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Capital improvement funds for recreation outlined

By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer

Of the \$294,000 in capital improvement funds requested by Pampa's Recreation Department for next year, about two-thirds of that is for a splash pad or spray ground.

Shane Stokes, director of the Recreation Department, outlined the department's capital requests for fiscal year 2007-2008 as the Pampa City Commission began working on the city's budget for next year during a work session Tuesday afternoon.

"We have a \$14,000 request for the fabric shade structures," Stokes

said. "That's to continue a project we started this year at Recreation Park."

The fabric is for canvas tops over the bleachers at the softball complex to shelter spectators from the sun and the rain.

"So far," he said, "I've heard nothing but good things about those shades."

He said the city has installed them at Recreation Park, the Skate Park and at the municipal swimming pool.

"People are really liking them," Stokes said.

"The \$14,000 will complete the amount of shelters that we need,"

City Manager John Horst told the commission.

"We need about two more out at Recreation Park to give us the four that we were looking for there," Stokes said.

The Recreation Department is also requesting \$50,000 for a water slide with spray features to add water park-like features to the city's swimming pool. The slide would be a 10- to 14-foot plume slide, a fully enclosed tube with a couple of turns before going into the water.

Stokes also projected spending \$180,000 in the 2008-2009 fiscal

year for an inflatable dome over the pool so it could be used year around. A \$20,000 sprinkler was also put off for the 2008-2009 fiscal year.

"The portable dome was put off," he said. "The sprinkler was pushed back."

But for next year, he is asking for \$200,000 for a splash pad or spray ground next to the pool. The commission had discussed such a project during a work session earlier this year.

"It's basically a 40- by 60-foot

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Swimming fun



Richmond, 19 months, and mom Lindy Howell, from the Houston area, enjoy cooling off at M.K. Brown Swimming Pool recently. They were in Pampa visiting family recently with siblings Churchman and Jalyn.

Dennis Stowers joins EDC board

By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer

Dennis Stowers is a new member of the Pampa Economic Development Corp.

The Pampa City Commission approved his appointment Tuesday afternoon after a closed session.

No action was taken on a financial package by the Pampa Economic Development Corp. previously approved for MXT, LLC, which was also a point of discussion during the executive session.

The commission also approved a change in the city's budget for this fiscal year with regard to Hidden Hills Golf Course. Earlier this year, the commission decided to eliminate the use of a mobile home at the golf course that had been used for employee housing because of increasing maintenance costs. Instead, they agreed to increase an employee annual

salary by \$8,000 in lieu of provided housing.

The commission also heard from Pampa Public Works Director Richard Morris during a public hearing on the city's annual Water Quality Report. The report is required by state law.

"It's been about six or seven years where we've had to do this," Morris said.

He said it costs the city about \$4,800 a year to produce the report. It's mailed to utility users and is available at City Hall and on the city's Web site.

"It does contain some information if you're interested in your water," Morris said, "and if what we're doing is very useful to you."

Commissioner Robert Dixon commented that the city is not selling enough water. Water usage needs to increase, he said, but the

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Weeds, mosquitoes still being fought by city work crews

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

Mosquitoes and weeds continue to be the target of a spraying and mowing program by the city of Pampa, according to Public Service Superintendent Kim Lincycomb.

"When the wind and temperature let us, we'll be out there spraying," Lincycomb said. The temperature must be below 85 degrees and wind speed must be less than 10 mph in order to spray, she said.

Mosquito Mist 1 is being used to spray for mosquitoes, and a larvacide is being applied to standing water throughout the city along

Red Deer Creek. Glycophosphate, a chemical herbicide, is being applied to unwanted plants along city right of ways, such as cracked pavement.

"We're still mowing daylight to dark," Lincycomb said. City crews continue mowing city parks to keep grass and weed heights down and thus help control the mosquito population.

Residents should keep their lawns mowed and empty outside containers which have standing water, in order to help decrease the number of mosquitoes. The insects breed in high grass and stagnant water.

Blooming beauty



Many mimosa trees are in bloom around Pampa, like this one in the 1700 block of Fir.

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Thursday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 67. East-southeast wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Friday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high near 78. East wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Friday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 64. East wind between 5 and 15 mph.

