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## It's a good idea, but someone has to pay for it

**By DAVID BOWSER**  
Staff Writer  
Everybody likes the idea. Nobody wants to pay for it.  
At a meeting of taxing entities Monday at the Gray County Courthouse, all present agreed that the appointment of a person to oversee local elections was a good idea. With election laws becoming more complex and elections now requiring electronic voting machines, representatives from Gray County, the city of Pampa, Pampa Independent

School District, the city of McLean, McLean Independent School District, the city of Lefors and Lefors Independent School District would be responsible for the voting machines and equipment and the voter lists, tasks now shared by Gray County Clerk Susan Winborne and Tax Assessor Gay Whitehead.  
Winborne said that she does not have the manpower in her office to continue overseeing elections.

"I don't have the staff for that," Winborne said.  
The challenge was the distribution of the costs involved to create the new position, but Pampa City Manager John Horst may have solved part of that problem.  
The original proposal was for Gray County to fund 50 percent, or about \$25,885.23, of the estimated \$51,770.46 budget. Pampa and Pampa Independent School District would each fund 20 percent, or about \$10,354.09 each per year. McLean,

McLean Independent School District, Lefors and Lefors Independent School District would each fund 2.5 percent at about \$1,294.28 each.  
The major objection was that some of the entities didn't have regular elections. Either the election cycle would skip years or incumbents weren't challenged so no election was held for their positions.  
Mark McVey, representing PISD,

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### Cooling off



Pampa News Photos by KERRI SMITH  
With highs in the 90's, the dog days of summer seem to be upon us. One way to beat the heat is to head to M.K. Brown Swimming Pool, which many people did Monday afternoon. Having fun in her bikini is 6-month-old Baileigh Lopez. The pool is open 1-6 p.m. seven days a week and 7-9 p.m. Monday and Thursday.

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Rodeo banners available

Rodeo time in Pampa is approaching, as the 61st annual Top O' Texas Rodeo will be held Aug. 23 - 25.  
The Top O' Texas Rodeo Association would like to let businesses know they can purchase a red, white and blue rodeo banner for their business now through Aug. 1. Proceeds from the sales of these banners benefit the Miss Rodeo Top O' Texas Pageant.  
If you have not been contacted by a member of the rodeo association and would like to purchase a banner, call 669-0434.

### PEDC to meet Thursday

**By DAVID BOWSER**  
Staff Writer  
The Pampa Economic Development Corp. will hear an update from its executive director and consider a Web site, a logo, their budget and a newcomers guide when they meet Thursday.  
EDC Executive Director Dwight Fiveash will report to the board on projects that are under way and those on the

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## Wildfires CRMWA to consider water rights, budget

### takes 3rd at TPA

**By DENNIS SPIES**  
Editor  
The Pampa News has been awarded a third place certificate from the Texas Press Association in the 2007 Better Newspaper Contest for its Wildfires magazine published in 2006.  
The magazine was entered into the Blue Moon Special Sections category.  
This year 187 newspapers from across the state submitted 1,914 entries in the contest, which is broken down into 10 divisions in which newspapers compete against papers of similar circulation size.  
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**By DAVID BOWSER**  
Staff Writer  
SANFORD -- The Canadian River Municipal Water Authority board of directors will consider water rights acquisitions and transfers, a wellfield expansion, a member's sale of water, pump repairs and a new logo when they meet here Wednesday.  
The board, in their regular quarterly meeting, will also hear reports from their personnel and financial committees, and are expected to approve their operating and maintenance budget for fiscal year 2007-2008.  
They will be given a status report on Lake Meredith and hear the general manager's quarterly report and a report from the National Park Service.  
The board will also consider action concerning a protest of PetroSearch's application with the Texas Railroad Commission for secondary oil recovery, a water flood project in Roberts County.  
They will hear about and could take action on the sale of water from Levelland, a member city, to Smyer, a neighboring city on the South Plains.  
The board could also take action concerning the designation of a CRMWA logo.  
They will also consider spending money on repairs to two submersible pumps in their Roberts County wellfield.  
The board will hear a report on state laws affecting

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**Obituaries**

**Charles M. 'Ike' Rennie, 69**

ALVA, Okla. — Charles Martin 'Ike' Rennie, 69,

died Friday, July 6, 2007, at the Alva Share Medical Center.

Services were to be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, July 10, 2007, in Trout Funeral Chapel with Minister Billy Billingsley officiating.



**Rennie**

Burial will be in Kaw City Cemetery in Kaw City, Okla., by Wharton Funeral Chapel.

Mr. Rennie was born Sept. 10, 1937, in Pawhuska, Okla., to Margaret (Little) and Forrest Rennie.

He attended the Kaw City School System where he graduated in 1956. He lettered in basketball and track, playing on the Conoco Basketball Team.

He married Jane Walters on Oct. 12, 1957, in Ponca City, Okla. To their marriage three children, Melissa, Mark and Martin were born.

On Dec. 19, 1980, he married Jackie Freeman. She died on Oct. 18, 2003.

He lived in Groom, Texas, where he owned Mt. View Sales Barn and was a horse trader. Charles enjoyed traveling around the country, going to rodeos,

and giving waitresses everywhere a hard time.

Mr. Rennie was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Jordan Freeman and his parents.

Survivors include a daughter, Melissa Heaton and husband Trent of Alva; two sons, Mark Rennie of Alva and Marty Rennie of Midlothian, Texas; eight grandchildren, Lance, Landon, and Lauren Heaton, Jarrett Freeman, Joe Ray, Julie and Jacey Richardson and Trenton and Tanner Packard; and two brothers, Richard Rennie and wife Linda of Ponca City and Tom Rennie and wife June of Pottsboro, Texas.

Memorials may be made to Alva Share Hospice.

At his request the casket will remain closed and will be in state at Trout Funeral Home.

The family will receive friends at the home of Richard and Linda Rennie at 2100 W. Grand Avenue, Ponca City, Okla.

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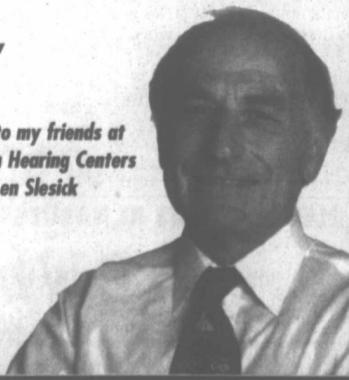
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**James O. 'Whip' Willson, 74**

James O. "Whip" Willson, 74, of Pampa, Texas, died June 9, 2007, at Pampa, Texas. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Willson was born March 2, 1933, in Pampa, to Roy "Pappy" and Ethel Clonts Willson. He was a lifelong resident of Pampa, graduating from Pampa High School in 1952. He enlisted in the U.S. Army on March 23, 1953 and was honorably discharged on March 22, 1955.

He married Shirley Jean Cotham on June 1, 1954, in Pampa. She preceded him in death in September of 2001. He was employed by Cabot Corp. and IRI International as a welder, retiring in 1986 after 30 years of service. He continued working helping his friends at Granny's Home Cooking.

He loved rodeos, especially the roping events. He enjoyed many years of riding and roping on "Sandy." He was a member of the Gold Dusters C.B. Club, the American Radio Relay League, Inc., and Southern Skies Riding Club.

