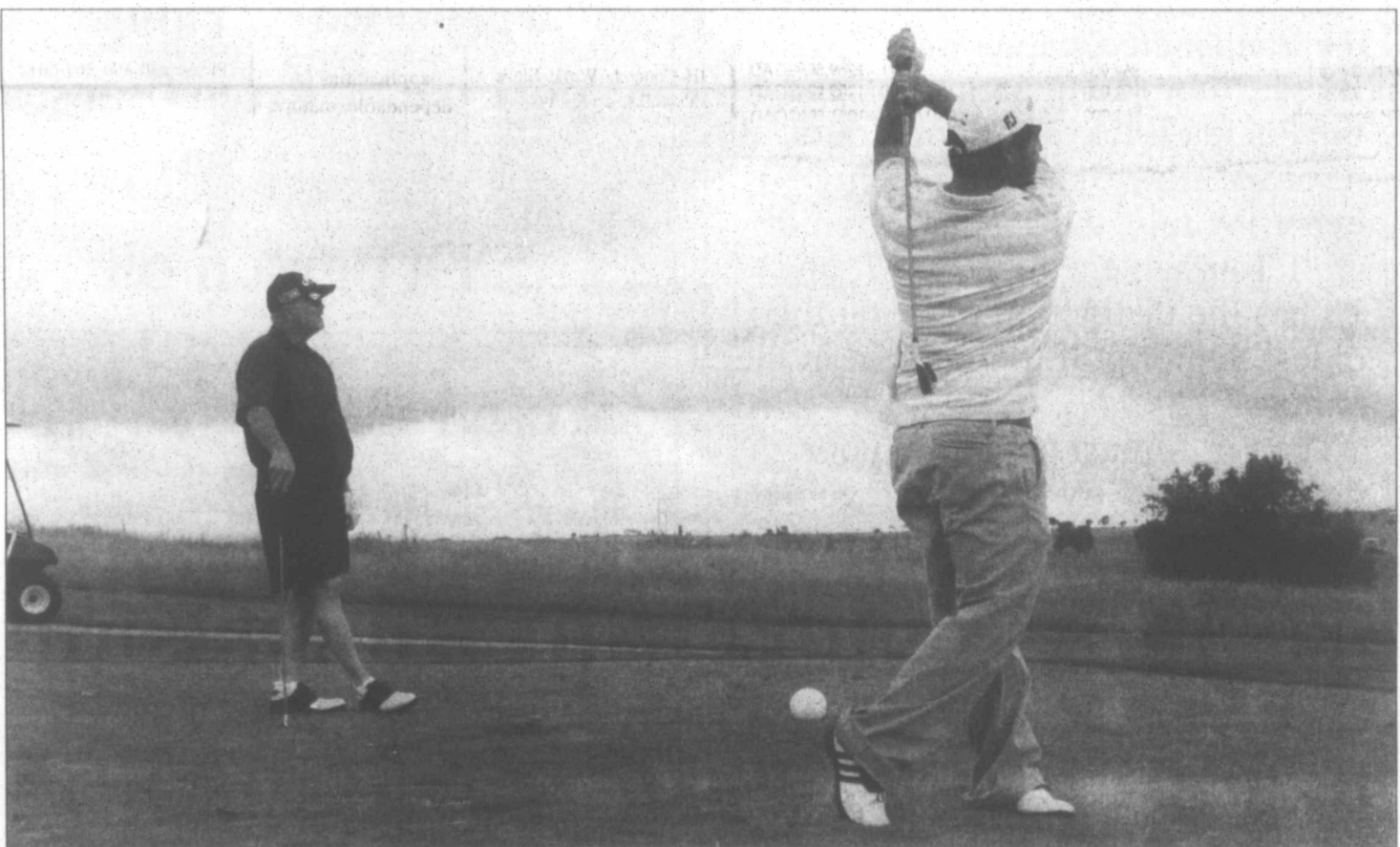
21 teams competed, and everyone received a towel and balls, as well as free breakfast and lunch.

1st Pace (59)
Bill Hammer
Marvin Allison
Gerrell Owens

Booster Club Meeting

The Pampa Volleyball Booster Club will meet at 6 p.m. Tuesday at the Pampa Junior High boys gym.

Members will meet with PHS's new volleyball head coach and discuss plans for the upcoming season.



Fabian Soto tees off on hole 15 as teammate Buster Kelley looks on during Saturday's scramble.

Hogan, Nicklaus ... Cabrera? Oakmont's Open produces a surprise winner

OAKMONT, Pa. (AP) — Possessing greatness is a necessity to win at Oakmont, so went the talk all week at the U.S. Open. The kind of over-the-top talent Ben Hogan, Bobby Jones and Jack Nicklaus displayed in winning championships there, that Johnny Miller owned for a day while shooting his record 63 in 1973.

So, with Tiger Woods ready to win the 13th major championship that would edge him closer to Nicklaus' record 18 majors, how could Angel Cabrera emerge from a tense final round Sunday as champion?

All together now: Who? Cabrera is 12th in European Tour career earnings, but his visibility in America probably couldn't have been much lower. Despite six previous top 10 finishes in majors, he is almost never mentioned among the top contenders in big tournaments.