Saturday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 85. East wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south.

Saturday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 66. South-southeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

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Officer recommends murder charges against Marine be dismissed

SAN DIEGO (AP) — The government's case against a Marine accused of fatally shooting Iraqi civilians in the town of Haditha lacks sufficient evidence to go to a court-martial and should be dropped, a hearing officer determined.

'The government version is unsupported by independent evidence. To believe the government version of facts is to disregard clear and convincing evidence to the contrary.'

— Lt. Col. Paul Ware

The murder charges were brought against Lance Cpl. Justin L. Sharratt for killing three Iraqi brothers in

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The hearing officer, Lt. Col. Paul Ware, wrote in a report released by the defense Tuesday that those charges were based on unreliable witness accounts, insupportable forensic evidence and questionable legal theories. He also wrote that the case could have dangerous consequences on the battlefield, where soldiers might hesitate during critical moments when facing an enemy.

"The government version is unsupported by independent evidence," Ware wrote in the 18-page report. "To believe the government version of facts is to disregard clear and convincing evidence to the contrary."

Prosecutors allege Sharratt and other members of his battalion carried out a revenge-motivated assault on Iraqi civilians that left 24 dead after a roadside bomb killed a fellow Marine, Lance Cpl. Miguel Terrazas of El Paso, Texas.

Sharratt contends the Iraqi men he confronted were insurgents and at least one was holding an AK-47 rifle when he fired at them.

In addition to Sharratt, two other enlisted men are charged with murder and four officers are accused of failing to investigate the incident — the largest single Iraqi civilian death case of the war. Sharratt's case is the first among the three charged with murder to go to a hearing known as an Article 32 investigation, the military equivalent of a grand jury.

Obituaries

Services tomorrow

WILLSON, James O. "Whip" — Graveside services, 10 a.m., Memory Gardens Cemetery, Pampa.

Betty Lou Krause, 84



Krause

Betty Lou Krause, 84, of Pampa, Texas, died July 10, 2007, at Pampa, Texas. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Krause was born May 5, 1923, in Moline, Kan., the fourth of seven children born to Leroy and Jim Roberta Archer. She was a graduate of Pampa High School. She was a lifelong Methodist and a member of St. Paul United Methodist Church.

She worked for Beech Aircraft in Wichita, Kan., during World War II. She then became busy raising her

family, her favorite job. After her children were grown and her husband passed away, she volunteered for Good Samaritan Christian Services for many years.

She loved pets of many varieties, and especially her last dog "Cappy." She will be greatly missed by her best neighbors and friends, Gerry Caylor and Hilda Duncan. She leaves behind the love and pride of her life, her

She was a beautiful and dynamic person who loved life. She was part of the greatest generation. She was preceded in death by her husband and love of her life, Walter Raleigh Krause, Jr.; and her firstborn son, Chipper; her parents; two brothers; and two sisters.

The family wishes to thank the staff of BSA Hospice of Pampa for their wonderful care and support, especially Sue and Debbie.

Survivors include one daughter, Robin Krause of Houston; two sons, Hans Christopher Krause of Houston and Kurt Allen Krause of Granite Shoals; two grandchildren, Christopher Walter Krause and Austin Chase Krause; one sister, Jeri Culberson of Sugarland; one brother, Jack Archer of Kingman, Kan.; as well as numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

MEMORIALS: BSA Hospice, 800 N. Sumner, Pampa, TX 79065.

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

Denver L. Tucker, 89

Denver L. Tucker, 89, of Pampa, Texas, died, July 9, 2007, at Amarillo, Texas.

Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, July 13, 2007, at Memory Gardens Cemetery with Arvia Willingham, Church of Christ minister, officiating.

Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Tucker was born Nov. 28, 1917, in Wellington. He

had been a resident of Pampa since 1939. He married Crystal Noblett on Oct. 29, 1939, in Pampa. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army Air Corps, serving from 1944-1945.

He was self-employed as a building contractor for 45 years. He was a member of Mary Ellen & Harvester Church of Christ. He was a member of the Perry Lefors Airport Board for two years.

He was a past member of the Pampa Pilots Association.

The love of the Lord and family, as well as flying, were his passions in life.