Survivors include one son, Tim Willson and wife Kim of Pampa; one daughter, Lisa Stevens and husband Albert of Pampa; six grandchildren, Kelli Wilson, Colby Stevens, Keith Stevens and Layne Stevens, all of Pampa, Brad Holden of Laredo, and Brandi Holden of San Antonio; one brother, Alfred Willson and wife Gloria of Pampa; two sisters, Nadine Lockhart of Amarillo and Betty Craig and husband Robert of Pampa; one sister-in-law, Mary Willson of Lubbock; one brother-in-law, Robert Duggan of Stamford; and many nieces, nephews and close friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Lloyd Willson; and two sisters, Ruth Camp and Viola Duggan.

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**Emergency Services**

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Twelve traffic stops were made, resulting in at least two arrests. One traffic stop in the 1300 block of North Hobart resulted in an arrest for possession of marijuana.

Traffic complaints were received from the 1100 block of Darby and an unreported location.

Motorist assistance was rendered in the 1100 block of North Hobart.

Animal control officers made stops concerning animals in the 400 block of East Kingsmill, the 1200 block of East Foster, the 2100 block of Mary Ellen, the 1100 block of Willow, the 1600 block of Williston, the 500

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# Hot temperatures taunt firefighters in Western states

**By MARCUS WOHLSEN**  
Associated Press Writer  
SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Clouds rolled across eastern California today, giving firefighters hope for moisture to help them battle huge wildfires in the parched Sierra foothills, officials said.

However, the arriving weather front also carried a threat of wind and lightning that could spread flames and start new fires.

"Anything can happen with huge winds that come up," U.S. Forest Service spokeswoman Nancy Upham said.

Damper, cooler weather already had helped fire crews in South Dakota, but a continuing heat wave was expected to challenge firefighters dealing with fast-moving blazes in other Western states.

Cooler temperatures and lighter wind in Northern

California had allowed crews to make significant progress toward taming a 35,000-acre fire in the Inyo National Forest. The state's largest blaze, sparked by lightning on Friday, was 80 percent contained Tuesday after destroying six homes and closing down trails into a popular wilderness area north of Mount Whitney.

On Sunday, the fire temporarily forced 200 residents of Independence to leave

their homes and closed down a long stretch of Highway 395. Eleven firefighters had suffered minor injuries, U.S. Forest Service spokeswoman Pam Bierce said.

Along the coast, firefighters lost some ground in the Los Padres National Forest as flames there chewed through brittle brush and trees unburned in four decades. The 9,500-acre fire, which was 30 percent contained, threatened more than

20 unoccupied cabins in Zaca Lake Retreat and the historic Manzana Schoolhouse.

Firefighters in Nevada faced another day of triple-digit temperatures, choking smoke and difficult terrain Monday as they confronted lightning-sparked wildland fires that blackened more than 245 square miles across northern Nevada but spared dozens of homes.

A 20,500-acre fire burned into the back yards of a residential area of Winnemucca, about 170 miles east of Reno, but stopped short of

the houses. An electrical substation and a handful of outbuildings were destroyed.

Weather was cool and cloudy today in the southwest corner of South Dakota and crews expected to make significant progress on a wildfire near Hot Springs that killed a homeowner and destroyed 30 houses. The blaze had covered an additional 900 or so acres since late Monday, bringing the total to more than 15 square miles or 9,888 acres. It was 20 percent contained this morning.

## Record

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block of Harlem, the 1100 block of Sandlewood, on two occasions at an unreported location, the intersection of Somerville and Francis streets, the 100 block of South Wynne, the 900 block of South Banks, the 900 block of South Wells, the 200 block of East Brown, on two occasions in the 600 block of Lowry, the 500 block of North Dwight, the 400 block of Perry and the 2200 block of North Sumner.

Agency assistance was rendered in the 1900 block of North Sumner.

Warrant service was attempted on one occasion and resulted in at least one arrest.

Welfare checks were made in the 1200 block of North Hobart and the 400 block of North Perry.

Civil matters were reported in the 400 block of Doyle, the 800 block of North Somerville and the 600 block of East Foster.

Suspicious person calls were received from the 1000 block of North Frost, the intersection of Francis and Wynne streets and the 400 block of North Wynne.

A silent/abusive 911 call was received from the 1200 block of North Wells.

Violation of a city ordinance was reported in the 300 block of Miami, the 1000 block of Duncan and the 2800 block of Rosewood.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 2100 block of North Faulkner.

Criminal mischief was reported at Pampa Mall, 2545 Perryton Parkway. A front plate glass window valued at \$500 was broken.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1800 block of Dogwood. Several holes in a window of a house were made by a BB gun. Estimated cost of damage is unknown.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1500 block of North Wells. The incident occurred in the 1100 block of Sirroco. A fire was slashed. Estimated cost of damage is unknown.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 2600 block of Chestnut and the 1000 block of South Sumner.

A threat was reported in the 1800 block of North Banks.

Assault was reported in the police department lobby. The incident occurred in the 700 block of East 14th. Minor injuries which did not require medical attention were reported.

Theft was reported in the police department lobby. The incident occurred in the 1000 block of North Sumner. A four-month-old pit bull valued at \$500 was taken.

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

Monday, July 9  
Anthony Gamble, 36, of Pampa was arrested in the 1400 block of West Somerville by Pampa Police Department for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

Josue Rodriguez, 26, of Pampa was arrested in the 1300 block of North Hobart by PPD for no driver's license, possession of more than two ounces but less than four ounces of marijuana and a capias pro fine for open container.

Daniel James Sears, 29, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO on a probation violation for possession of a controlled substance.

Natacha Alvarez, 34, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO on a probation vio-

lation for securing/executing a document by deception.

Angela Diann Brown, 36, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO on a warrant for possession of drug paraphernalia.

Anthony Devain Baston, 18, of Pampa was arrested in the 400 block of West Foster by PPD for a terroristic threat.

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

Monday, July 9  
2:59 p.m. — A mobile ICI responded to Northwest Texas Hospital and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

3:29 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 200 block of Tignor. No transport.

3:57 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient to the 1000 block of Huff.

5:29 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2200 block of Duncan and transported a patient to PRMC.

11:34 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient to N.W.T.H.

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

Monday, July 9  
3:30 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 200 block of Tignor on a call for medical assistance.

5:43 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 2200 block of Duncan on a call for lifting assistance.

In a story about Bowl over Cancer that ran in Sunday's paper, the price for bowling was listed incorrectly. The price to bowl is \$10 for two games, including shoes. This event takes place

## Water

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the water authority from the past spring's legislative session.

The CRMWA board will

meet beginning at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at their offices near Sanford Dam.

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## Elections

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said the Pampa school system had not had an election for three years. He said they'd had four elections in the last 11 years.

"Not a lot of people want to run for school board," he said.

Spending more than \$10,000 a year for an election administrator, McVey said, did not seem to be a fair deal for the school system. He suggested lowering the amount that each group would be required to pay up front and letting those entities having elections in a particular year pay the difference.

The smaller towns and school systems said their concern, too, was cost.

Mike Young, the mayor of Lefors, said his city has only two employees and the city sometimes has to borrow money to meet the payroll.

"When you're small," said Clay Montgomery, superintendent of Lefors schools, "every dollar counts."

In the past, Winborne said the county had not charged for use of the voting machines, but those machines will

eventually have to be replaced and the county will need to begin setting aside money for those replacements.

Horst said that the software used for the elections would also have to be updated periodically.

"I'm not trying to be hard-nosed about it," Winborne said, but she reiterated that there are costs involved in holding elections.

"We know that every November, we're going to have an election," she said.

In the next 12 months, she said there will be more than the usual number of elections. There will be one in November for a state constitutional amendment, there will be the Presidential primaries for each party and possibly runoff elections in March, there will be city elections in May and the Presidential election in November, 2008.