Now that he's stared down world-ranked No. 1 Woods and No. 3 Jim Furyk to bring

a U.S. Open title home to Argentina for the first time — smoking like a steel mill, much like Arnold Palmer once did — that will change.

"The good thing is that I beat everybody here, not only Tiger Woods," Cabrera said Sunday, moments after putting both arms around the championship trophy and tucking it close.

Cabrera, 36, doesn't come from a country club background, growing up so poor he didn't finish elementary school. He began golfing only because his caddie's job allowed him to venture onto home-course Cordoba Golf Club. Back home, he is nicknamed El Pato — the duck — for the way he walks down the fairway.

"I had to work as a caddie to put food on the table," said Cabrera, whose best previous victory came in the 2005 BMW Championship, one of Europe's top events. "That's why, probably, these moments are enjoyed even more."

He smokes to deal with

stress. "Well, there are some players that have psychologists, sportologists," he said. "I smoke."

Curiously, Oakmont Country Club, home to the rich, wealthy and famous, put away most of the field with its toughness, enabling the once dirt-poor Cabrera to take care of the rest as he finished at 5-over 285 for the tournament. Big and burly, Cabrera fit in well in Pittsburgh, where star athletes such as the now-retired Jerome Bettis aren't always perfect physical specimens.

Still, if one would have said his last name before the U.S. Open, many local fans would have confused him with Francisco Cabrera, the Braves bench player whose ninth-inning pinch hit beat the Pirates in Game 7 of the 1992 NLCS.

No doubt it was a coincidence, but Angel Cabrera was the only contender who came out Sunday wearing yellow and black, his bright shirt almost exactly the

shade of Steelers gold. Furyk spent part of his youth in western Pennsylvania and some fans chanted his name, yet it was Cabrera who dressed the role as the hometown favorite.

"He (Cabrera) had some great golf shots, and that's what you have to do," Woods said. "He went out there and put all the pressure on Jim and I, and we fell one short."

Woods was the runner-up in a major for the second time this year; he also was at the Masters. Furyk tied for second in the U.S. Open for the second year in a row, the first to do that since Palmer in 1966-67.

Cabrera, the only player with two below-par rounds at Oakmont, owned the second-round lead following a 1-under 69 on Thursday and a 71 on Friday. But his 6-over 76 Saturday left him four off the pace. That meant he went off four groups ahead of Woods and third-round leader Aaron Baddeley, who took a triple-

bogey 7 on the first hole and never contended.

At one point, five were tied for the lead after Cabrera gave back a shot with a bogey at the ninth following birdies on the fourth and fifth. But he birdied the 10th to regain the lead and once led by three shots after another birdie on the 15th.

However, Cabrera gave Furyk and Woods a chance with consecutive bogeys at the 16th and 17th, each time missing par putts of around 10 feet.

"Yes, bogey on those holes made me nervous," he said. "But, well, I knew I had to hit a good drive to make par on the 18th and sit and wait."

He did that on what proved to be Oakmont's toughest hole Sunday, getting the par he needed to finish the way he started Thursday with a 1-under 69. Then, he went to the clubhouse and watched nervously as Furyk charged back into contention with three consecutive birdies starting

on No. 13 and Woods played out his final four holes.

Furyk's failed gamble on the 17th may have cost him a Monday playoff. With the tee moved up to make the hole play at 306 yards, he took out his driver but couldn't reach the green, landing in the left front rough. His bogey 5 was the only glaring mistake of his second even-par 70 in as many days.

"Getting that close and not being able to win the golf tournament, yeah, it stings a little," said Furyk, who lost at Winged Foot last year by missing a short par putt on the 18th. "But I went down swinging."

Woods hung around all day but never gained control, finishing with only one birdie in his final 32 holes. What ultimately cost him was a double bogey 6 caused by two poor chip shots on No. 3.

"Finishing second is never fun," Woods said. "You play so hard and it's just disappointing."

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Summer grilling



Bob Lindsey recently won a grill from Heard-Jones. Above, from left: Sandy Nichols, Lindsey and Ada Westbrook.



Ada Westbrook at Heard-Jones recently presented BC Blackstock with a grill he won as part of a store drawing.

FEMA awards \$1 million to Houston

AUSTIN — The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) awarded \$1.02 million to the state of Texas to reimburse the city of Houston for additional disaster-related services provided to Hurricane Katrina evacuees.

Through its Public Assistance Program, FEMA reimburses state and local government units, as well as certain private non-profit organizations, for eligible and documented disaster-related expenses. Most of the approved Public Assistance projects fund the cost of debris removal, the restoration of damaged infrastructure, and emergency actions taken during and immediately after a disaster to protect life and property.

In the aftermath of Katrina, the state of Texas has received and administered more

than \$582 million in Public Assistance grants from FEMA to reimburse state and local government units, which includes more than \$314.7 million to the city of Houston. The latest obligation funds the following project:

City of Houston — \$1.02 million to reimburse the Houston Fire Department for Emergency Medical Services associated with transporting hurricane evacuees. Expenses include equipment expenses for ambulances and supervisors' vehicles. The time period covered runs from Sept. 1, 2005 to March 31, 2006.