Survivors include one son, Travis J. Tucker and wife Betty Ann of Houston; six grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife Crystal; a daughter, Willetta Faye Snider; a sister,

Bernadine Middleton; and two brothers, Willie Ray "Bill" Tucker and Edgar Dale Tucker.

MEMORIALS: Mary Ellen & Harvester Church of Christ, 1342 Mary Ellen, Pampa, TX 79065.

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

James O. 'Whip' Willson, 74

James O. "Whip" Willson, 74, of Pampa, Texas, died July 9, 2007, at Pampa, Texas.

Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, July 12, 2007, at Memory Gardens Cemetery with the Rev. Fred Palmer, pastor of the Carpenter's Church, officiating.

Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley 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, especial-

ly 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 Willson, 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.

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

Emergency Services

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

Thirteen traffic stops were made.

Traffic complaints were received from the intersection of 23rd Avenue and Perryton Parkway, the 100 block of West Foster and the intersection of 19th and Hobart streets.

Vehicle accidents were reported in the 1700 block of Beech and the 1500 block of North Banks.

Animal control officers made stops concerning animals in the 200 block of East Brown, the 300 block of North Ward, the 1000 block of South Nelson, the 1200 block of South Hobart, the 100 block of North Sumner, the 1500 block of North Hobart, the 1400 block of Williston, the 1400 block of East Francis, the 400 block of North Perry, the 500 block of North Dwight, the 100 block of North Naida, the 500 block of North Naida, the 700 block of North Christy, the 1300 block of Duncan, the 1100 block of East Foster, the 1900 block of Duncan and the 900 block of East Francis.

Lost property was reported in the police department lobby. A Texas ID card valued at \$25 was lost in the 300 block of West Kingsmill.

A runaway was reported in the 1300 block of North Russell.

A missing person was reported in the 2000 block of Christine.

Agency assistance was rendered on Highway 60 West.

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

Suspicious vehicle calls were received from the 2200 block of North Wells and the 2300 block of North Zimmers.

A prowler was reported in the 700 block of East Murphy and the 900 block of South Osborn.

Violation of a city ordinance was reported in the 600 block of South West and the intersection of Sirroco and North Crest streets.

Criminal mischief was reported in

the 300 block of Tignor. A double-pane window on a house was broken. Estimated cost of damage is \$500.

Harassment was reported in the 1100 block of Duncan.

Telephone harassment was reported in the police department lobby.

Domestic disturbances were reported in the 900 block of South Wells and the 500 block of North Warren.

Two alarms were reported. Forgery was reported at Pizza Hut, 1500 N. Banks.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 1100 block of East Harvester. Five pocket knives and several compact discs were taken. Estimated value of loss is \$100.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 600 block of Bradley Drive. The right rear window of the vehicle was broken out and a purse and contents were taken. Estimated value of damage and loss is \$100.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 700 block of East 15th. A purse and contents were taken. Estimated value of loss is \$20.

Burglary was reported in the 500 block of West Montagu. An Xbox, 150 DVDs, a PlayStation with two controllers, 30 PlayStation games and a sword were taken. Estimated value of loss is \$860.

Burglary was reported in the 300 block of Tignor, where a front door was kicked in and a dead bolt was broken. Prescription drugs were taken. Estimated value of damage and loss is unknown.

Burglary was reported in the 300 block of North Davis. A computer tower, printer/scanner, modem and Web camera were taken. The rear door of the house was damaged. Estimated value of damage and loss is \$1,855.

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

Tuesday, July 10
 Oaty Don Scott, 31, of Pampa was arrested in the 2700 block of

Rosewood by Pampa Police Department for failure to appear and operating an unregistered motor vehicle.

Josephine Braddock, 37, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO on a bond surrender for possession of a controlled substance in a drug-free zone, enhanced.

Wednesday, July 11

Timothy Clemmons, 29, of Pampa was arrested in the 1100 block of East Kingsmill by PPD for possession of less than two ounces of marijuana, failure to maintain financial responsibility, no vehicle inspection, no valid driver's license, expired vehicle registration and driving while intoxicated, second offense.

Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls for the 24-hour period ending at 9 a.m. today.