"A lot of work is involved," Winborne said.

Gray County Commissioner Gary Willoughby said the county commissioners court had explored the idea of adding one more position to the county clerk's office and possibly to the tax assessor's office, but those offices

would still be stretched to meet the demands of the election process.

The consensus of opinion was that everyone would pay for the rising costs of elections and the cost of the state-mandated voting machines. The question was how much?

"The real blame goes to the Legislature," Willoughby said, "and their unfunded mandates."

While the original proposal was that an election administrator would be responsible to a board consisting of the taxing entities funding the office, Willoughby said he would rather have the election administrator directly responsible to an elected body like the Gray County Commission.

Horst suggested spreading the cost throughout the county and having the county increase property taxes to cover the cost of the administrator. He said the increase should be negligible.

This method would allow other funds from the county clerk's and tax assessor's office to be used, cutting the budget of administrator's office.

Winborne said she would present the proposal to the county commissioners at their next session July 16.

## Briefs

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horizon.  
The board will again review progress on a Web site and a logo.

They will consider participation in a newcomers and visitors guide for the city.

They will also review the budget and hear from the board's treasurer.

The Pampa Economic Development Corp. meets at 11 a.m. Thursday in the Nona Payne Room of the Pampa Community Building, 200 N. Ballard.

### Lake Meredith to install park superintendent

FRITCH — The public is invited to join Lake Meredith National Recreation Area and Alibates Flint Quarries National Monument for the installation of Cindy Ott-Jones as park

superintendent.

The ceremony will be held at 1 p.m. July 19 at the Alibates Visitor Contact Station. Intermountain Deputy Regional Director Tony Schetzle will lead the installation ceremony.

"This event is a great opportunity for the public to meet and greet Ms. Ott-Jones," said park Administrative Officer Rose Pollard. A reception and open house will follow the installation.

For more information, contact park headquarters at 806-857-3151.

## Award

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Circulation numbers, however, do not count in the Special Sections categories. Other winners in the Blue Moon Special Sections category were Amarillo Globe-News, first; Midland Reporter-Telegram, second; Pampa

third; and Lufkin Daily News, fourth.

The judge's comment on the Wildfires section was, "Very well done, everything was so vivid. Appreciate that you made it a fundraiser."

The Pampa News sold the commemorative magazines and donated a portion of the proceeds to area volunteer fire departments.

The Wildfires magazine chronicled the devastating fires that consumed the

area in March 2006. The 24-page, full color publication had no advertising.

The awards were announced June 23 at the 128th Summer Convention of the TPA in San Antonio.

Members of the Arkansas Press Association served as judges for this year's contest.

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# Viewpoints

## The importance of getting proper beauty rest

Why is it that I need a little less time for sleeping these days, but I still find myself with more to do and less time for leisure than in the past?

I understood that each advance in labor-saving devices would theoretically free up more of my time for other things. That may be true, but there must be more of those other things demanding my attention than in the past.

I think two of the biggest culprits in the time-eating and leisure-losing category are computers and cell phones. They succeed televisions as the newest technological wonders in many

homes. These latest devices enable us to maintain contact with others and access information from around the globe with a speed and ease which would flabbergast our forebears.

Yet they also come with a price. There always seems to be a downside, and I think one downside to these gadgets is that we can never truly get away from it all anymore.

Access to the Internet is portable, as is telephoning capability, and many people seem to build a dependence on those things and would never dream of being without them even for a little

while. I have been in stores, restaurants and even courtrooms where various ring tones would sound. I have seen people with laptops in each of these places, too.

**Marilyn Powers**

Staff Writer

I wouldn't give up either my computer or my cell phone, because both are useful and can make life easier. But I do my best not to become enslaved to either one.

I especially value being able to be in contact with loved ones, and for that rea-

son check my e-mail often and keep my cell phone with me.

But I don't think it's polite or necessary to talk on the phone while being checked

out at a store, or eating in a restaurant, or while trying to interview someone, unless of course it is an emergency. By emergency, I mean how one woman I know once defined it: Blood on the floor.

My computer is a way to access information, keep in contact with those close to

me, and get my work done. It is not and should not be my main focus. I know some people who spend so much time online, they are regularly sleep-deprived and take time away from other things to sit in front of a monitor.

As with cell phones, computers can narrow our focus to an unhealthy pinpoint while life passes us by. It's wonderful to be able to keep in contact with others, look up information quickly and do everything from buy and sell items to read up on the latest news and weather. But it can become a problem if hours are spent every day in cyberspace if it is not one's occupation.

Televisions still have the power to mesmerize us, too, especially since so many channels offering a vast variety of programming are now available to us. Watchdog agencies exist which devote their time to tracking how many hours of television viewing each of us engages in each day.

There is nothing wrong with television, computers and telephones, and each can be an invaluable tool for maintaining contacts, working and learning.

Just don't forget to live life, too.



## Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, July 10, the 191st day of 2007. There are 174 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 10, 1940, during World War II, the Battle of Britain began as Nazi forces started attacking southern England by air.

On this date:

In 1850, Vice President Millard Fillmore assumed the presidency, taking the oath of office following the death of President Zachary Taylor.

In 1890, Wyoming became the 44th state.

In 1919, President Woodrow Wilson personally delivered the Treaty of Versailles to the Senate, and urged its ratification.

In 1925, the official news agency of the Soviet Union, TASS, was established.

In 1943, during World War II, U.S. and British forces invaded Sicily.

In 1951, armistice talks aimed at ending the Korean conflict began at Kaesong.

In 1962, the Telstar communications satellite was launched from Cape Canaveral, Fla.

In 1973, the Bahamas became fully independent after three centuries of British colonial rule.

In 1985, bowing to pressure from irate customers, the Coca-Cola Co. said it would resume selling old-formula Coke, while continuing to sell New Coke.

In 1991, Boris N. Yeltsin took the oath of office as the first elected president of the Russian republic.

Ten years ago: President Bill Clinton, visiting Poland, told cheering Poles in Warsaw that "never again will your fate be decided by others" following his successful drive to bring Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic into NATO by 1999. Scientists in London said DNA from a Neanderthal skeleton supported a theory that all humanity descended from an "African Eve" 100,000 to 200,000 years ago.

Five years ago: A unified Senate approved harsh new penalties for corporate fraud and document-shredding as part of an accounting oversight bill. The House approved, 310-113, a measure to allow airline pilots to carry guns in the cockpit to defend their planes against terrorists. (President George W. Bush later signed the measure into law.)

One year ago: A Manhattan town house was leveled by an explosion; authorities say a suicidal doctor set off the blast to avoid selling it in a divorce settlement. (The doctor, Nicholas Bartha, died five days later.) A section of ceiling in Boston's Big Dig tunnel collapsed, killing a car passenger.

A Pakistani passenger plane crashed, killing all 45 people on board. Chechen rebel leader Shamil Basayev was killed when a dynamite-laden truck in his convoy exploded.

Today's Birthdays: Eunice Kennedy Shriver is 86.

## 'Statesmen think they make history; but history makes itself and drags the statesmen along.'

— Will Rogers  
American humorist  
(1879-1935)



## Things aren't always so personal ...

Back in the late 1960s, during graduate study at UCLA, I had a casual conversation with Professor Armen Alchian, one of my tenacious mentors. Professor Alchian is among the top 20th-century contributors to economic knowledge. During our graduate student/faculty coffee hour conversation, I was trying to impress Professor Alchian with my knowledge of type I and type II statistical errors.