Under FEMA's Public Assistance Program, host cities are eligible for 100 percent reimbursement of eligible and documented costs associated with the emergency care, temporary sheltering, and interim housing of Hurricane Katrina evacuees.



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Waunell Murphy, from left, of Borger, Willie Mae Mangold, Donna Burger, Karen Slate, Minelle Turner and Sudie Reeder recently toured the garden at Pioneer Cottage in Pampa. Master Gardener Rosa Bilderback of White Deer presented a program to members of Las Pampas Chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution on the "Xeriscape" garden, specially-designed to save water.

Space station computers tested

By JUAN A. LOZANO
Associated Press Writer

HOUSTON (AP) — A revived set of crucial computers aboard the international space station still need to undergo one more test before they are given a clean bill of health.

That test — set to be done Monday — will determine if the two Russian computers are ready to control the station's orientation.

Test results will help determine if space shuttle Atlantis, which has been at the space station since June 10, needs to spend another day at the outpost.

During the computer meltdown last week, Atlantis' thrusters were used to help the station maintain its position. The space station's thrusters haven't been used since the computers failed.

"That's a big step in our checkout of the computers to make sure everything is working correctly," flight director Holly Ridings said Monday. "It's one of those things we want to see before we undock."

Atlantis is set to undock on Tuesday and land Thursday in Cape Canaveral, Fla.

The Russian computers, which also control oxygen production, crashed last week. All six of the computers' processors were back online Saturday. The two processors that took longer to revive are now on stand-by mode and can be used if needed.

Except for an oxygen generator, all the space station systems that were powered down when the computers failed are now running.

During Monday's test, the space shuttle's thrusters will take control of the joined craft so it can change positions to dump waste and water, and then the Russian thrusters will take over. During a second part of the test, U.S. computers will send commands to the Russian thrusters.

Also Monday, Atlantis' crew was to finish packing the shuttle for its return trip to Earth. The shuttle and space station crews were set to say their goodbyes before hatches between Atlantis and the outpost are closed in preparation for Tuesday's undocking. They were given some free time Monday morning to enjoy the view on their last full day in space.

On Sunday, shuttle astronauts completed the fourth and final spacewalk of their mission to continue the construction of the space station.

During a nearly 6 1/2-hour spacewalk, astronauts Patrick Forrester and Steven Swanson activated a rotating joint — their top priority — on the outpost's newest segment so a new pair of solar wings can track the sun and provide power to the station. The solar arrays were delivered to the space station by Atlantis.

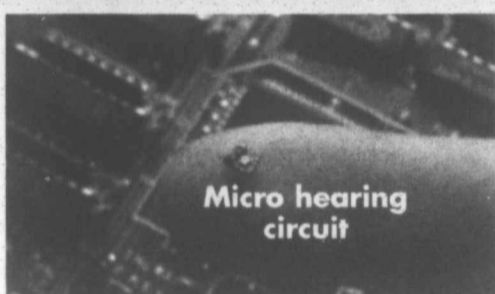
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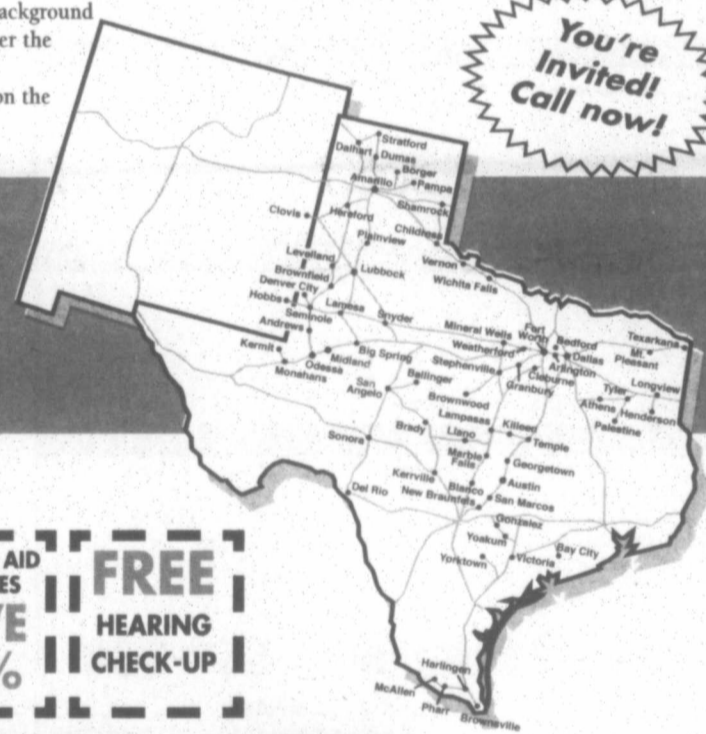
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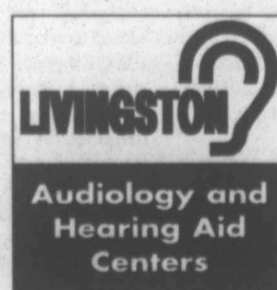
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