Tuesday, July 10

11:07 a.m. — One unit and four personnel responded to the 600 block of Naida on a false alarm.

12:16 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 2000 block of Coffee on a lifting assist.

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

Tuesday, July 10

9:16 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Pampa Regional Medical Center and transferred a patient(s) to BSA Hospital in Amarillo.

9:51 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block of North Wells and transported a patient to PRMC.

11:07 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 600 block of Naida. The call was canceled en route.

1:35 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transferred a patient to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

2:21 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block of North Wells and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

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concrete pad with about 20 play features with water spraying on them," Stokes said. "There's a tipping bucket and water guns and things like that." He said the \$200,000 would cover the cost of the spray ground, but he said he would like to have it next to the pool with a fence around both of them. "We could kind of kill two birds with one stone," Stokes said. "It would allow us to increase the capacity of the number of people we could let into the pool." Stokes said that a lot of the smaller children would go play on the spray ground. "We could use pool lifeguards to watch both things," he said. Horst said that the city was exploring the possibility of getting grants to

help fund the spray ground. City Commissioner Bill Allison asked if the Pampa Economic Development Corp. had been approached. Part of their mandate includes parks and recreation. "I think it's an incredible idea," said Mayor Lonny Robbins. But the mayor said he wanted to see the options before committing himself to many of the budget requests. Stokes also asked for \$30,000 for an equipment storage barn. "That's a continuation," Stokes said. "We had \$10,000 budgeted this year for that project." He said the \$30,000 would be enough to complete the project. In the out years, Stokes projected the need for a \$20,000 lighting system at Recreation Park for volleyball and multipurpose courts for the 2009-2010 budget. For 2010-2011 budget, he projected spending \$30,000 for mowers. For the 2011-2012 budget, he listed the

need for \$30,000 for a tractor. For M.K. Brown Auditorium, Stokes asked for \$20,000 for equipment and fixtures. "There's some tables and doors that we still need to replace," he said. That was the only request for the upcoming year. In the future, Stokes said the auditorium needs about \$35,000 for a partition. He put that in his budget request for 2008-2009, which won't be acted upon until next summer. He is also requesting \$95,000 for 2008-2009 for a fire alarm system. For 2009-2010, he is requesting \$110,000 to make the auditorium compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Stokes said he is also projecting \$80,000 in 2008-2009 and \$85,000 in 2010-2011 to replace aging marquee signs.

Budget deficit dips to \$205 billion

By ANDREW TAYLOR
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The nation's budget deficit will drop to \$205 billion in the fiscal year that ends in September, less than half of what it was at its peak in 2004, according to new White House estimates. It's also a gain over the \$244 billion predicted by President Bush in February, but not as great an improvement as anticipated by other forecasters. Bush planned to discuss the figures in an afternoon appearance as the White House's Office of Management and Budget as part of its midyear update of the budget picture. The deficit last year was \$248 billion and has closed in recent years due to impressive revenue growth from the healthy economy. Bush and Democrats in Congress have both promised to erase the deficit by 2012, though they have greatly divergent views on how to achieve the goal, with Bush and Republicans insisting on extension of his 2001 and 2003 tax cuts when they expire at the end of 2010. The latest figure is in generally in line with expectations, as the early quarters of the 2007 fiscal year that began in October had shown continued revenue improvements. But the pace of such revenue growth has slowed more recently, according to the Congressional Budget Office.

CBO, which makes budget predictions for Congress, has estimated the deficit for the ongoing budget year will range from \$150-200 billion. The deficit peaked at \$413 billion in 2004, though economists say the best way to measure the deficit is in relation to the size of the economy. By that standard, the current deficit, at 1.5 percent of gross domestic product, is the lowest since 2002. Despite the improvements, the deficit picture remains worse than when Bush took office six years ago. Then, both White House and congressional forecasters projected cumulative surpluses of \$5.6 trillion over the subsequent decade. A revenue bubble burst, a recession and the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks adversely affected the books. Several rounds of tax cuts, including Bush's signature \$1.35 trillion 2001 tax cut, also contributed to the return to deficits in 2002 after four years of budget surpluses. "Nothing in the administration's deficit announcement changes the failed fiscal record of President Bush," said Senate Budget Committee Chairman Kent Conrad, D-N.D. "He has increased spending by nearly 50 percent since taking office, while at the same time repeatedly cutting taxes primarily on the wealthiest."