I told him that my wife assumes that everybody is her friend until they prove differently. While such an assumption maximizes the number of friends that she will have, it also maximizes her chances of being betrayed. Unlike my wife, my assumption is everyone is my enemy until they prove they're a friend. That assumption minimizes my number of friends but minimizes the chances of betray-

al. Professor Alchian, donning a mischievous smile, asked, "Williams, have you considered a third alternative, namely, that people don't give a damn about you one way or another?" Initially, I felt a bit insulted, and our conversation didn't go much further.

That was typical of Professor Alchian—to say something profound and maybe controversial, without much comment, and let you think about it.

During the earlier years of my professional career, I gave Professor Alchian's question considerable thought and concluded that he was right. The most reliable assumption, in terms of the conduct of one's life, is

to assume that generally people don't care about you one way or another. It's a mistake to assume everyone is a friend or everyone is an enemy, or people are out to help you, or people are out to hurt you.

Let's do a thought experiment applying this to issues of race. Listening to some people, one might think that white people are engaged in an ongoing secret conspiracy to undermine the welfare of black people. Evidence for those people is the large numbers of black men in prison, low black academic achievement and poverty. For some, racism is the root cause of the high black illegitimacy rate and family breakdown.

Are white people

obsessed with and engaged in a conspiracy against black people? I'm guessing no, and here's an experiment. Walk up to the average white person and ask: How many minutes today have you been thinking about a black person? If the person wasn't a Klansman or a gushing go-gooder, his answer would probably be zero minutes. If you asked him whether he's a part of a conspiracy to undermine the welfare of black people, he'd probably look at you as if you were crazy.

By the same token, if you asked me: "Williams, how many minutes today have you been thinking about white people?" I'd probably say, "You'd have to break the time interval down into smaller units, like nanoseconds, for me to give an accurate answer." Because peo-

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## Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

■ July 1  
Houston Chronicle on terrorists and the West:

Gordon Brown began his tenure as Britain's prime minister under siege from terrorists he suggested were connected to al-Qaida. Reacting to one attack and two attempts in two days, he struck the right note by warning that a long terrorist campaign was likely but vowing that Britain would not be intimidated or have its way of life undermined.

So far he has been right. As police arrested two suspects and hunted for more, residents of the United Kingdom Sunday attended without incident a much-publicized concert for the late

Princess Diana and the tennis matches at Wimbledon.

Two terrorists Saturday crashed a Jeep Cherokee into the terminal of the Glasgow Airport and set it ablaze before being arrested. Police Friday foiled two car bombings in London that, had they been detonated, would have caused great injury and loss of life.

The attacks on Britain refute the argument that the war in Iraq will keep terrorists from striking the West. Britain, with a large population of immigrants and their often resentful native-born children, is especially vulnerable to al-Qaida recruits living in the U.K. but trained abroad.

Rather than being a distant bulwark against terrorism, Iraq, as U.S. Homeland Security Secretary Michael

Chertoff said, has become "a laboratory for techniques where people experiment with sophisticated forms of explosive devices, and we do get concerned that that will ultimately lead to importing these kinds of techniques to the West."

Lord Stevens, terrorist adviser to the prime minister, said, "Al-Qaida has imported the tactics of Baghdad and Bali to the streets of the U.K."

While Britain's security agencies appeared to be doing their usual thorough job of collecting evidence and identifying terrorist suspects, U.S. officials searched for any connection between the terrorists in Britain and the United States.

If a connection is found, the threat to the United States would be difficult to calculate but certainly great.

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# Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

**DEAR ABBY:** I have a question regarding "Never the Bridesmaid" (5/14). Why "must" a female in a wedding party wear a dress? I stood proudly next to my best friend last year wearing a beautiful suit that I had made (with her blessing) in a color she picked. She made it clear from the time she asked me to stand with her that she had no intention of asking me to wear a dress because she knew it would have made me extremely uncomfortable. While this was easy in the small wedding party, I have also seen women wear pantsuits in other weddings. Not all women wear dresses, Abby. — **D.P. IN VERMONT**

**DEAR D.P.:** You're right. Readers offered other "suit"-able suggestions -- as well as encouraging advice -- to "Never." Read on:

**DEAR ABBY:** My best friend had the same issues as "Never the Bridesmaid." I bought her a beautiful black satin tuxedo jumpsuit with white satin lapels. It was classic and lovely. Ten years later, she still wears it for formal occasions. You can't do that with most bridesmaids' dresses. — **WENDY'S BEST FRIEND**

**DEAR ABBY:** I, too, am uncomfortable in dresses. I didn't even wear one for my own wedding. However, I have never regretted setting my feelings aside, hiding my misery and putting on a dress, hose and shoes to be in two of my best friends' weddings, as well as my brother's. I would like to encourage "Never" to remind herself that it's just a few hours in a lifetime on an occasion that will mean a lot to so many. — **DRESS REGISTER WITH NO REGRETS**

**DEAR ABBY:** There are two occasions when I get into a dress no matter what: weddings and funerals. It's her brother's wedding, and they should not be catering to a bridesmaid. It is an honor to be a part

of someone's wedding, especially a sibling's. She should get over it for one day and wear the dress out of respect for her brother and the occasion. I did it for my best friend. Having to wear a dress you would prefer not to is just part of being a bridesmaid. She should step out of her comfort zone for an hour or two, smile, and help them have the wedding they want. Everyone will be watching the bride anyway. — **JESSICA IN TEXAS**

**DEAR ABBY:** My son was married last month and I could not have been prouder. His older sister is slightly disabled from a birth defect. Her left leg has no muscle and is about a third the size of the normal one. The tendon is short and she walks with a noticeable limp. Her left foot is also a size smaller than the right, and she cannot wear high heels. Because of this she has not worn a dress since she was a little girl. She is also extremely shy. However, when her brother's fiancée invited her to be a bridesmaid she didn't hesitate to accept the honor. Seeing how she put aside her feelings to walk down that long aisle brimming with love for her brother is what made me proud. Please tell "Never" to get over herself. The wedding isn't about her, and she shouldn't insult the couple by asking if she can do something else. She should choose NOT to be a miserable bridesmaid and bless their day. — **PROUD MOM IN S.F.**

**DEAR ABBY:** My wedding was 20 years ago, and my husband's sister (who also didn't like dresses) was part of my wedding. She was not thrilled at the thought of wearing a bridesmaid's dress but wore one anyway because she loved her brother (and me). She passed away last September, and we treasure the memory we have of our sister not only in our hearts, but also in our wedding album. — **MISSING MY BRIDESMAID**

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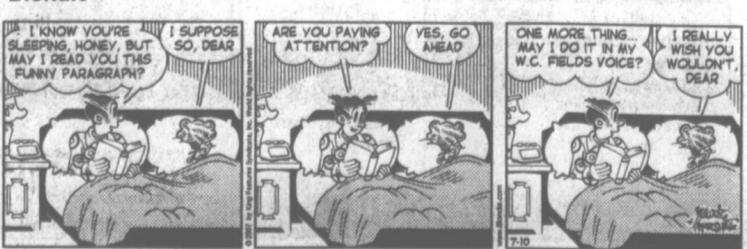
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## Crossword Puzzle

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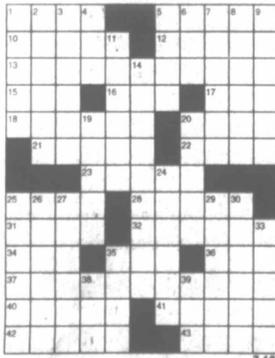
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# Sports Day

## 9-10 year old All Stars back in action tonight

The Pampa Optimist 9-10 year old All Stars are still in Seminole, where they went through an emotional roller coaster of a weekend. After winning the opening game against Seminole, Pampa was defeated by Plainview and sent into the losers bracket. The team is now working their way through the losers bracket, well on their way to

state tournament success. Hoping to live up to this past weekend's 7-5 victory against Seminole, the Pampa All Stars will face Seminole once again tonight at 6 p.m. If Pampa wins their rematch with Seminole, they will advance to play Plainview at 8 p.m. tonight. The winner of that game will automatically qualify

for the Regional Tournament being hosted this year by North Randall County in Amarillo. Also, yesterday, it was incorrectly noted that the 15 year old All Stars would play their first game in Plainview at 5 p.m. Saturday. The game will actually begin at 2:30 p.m. Saturday.