Memphis man dies in rollover

MEMPHIS — A Memphis man was killed Monday morning when his vehicle rolled over 5.5 miles north of Memphis on Farm Road 1547. Luis Esparza, 36, died at the scene, according to Collingsworth Justice of the Peace Rita Henard. Daniel Hawthorne, public information officer for the Department of Public Safety in Clarendon, said the accident occurred at 11:52 a.m. Monday when Esparza, driving a 1999 Chevrolet van, traveling south, ran off the road to the right. He then overcorrected, causing the van slide across the road and overturn in the west barrow ditch. Esparza, who was not wearing a seat belt, was ejected. Hawthorne said troopers are still investigating the cause of the crash.

Small plane crash fatal to 5

By TRAVIS REED
Associated Press Writer

SANFORD, Fla. (AP) — First year law student Janise Joseph-Woodard was supposed to be sitting in her criminal law class. Instead, there was an empty seat when her class met Tuesday night. Florida A&M College professors had to console her classmates after a small plane plowed into her home, killing Joseph-Woodard, 24, her 6-month-old son and three others. "Janise balanced law school, a family and a healthy marriage. And she did it well," classmate Nikeisha Ford said of the mother of two. The twin-engine Cessna crashed into a suburban Orlando subdivision Tuesday morning, spilling aviation fuel that ignited and gutted the two homes it struck. The victims included two aboard the plane: 54-year-old Dr. Bruce Kennedy, a Daytona Beach plastic surgeon and husband of International Speedway Corp. President Lesa France Kennedy, and NASCAR Aviation pilot Michael Klemm, 56. Also killed was a 4-year-old girl, Gabriela Dechat, who lived in a home beside Joseph-Woodard. Her parents, Milagros Dechat, 33, and Peter Dechat, 36, were

seriously injured. A 10-year-old boy who was also in that home was transported to Cincinnati Burn Center with burns over 80 percent to 90 percent of his body, authorities said. His name has not been released. The National Transportation Safety Board

will focus its investigation on "man, machine and the environment," NTSB vice chairman Robert Sumwalt said. "We'll be reviewing the aircraft maintenance records and any other records associated with this airplane," he said.

Burglars take Dyer's safe

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

Gray County Sheriff's Office is investigating a burglary that occurred early today at Dyer's Bar-B-Que, on Highway 60 West near its intersection with Price Road. Deputies Dennis Elliott and Steven White were dispatched to the restaurant at 1:51 a.m. today in response to a burglar alarm, according to GCSO Lt. Joe B. Hoard. They found that the two glass front doors of the building were broken out.

When the owner arrived, it was discovered that a floor safe had been taken from the restaurant. The safe contained a large amount of money, Hoard said. "The case is still under investigation, and no arrests have been made," he said. Anyone with information on the incident or who may have seen anything in the vicinity of the restaurant at the time of the incident is asked to call GCSO at 669-8022.