## Hidden Hills to host Kiwanis Club Golf tourney this weekend

This Saturday, Hidden Hills public golf course will host the 7th Annual Downtown Pampa Kiwanis Club Golf Tournament. Prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in each flight, special prizes for longest drive, straightest drive and closest to the hole, and several door prizes and drawings will be given away. The fee to play is \$40 per person, or \$160 per 4-man team.

This fee includes green fees, carts and lunch, as well as entries into the door prizes and drawings. Only one person per team may enter with an 8 handicap or below per team. Teams will be flighted according to handicap prior to play by David Teichmann, Hidden Hills Golf Pro. All players must be at least 18 years of age or out of High School. Check-in time is Saturday

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## Bonds the center of attention just the way he likes it

By JANIE McCAULEY  
AP Sports Writer

Barry Bonds loves being the center of attention so much that he joked he might drag his home run chase all the way into next year. "I'm not quitting, so I might make you wait 'til next year," Bonds said to the swarm around him. "You know I'm drama, so why not make it more drama?" And boy was he ever Monday, when all eyes were on No. 25 as the All-Star festivities came to his town. Bonds has 751 homers, four short of matching Hank Aaron's record — so it's hardly likely his pursuit will last until 2008. For now, he simply doesn't care whether commissioner Bud Selig is around to see the record fall. Selig still hasn't said whether he plans to be in the ballpark when and if Bonds hits No. 756. Selig's indecision has drawn a lot of criticism. Oddly, he finds himself with an unusual ally on the topic — Bonds. "Does it matter to me? I think it's just terrible the way it's gone down, that's all," the San Francisco slugger said a day before Tuesday's All-Star game. "That's up to Bud, it's not up to me. I'm going to do my thing anyway. I have to go out and play for my teammates. That's up to Bud. Bud is his own man. And I respect him. Whether Bud

shows up or doesn't show up, I'm going to still play baseball that day," he said. The Hammer has made it clear that he won't attend the milestone and Bonds doesn't blame him. "No one can determine when that's going to happen, and Hank has a life, too," Bonds said. "You could go weeks. You expect this man to just travel all over this continent for weeks?" "It's just not fair to him. That's just all it's about. If you can predict what you're going to do and he can get there and like OK, bam, it's going to be this day and this time, that's a different scenario." "Hank's a great ballplayer. He's the home run king. He will always be the home run king in our hearts. We respect him. We love him. Hank, if you want to stay home, stay home, brother," he said. Bonds hit seven home runs in six rounds of batting practice Monday afternoon, splashing one into McCovey Cove beyond the right-field fence — where the boats already were out in force for the festivities. Bonds opted to skip Monday night's Home Run Derby. After Bonds finished hitting, a public-service announcement appeared on the center-field scoreboard and the audio was broadcast

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## Former NASCAR publicist sentenced on child sex charges

GREENSBORO, N.C. (AP) — A former NASCAR publicist pleaded guilty Monday to several charges, including statutory rape and taking indecent liberties with a child, for his relationship with a young girl. Richard Norman "Chip" Williams, 50, of Mooresville, already is serving a 26-year prison sentence on federal charges that he had a sexual relationship with a girl who was 11 years old when they met online in 2002. Williams pleaded guilty Monday to two counts of first-degree sexual offense, one count of statutory rape and three counts of taking indecent liberties with a child, authorities said. He was sentenced to between 20 years and 24 years and nine months, to run concurrently with the federal sentence. Williams

will get credit for nearly a year he spent in the Guilford County jail. The federal charges involved an incident in February 2003, when he had sex with the girl at the Guilford Courthouse National Military Park. A sting managed by the Guilford County Sheriff's Office resulted in his arrest in January 2006. Prosecutors charged Williams with using a computer to entice a child into sexual activity, coercing a minor into sexual activity for the purpose of making pornography and having sex with a minor. Williams is a former publicist for NASCAR's top series. Before his arrest, he and his wife co-owned a public relations firm that represented several NASCAR drivers.



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# Steegmans leads 1-2 Belgian finish in his home country

GHENT, Belgium (AP) — Gert Steegmans won the second stage of the Tour de France on Monday with an inspirational victory in his home country, avoiding a late crash that slowed many riders and left them with scrapes and bruises. Steegmans led a 1-2 Belgian finish in winning a Tour stage for the first time. He covered the 105-mile course on rain-drenched roads from Dunkirk, France, to Ghent in 3 hours, 48 minutes, 22 seconds. Switzerland's Fabian Cancellara kept the leader's yellow jersey.

"What an explosion of emotion it was after the finish," Steegmans said. "It was really important for the team. You could feel this enormous pressure, because we're a Belgian team." QuickStep teammate Tom Boonen of Belgium was second, followed by Filippo Pozzato of Italy after a sprint among a group of breakaway riders. "I think it was a perfect picture, the two of us next to each other," Steegmans said. He added the victory could help rebuild spirits at QuickStep, a team under pressure amid speculation

about doping. "There was a big attack from one newspaper on our team," Steegmans said. "It was a hard time for us — especially when you take a train, people see you as a gang member and not as a team rider." Cycling's credibility was sent reeling last year because of doping. Floyd Landis, the 2006 Tour champion, tested positive for synthetic testosterone and is awaiting an arbitration panel's decision about whether to uphold the positive test.

# Judge rejects appeal in coach's conviction for offering boy \$25 to bean his disabled teammate

UNIONTOWN, Pa. (AP) — A judge refused to reduce the sentence of a former youth baseball coach convicted of offering a player money to bean a 9-year-old autistic teammate. Mark Downs Jr., 29, had argued in his appeal that his former attorney wasn't effective. But Fayette County Judge Ralph Warman ruled Monday that Downs' arguments were without merit.

He let stand Downs' one- to six-year prison sentence imposed last year. Downs was convicted of corruption of minors and simple assault for offering \$25 to an 8-year-old boy to hit his mildly autistic teammate with a ball while warming up before a June 2005 playoff game. The younger boy testified at trial that, on Downs' instructions, he purposely threw a ball that hit

his teammate in the groin, then threw another that hit him in the ear. Prosecutors said Downs didn't tell the boy in the game because he didn't play as well as his teammates. League rules require each player to play at least three innings. Downs remains free on bond while he continues an appeal to the Pennsylvania Superior Court.

# Bonds

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over the stadium sound system. "Sports are great for kids," it said. "Steroids aren't."

Revered in his own ballpark, Bonds is usually booed on the road, with fans suggesting his accomplishments are tainted because of steroids allegations.

The 42-year-old Bonds will start in left field Tuesday night. He earned the spot in fan voting and it was his 14th All-Star selection and first in three years.

Asked what the key has been to his success at his age, Bonds stayed to the point: "Talent. I have it. I've always had it. I feel good, and I feel happy."

As Bonds spoke, he held a personal tape recorder in his left hand to post the session on his Web site, www.barrybonds.com.

Bonds had a big bash with hip-hop mogul Jay-Z planned for Monday night regardless of whether he'd been picked for the game.

Bonds spent much of the day socializing and signing autographs, wasting no time giving a surprise bear hug from behind to Jim Leyland, Bonds' first skipper in Pittsburgh. The seven-time NL MVP also signed one of his jerseys worn by 8-year-old Darren Baker, son of former

Giants manager Dusty Baker.

"It's a dream. You dream about going to a World Series," Bonds said. "I had that opportunity and unfortunately we lost. I've seen All-Star games in everyone else's city. To be able to have it in your own city is great. I want a ring and to win, but if it doesn't happen I've had the opportunity to experience it. Then I've had the opportunity to experience this at home."

"I've pretty much had the opportunity to experience almost everything you can actually experience in the game of baseball. And I've also had the opportunity to experience it with one of the greatest baseball players to ever live in Willie Mays, and I had to be with him my entire life. I've lived a dream my whole entire life regardless of what anybody says."

Bonds has been hitting about one homer a week recently after connecting for 11 homers by early May. He has 17 this year and only six since getting his 745th off the Mets' Tom Glavine on May 8. Bonds has drawn 91 walks, with 30 intentional free passes.

"I'm going to answer this question even though it hasn't been asked: I will not intentionally walk Barry Bonds in the All-Star game," Leyland said.

NL manager Tony La Russa of the World Series champion St. Louis Cardinals will bat Bonds in

the second spot, rather than his usual cleanup slot.

"I let him know, as I mentioned, you know, damage in that second spot is something that I've always thought made sense," La Russa said.

Bonds was jeered in St. Louis, as he is in opposing ballparks. Fans often hold up signs reading "CHEATER" or "Barroid" or placards showing an asterisk.

"I'm not treated bad on the road," he said. "My thing is that I feel disappointed in some of those fans that were influenced by a third-party judgment and have not (taken) the opportunity just to know me."

"People in San Francisco know me. The fans here know me. Fans outside the city only get to see me three days. To judge me based on a third party, that is what disappoints me ... when actually I've done nothing wrong to you," he said.

Some of Bonds' All-Star colleagues took time Monday to defend him.

"I don't think it's fair," Minnesota outfielder Torii Hunter said. "He hasn't been found guilty of anything. If you find something on him, then I'll be right there with you guys. But you haven't found anything. Hank Aaron should be there. Bud Selig should be there. This is big. They should celebrate it."

# Beckham comes to America, where he should sell better than soccer

By TIM DAHLBERG  
AP Sports Columnist

The English have been gaga over him for years, for reasons not yet fully understood on this side of the pond. The short version is that David Beckham, along with being the master of many hairstyles, has a special talent for kicking a stationary soccer ball just where he wants it.

That's big stuff in England, a country that has about as many sports heroes as there are sunny days at Wimbledon. Ordinarily, though, it might not cause much of a buzz among the beautiful people of Tinseltown, most of whom think showing a yellow card is something their maid must do if she wants to work for them.

But the beautiful people are nothing if not adaptable, especially when it comes to their own. Who would have thought just a few months ago that they would have

cared so much about what happened to poor Paris Hilton?

Beckham, you will soon find out, is nothing if not a beautiful person. He's got a beautiful head of hair, a beautiful wife, and a beautiful \$22 million home in Beverly Hills.

Among his neighbors are his beautiful best friends, Tom and Katie.

He's also got a beaut of a contract and endorsements that will pay him untold millions to play for the Los Angeles Galaxy, a minor league soccer team of sorts that plays in a league that is major in name only.

Beckham begins earning that contract on Friday when he makes an appearance at the Galaxy's home field, and the perfect media storm begins to brew. A few days later, his wife's trip to America will get more prime-time television coverage than the Beatles did when they first came over.

If you thought A-Rod's wife craved attention, just wait until NBC airs the hour-long special "Victoria Beckham: Coming to America," the chronicle of a rich and famous wife who gives up her rich and famous life in London to live a rich and famous life in Beverly Hills.

The former — and future — Posh Spice will be shown doing things most soccer moms do, like developing her signature line of clothing, sunglasses and perfume.

But that's merely the beginning.

On July 21, ESPN will wave the pompoms for three hours cheering Beckham's arrival in a show that will include everything except a concert by the Spice Girls. Adidas will run constant commercials featuring Beckham and Reggie Bush, and Motorola will pay him millions to sell phones.

Americans, whose willingness to fall for hype has

never been overestimated, will undoubtedly be entranced by it all.

And then Beckham will actually play a game.

Soccer moms will swoon, and gather the kids around the TV. They'll have plenty of angles to look at since ESPN is using 19 cameras for the exhibition match against Chelsea, including one that will be trained on the master himself the entire game.

If all goes well, someone might score a goal. If things really go well, Beckham will score a goal.

Everyone will race out to buy season tickets, and set their TiVo for a season pass of Major League Soccer.

Or not. Sure, sports and celebrity may seem like a great mix. But soccer and Americans just aren't.

We've seen it before, albeit on a smaller scale, when Pele came to the United States in the 1970s to

make soccer as popular as the Ford Pinto. It didn't work then, and it didn't work in 1999 when the Brandi Chastain and the U.S. national team were hailed as saviors of the game only to see their attempt at a professional league flop miserably.

Speaking of which, has anyone seen the millions of little girls who were supposed to be converted into soccer fans by that World Cup win recently? They're mostly grown women by now, so they shouldn't be hard to miss.

And how about the tens of millions of boys and girls who played soccer growing up? If they're like most kids I know, they gave it up just as quickly as they could for other sports once their parents gave them a choice.

Beckham isn't going to change that, no matter how much ESPN, Adidas and Motorola try. Americans may be fascinated by beautiful people, but for the most

part they're bored by a game where one goal is cause for celebration and is often played so defensively that even open shots are a rarity.

People will tune in at first because they're curious, and because Beckham will be marketed as much as the iPhone. They might even buy a few tickets to get a glimpse of his hair or to see if he can really bend it like they say.

But will they be on hand to watch the Colorado Rapids play to a 0-0 tie with the Columbus Crew?

Maybe, but don't bet on it. Because, in the end, they're still likely to find soccer about as enticing as the newest Spice Girls album.

Tim Dahlberg is a national sports columnist for The Associated Press. Write to him at [tdahlbergap.org](mailto:tdahlbergap.org).