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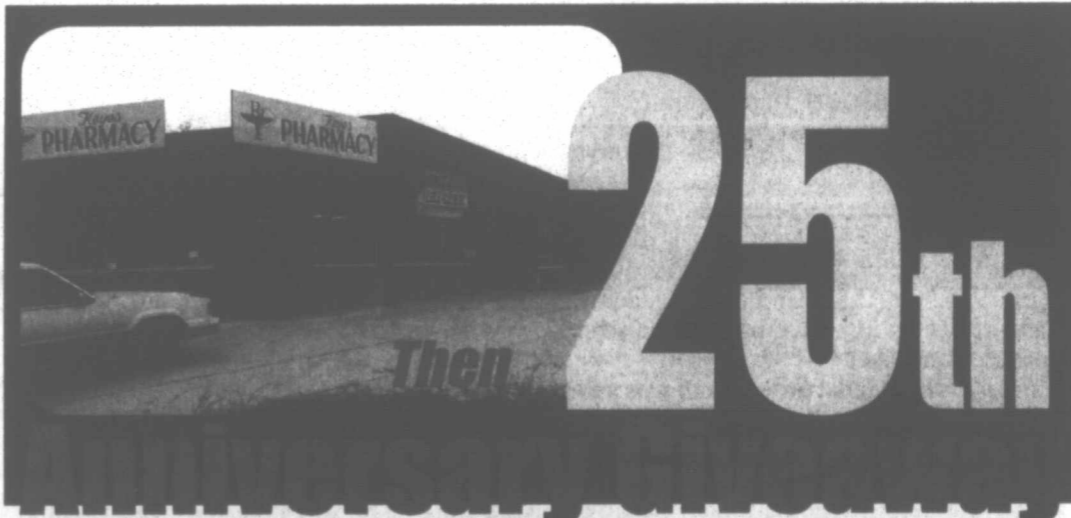
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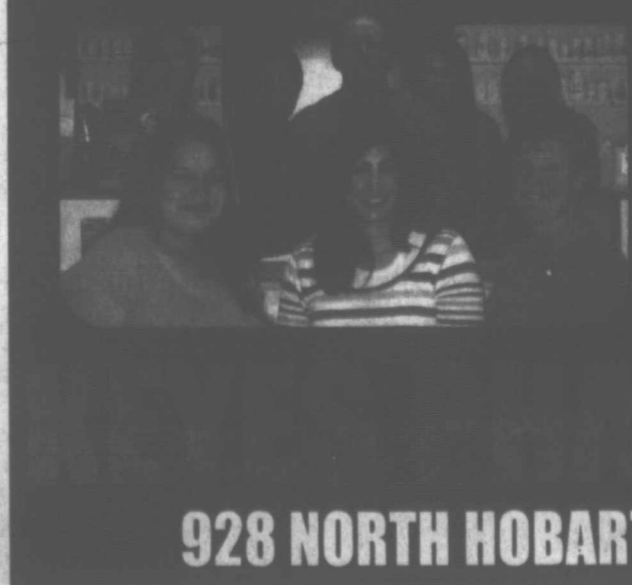
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report lists conservation tips.

Following the commission's meeting, directors of different departments began presenting their requests for capital improvements for the next fiscal year during a commission work session.

Viewpoints

Making sense: Pardon me, Mrs. Clinton, but ...

Anybody who watched presidential spokesman Tony Snow face a pack of snarling White House press corps correspondents following President Bush's commutation of Scooter Libby's prison sentence will understand the meaning of the word hypocrisy.

These are the very same media hacks who turned a blind eye to Clintonista Sandy Berger stuffing national security documents in his socks, stealing them from the National Archives and destroying them and then getting nothing more in the way of punishment than a mere slap on the wrist.

Then there was Hillary Clinton, who had the gall to issue a statement saying, "Today's decision is yet another example that this

Administration simply considers itself above the law. This case arose from the Administration's politicization of national security intelligence and its efforts to punish those who spoke out against its policies. Four years into the Iraq war, Americans are still living with the consequences of this White House's efforts to quell dissent. This commutation sends the clear signal that in this Administration, cronyism and ideology trump competence and justice."

Said Tony Snow: "I don't know what Arkansan is for chutzpah, but this is a gigantic case of it."

Here, after all, is the wife of a president who all but peddled pardons to an assortment of felons and

miscreants including one malodorous fugitive from justice who had renounced his American citizenship.

Doesn't this woman recall that on her husband's last day in the White House he signed 140 pardons and several commutations?

Among the beneficiaries of Clinton's compassion, according to Wikipedia:

•Melvin J. Reynolds, a Democratic Congressman from Illinois, who was convicted of bank fraud, 12 counts of sexual assault, obstruction of justice and solicitation of child pornography. Clinton commuted the

sentence on the bank fraud and Reynolds was allowed to serve the final months under the auspices of a halfway house.

•His half-brother Roger Clinton on drug charges after having served the entire sentence more than a decade earlier.

•Marc Rich, a fugitive who had renounced his U.S. citizenship, was pardoned

for tax evasion charges. Denise Rich, Marc's former wife, was a close friend of the Clintons and had made substantial donations to both Clinton's library and Hillary's Senate campaign. Clinton agreed to a pardon

that required Marc Rich to pay a \$100,000,000 fine before he could return to the United States. According to Paul Volker's independent investigation of the U.N. Oil-for-Food kickback schemes, Rich was a middleman for several suspect Iraqi oil deals involving more than 4 million barrels of oil.