# The Pampa News Classifieds

**NOTICE OF SALE STATE OF TEXAS GRAY COUNTY BY VIRTUE OF TAX WARRANTS DATED MAY 2, 2007**  
and issued pursuant to tax warrant(s) of the District Court of Gray County, Texas, by the Clerk of said Court on said date, in the hereinafter numbered and styled suit(s) and to me directed and delivered as Sheriff of said County, I have on the 2nd day of May, 2007, seized, levied upon, and will, on the first Tuesday in August, 2007, the same being the 7th day of said month, at the West Door of the Courthouse of said County, in the City of Pampa, Texas, between the hours of 10 o'clock a.m. and 4 o'clock p.m. on said day, beginning at 10) A.M., proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder all the right, title, and interest of the defendants in such suit(s) and in real to the following described real estate levied upon as the property of said defendants, the same lying and being situated in the County of Gray, and the State of Texas, to-wit:

**SUIT NO. STYLE OF SUIT AND**

**PROPERTY DESCRIPTION**

**CITY OF LEFORS PROPERTIES**  
TAX-3084 City of Lefors, et al vs. Leslie Smith, et al  
ITEM 1: Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9, Block 16, Shaw Addition, City of Lefors, Gray County, Texas, as described in Volume 82, page 491; Volume 220, page 241 and in Volume 338, page 173. Deed Records, Gray County, Texas. (Account #15013070016001)  
ITEM 2: Lot 4, Block 7, Blackwell Unit 2, City of Lefors, Gray County, Texas. (Account #15013080013008)

**CITY OF PAMPA PROPERTIES**  
TAX-3085 City of Pampa, et al vs. Tommy R. Carver, Jr., et al  
ITEM 1:  
Tract 1: Lot 1, Block 37, Wilcox Addition, City of Pampa, Gray County, Texas. (Account #11030795037001)

Tract 2: Lot 2, Block 37, Wilcox Addition, City of Pampa, Gray County, Texas. (Account #11030795037002)  
Tract 3: Lots 3 and 4, Block 37, Wilcox Addition, City of Pampa, Gray County, Texas. (Account #11030795037003)  
ITEM 2:  
Lot 3, Block 13, North Addition, City of Pampa, Gray County, Texas. (Account #11030795040047)  
ITEM 4:  
Lot 32, Block 16, Wilcox Addition, City of Pampa, Gray County, Texas. (Account #11030795011000)  
Tract 1: West 122.5 feet of Lot 11, Block 1, Moreland Subdivision, City of Pampa, Gray County, Texas. (Account #1103051500101100)  
Tract 2: West 122.5 feet of Lot 12, Block 1, Moreland Subdivision, City of Pampa, Gray County, Texas. (Account #11030795010003)  
ITEM 5:  
Tract 3: West 122.5 feet of Lot 13, Block 1, Moreland Subdivision, City of

Pampa, Gray County, Texas. (Account #11030515001013)  
ITEM 6:  
East 50' of Lots 1-2, Block 3, Crawford Addition, City of Pampa, Gray County, Texas. (Account #11030190003701)  
ITEM 7:  
Lot 179, TrA1A and the East 66 feet of P-1, Suburbs Addition, City of Pampa, Gray County, Texas. (Account #11030720179010101)  
ITEM 8:  
Lots 47 and 48, Block 40, Wilcox Addition, City of Pampa, Gray County, Texas. (Account #11030795040047)  
ITEM 9:  
Tract 1: Lot 3, Block 2, Prairie Village, City of Pampa, Gray County, Texas. (Account #11030595002003)  
Tract 2: Lots 21-22, Block 3, Cohen Addition, City of Pampa, Gray County, Texas. (Account #11030545003021)  
ITEM 10:  
Lots 3 and 4, Block 10, Wilcox Addition, City of Pampa, Gray County, Texas. (Account #11030795010003)  
ITEM 11:  
Tract 1: Lot 10, Block 4, Ward Addition, City of

Pampa, Gray County, Texas. (Account #11030780004010)  
ITEM 17:  
Tract 2: Lot 11, Block 4, Ward Addition, City of Pampa, Gray County, Texas. (Account #11030780004011)  
ITEM 12:  
Lot 2, Block 35, Talley Addition, City of Pampa, Gray County, Texas. (Account #11030730035002)  
ITEM 13:  
Tract 1: Lot 9, Block 2, Cohen Addition, 2nd Filing, City of Pampa, Gray County, Texas. (Account #11030150002031)  
Tract 2: Lots 29-30, Block 2, Cohen Addition, 2nd Filing, City of Pampa, Gray County, Texas. (Account #11030150002009)  
Tract 2: Lots 10 and 11, Block 2, Cohen Addition, 2nd Filing, City of Pampa, Gray County, Texas. (Account #11030150002029)  
ITEM 19:  
Lot 4, Block 1, Cohen Addition, 2nd Filing, City of Pampa, Gray County, Texas. (Account #11030705007911)  
ITEM 24:  
Lots 5-6, Block 2, Cohen Addition, 2nd Filing, City of Pampa, Gray County, Texas. (Account #11030150002005)  
ITEM 25:  
Lots 45-46, Block 17, Wilcox Addition, City of Pampa, Gray County, Texas. (Account #11030795017045)  
ITEM 26:  
Tract 1: Lot 11, Block 2, Prairie Village, City of Pampa, Gray County,

City of Pampa, Gray County, Texas. (Account #11030555010912)  
ITEM 17:  
Lot 3, Block 13, Prairie Village, City of Pampa, Gray County, Texas. (Account #11030595013003)  
ITEM 18:  
Tract 1: Lots 31-32, Block 2, Cohen Addition, 2nd Filing, City of Pampa, Gray County, Texas. (Account #11030150002031)  
Tract 2: Lots 29-30, Block 2, Cohen Addition, 2nd Filing, City of Pampa, Gray County, Texas. (Account #11030150002009)  
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ITEM 26:  
Tract 1: Lot 11, Block 2, Prairie Village, City of Pampa, Gray County,

City of Pampa, Gray County, Texas. (Account #11030595002011)  
Tract 2: Lot 9, Block 5, Prairie Village, City of Pampa, Gray County, Texas. (Account #11030595005009)  
ITEM 27:  
Lot 13, Block 2, Prairie Village, City of Pampa, Gray County, Texas. (Account #11030595002013)  
ITEM 28:  
South 48' of Lot 1, Block A, Five Acre Addition, City of Pampa, Gray County, Texas. (Account #11030635001002)  
ITEM 23:  
Tract 1: East 10' of Lot 11 and West 22' of Lot 12, Block 7, Southside Addition, City of Pampa, Gray County, Texas. (Account #11030705007711)  
Tract 2: East 38.5' of West 40' of Lot 11, Block 7, Southside Addition, City of Pampa, Gray County, Texas. (Account #11030515001014) (any volume and page references, unless otherwise indicated, being to the Deed Records, Gray County, Texas to which instruments reference may be made for a more complete description of each respective tract.)  
ITEM 25:  
Lots 45-46, Block 17, Wilcox Addition, City of Pampa, Gray County, Texas. (Account #11030795017045)  
ITEM 26:  
Tract 1: Lot 11, Block 2, Prairie Village, City of Pampa, Gray County,

subject to the right of redemption of the defendants or any person having an interest therein, to redeem the said property, or their interest therein, within the time and in the manner provided by law, and shall be subject to any other and further rights to which the defendants or anyone interested therein may be entitled, under the provisions of law. Said sale to be made by me to satisfy the judgment(s) rendered in the above styled and numbered cause(s), together with interest, penalties, and cost of suit, and the proceeds of said sales to be applied to the satisfaction thereof, and the remainder, if any, to be applied as the law directs.  
Dated at Pampa, Texas, on this 19th day of June, 2007.  
Don Copeland  
Sheriff, Gray County, Texas  
Joe Hoard,  
Deputy  
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FEATURE STORY BOX

# EU backs former finance minister to head IMF

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) — The European Union chose Dominique Strauss-Kahn today as its candidate to head the International Monetary Fund, putting the former French finance minister in line to take the job in October.

Portugal, which leads talks between all 27 EU nations, said Europe would support Strauss-Kahn after Spain's Rodrigo de Rato steps down to spend more time with his family. The IMF board is expected to approve Europe's choice.

"We think he would be an excellent managing director of the IMF," said Portuguese Finance Minister Fernando Teixeira dos Santos, who led talks between euro nations.

Strauss-Kahn, 58, had previously been expected to challenge unsuccessful French presidential candidate Segolene Royal for the leadership of the Socialist party and

turn around the troubled French left.

He said he would now work hard to convince other IMF members that he was the right man for the job.

"The upcoming period should be one of adapting the IMF to the new order created by the globalization of finance," Strauss-Kahn said. "The mission of the fund will have to be redefined, as will the respective places of different partners, notably in giving emerging countries the role they are due."

French Finance Minister Christine Lagarde said Strauss-Kahn's international experience helped him swiftly win support from other EU nations. Germany's Peer Steinbrueck said he was "the best candidate Europe had to offer."

Europe and the United States have divided the top jobs at the two major financial

institutions, with the EU picking the head of the IMF and the U.S. choosing who should lead the World Bank.

British Finance Minister Alistair Darling said it was time for the system to change and the post should still be open to candidates from other parts of the world.

"We think there needs to be an opportunity for all members of the IMF to make their own assessment as to individual candidates ... and then, of course, pick the best candidate for the job," he told reporters.

"We don't believe that the situation whereby it is assumed that there will automatically be a European candidate for the IMF just as there is an American candidate for the World Bank is sustainable in the long term."

He said Britain would have liked more time to select someone although he

described Strauss-Kahn as a "credible" candidate.

Dutch Finance Minister Wouter Bos earlier said it was still an "open race" between Europe and candidates from other parts of the world.

Portugal's Teixeira dos Santos said there was nothing to prevent another candidate from coming forward but that any wider changes should be part of reforms to national voting weights at the IMF and to governance at both the IMF and the World Bank.

Lagarde said questioning how the IMF candidate is selected should also mean challenging the U.S. role in picking the World Bank president. Europeans were unhappy at Paul Wolfowitz' slowness to heed calls to resign from the bank following an ethics scandal.

# Bush's press secretary defends Iraq war policy; urges more patience

WASHINGTON (AP) — A report citing a lack of progress by the Baghdad government is only "a look at the starting line" of the U.S. troop surge and shouldn't be used by critics to demand withdrawal, President Bush's spokesman said today.

"What Congress will get this week is a snapshot of the beginning of the retooling of the mission in Iraq," said Tony Snow, who defended the administration's war policy and argued that it's too soon to be talking about end-game strategies.

"Some of the benchmarks have been made, some of them haven't," he said. Snow confirmed existence of the coming report revealed earlier to The Associated Press by a senior administration official, although the press secretary also described news accounts about it as too gloomy.

"Benchmarks are not a way to figure out how to get out of Iraq," Snow said on CNN. "They're a device for figuring out how to succeed in Iraq."

Sen. Susan Collins, R-Maine, had said on Monday, "What many of us are looking for is a new strategy that would not be a precipitous pullout with all of the problems that would cause, but rather a plan to exit over the next year."

The administration, including Defense Secretary Robert Gates, has stressed a September time frame for a wide-ranging assessment of operational strategy after about 4 1/2 years of battle, and has said such a review would be more appropriate then.

But concern about continued U.S. troop losses, indications of drift within

the government of Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki in Baghdad and declining public support in this country for the war have driven some key Republicans closer to the position of Democrats demanding withdrawal.

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The new report will be released later this week, perhaps Thursday or Friday, at about the same time as the Senate takes up a \$649 billion defense policy bill and votes on a Democratic amendment ordering troop withdrawals to begin in 120 days.

One U.S. official said late Monday that the July report would push the administration to consider its next move. Another senior official, however, said that Bush and his advisers had already decided no change in policy was justified as yet because there was not enough evidence from Iraq.

Whether conditions merited a course shift, such as troop reductions or other

scaling back of U.S. operations, would be decided after the September report, said one official, who spoke on condition of anonymity to talk more freely about internal deliberations.

Snow reinforced that position in his on-camera interviews today.

"There are a lot of discussions about everything," he told NBC's "Today" show. "We're now about two weeks into having the surge operational. What we want to see now is whether the surge is working. We're at the starting point now."

Snow also said that people should pay more attention to assessments about Iraq from U.S. lawmakers who have visited there recently, although he said he would not want to conjecture about what message Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., will bring back from his trip there during the Fourth of July recess.

Sen. Joseph Biden, D-Del., said his Republican colleagues were under great pressure to choose between Bush's Iraq strategy and public opinion against the war.

"They're not going to stick with this failed strategy," he told CBS' "The Early Show."

"How many dead, wounded and disabled are there going to be while they continue to thrust our boys into the middle of a civil war?" Biden said.

Meantime, another Republican senator publicly criticized Bush's policy.

"The president needs a new strategy ... A strategy can't sustain itself unless it has more support in the country and the Congress," Sen. Lamar Alexander, R-Tenn., told CNN Tuesday.

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## Events calendar

- The summer exit level TAKS for 2006-07 upperclassmen will be administered at 9 a.m. at Clarendon College-Pampa Center on the following dates: July 10 (English language arts); Wednesday (math); Thursday (science); Friday (social studies). Passing all four parts of the test is a requirement for high school graduation.
- A Christ-centered support group for cancer survivors and caregivers will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday in the parlor of First United Methodist Church. The group will be hosted by Kevin Taylor and Gloria Willson. For more information, call 669-3544.
- Ogallala Water Gardeners Pond Tour is scheduled from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and from 9-11 p.m. Saturday in Amarillo. The tour is divided into either a daytime or a nighttime tour. Ponds on the tour are at 6300 Sunlake Drive, 105 Rolling Trail, 926 W. Hastings, 119 W. Central, 5206 River Road, 5209 Boyd, 3201 Century, 6310 S. Bowie, 301 Mourning Dove Drive, 8201 Canyon Drive and 3805 Fleetwood. Tickets are available in Amarillo at Coulter Gardens, Fish Pros,

- Panhandle Greenhouses, Uncommon Twists Garden Center, Pride Home Center and Amarillo Botanical Garden.
- First Assembly of God, 500 S. Cuyler, will stage "Breaking Free MEGA Sports Camp" from 6-9 p.m. July 16-20 for children in first through fifth grades. Participants can choose between soccer, basketball and cheerleading. The camp will be conducted at the church. To register or for more information, call 665-5941.
- Texas Panhandle Mental Health Mental Retardation will offer "The Hot Head Cool Down" from 2-4 p.m. July 16-20 for youth 11-14 years of age; and "Dating Smart" from 2-4 p.m. Aug. 1, 3, 8 and 10 for girls 15-16 years of age. Cost of each class is free. "The Hot Head Cool Down" and "Dating Smart" will be presented at the agency's Children's and STAR facility, 1500 S. Taylor, in Amarillo. "Life Choices" will be conducted at DSC Library in Hereford. For more information or to register for the classes, call (806) 359-2005 in Amarillo or (806) 363-7695 in Hereford.

**Williams**  
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ple don't care about you one way or another doesn't mean they wish you good will, ill will or no will.  
If Professor Alchian's vision of how the world works is correct, what are its implications? A major implication is that one's destiny, for the most part, is in his hands. In other words, how you make it in this world, for the most part, depends more on

what you do as opposed to whether people like or dislike you. In order to produce a successful life, one must find ways to please his fellow man. That is, find out what goods and services his fellow man values, and is willing to pay for, and then acquire the necessary skills and education to provide it. Whether your fellow man cares about you or not is largely irrelevant.  
—Walter E. Williams, Ph.D., is the John M. Olin Distinguished Professor of Economics at George Mason University in Fairfax, Va.

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