•Carlos A. Vignali, who had his sentence for cocaine trafficking commuted after serving 6 of 15 years in federal prison.

•Almon Gledd Braswell was pardoned for his convictions for perjury and mail fraud, even while a federal investigation was under way regarding additional money laundering and tax evasion charges.

Braswell and Vignali each paid approximately

\$200,000 to Hillary Clinton's brother, Hugh Rodham, to represent their respective cases for clemency. Hugh Rodham returned the payments after they were disclosed to the public. Braswell would later invoke the Fifth Amendment at a Senate Committee hearing in 2001, when questioned about allegations of his having systematically defrauded senior citizens of millions of dollars.

•In March 2000, Bill Clinton pardoned Edgar and Vonna Jo Gregory, owners of United Shows International, for bank fraud charges from a 1982 conviction. (They were already out of jail, but the prior conviction prevented them from doing business

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Michael Reagan
Columnist



Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, July 11, the 192nd day of 2007. There are 173 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 11, 1804, Vice President Aaron Burr mortally wounded former Treasury Secretary Alexander Hamilton during a pistol duel in Weehawken, N.J.

On this date:

In 1767, John Quincy Adams, the sixth president of the United States, was born in Braintree, Mass.

In 1798, the U.S. Marine Corps was formally re-established by a congressional act that also created the U.S. Marine Band.

In 1864, Confederate forces led by Gen. Jubal Early began an abortive invasion of Washington, turning back the next day.

In 1934, President Franklin D. Roosevelt became the first incumbent chief executive to travel through the Panama Canal.

In 1952, the Republican National Convention, meeting in Chicago, nominated Dwight D. Eisenhower for president and

'Education is the ability to listen to almost anything without losing your temper or your self-confidence.'

— Robert Frost
American poet
(1874-1963)

Richard M. Nixon for vice president.

In 1955, the U.S. Air Force Academy swore in its first class of cadets at its temporary quarters, Lowry Air Force Base in Colorado.

In 1977, the Medal of Freedom was awarded posthumously to the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.

In 1979, the abandoned U.S. space station Skylab made a spectacular return to Earth, burning up in the atmosphere and showering debris over the Indian Ocean and Australia.

In 1980, American hostage Richard I. Queen, freed by Iran after eight months of captivity because of poor health, left Tehran for Switzerland.

In 1995, the United States normalized relations with Vietnam.

Ten years ago: President Bill Clinton was cheered by tens of thousands of people in Bucharest, Romania, where he raised hopes for NATO membership. Ninety-one tourists were killed when fire broke out at the Royal Jomtien Hotel in Pattaya, Thailand.

Five years ago: Lawmakers balked at moving the Coast Guard and the Federal Emergency Management Agency into a new Homeland Security Department despite pleas from senior Cabinet officials to stick to President George W. Bush's blueprint. (Both agencies did end up being included in the new department.)



Beauty really is in the eye of the beholder

Art is art, whether it's a Hawaiian girl painted on a piece of velvet or sunflowers painted on canvas by van Gogh.

It's a waste of time to say this piece isn't art and that piece is. It's even a waste of time to say this piece is good art and that one is bad art. All one can honestly say is that he likes this picture and doesn't like that one.

Beauty really is in the eye of the beholder, and beauty is all that art is about. That's true even when we stretch the definition of art to include literature, dance and music. How we respond to it is all that matters.

Art has, like everything else, become a business, and the business of art is to jack up the price. That's done by people making pronouncements. Like any other salesman, the critic usually decides the art in his own or

his pal's inventory is always the best.

An artist who later became a spy told me a funny story about a New York Times art critic in the 1920s. The artist had been invited to exhibit two paintings at the Brooklyn Museum. He had chosen to paint two new ones during the weekend and was rushing to deliver the canvases when the wind caught his coat and smeared one of the paintings.

When he got to the museum, the art critic was there, and before the artist could apologize for ruining one of the paintings, the critic began, in the flowery language such people use, to praise lavishly the smeared

painting. Well, the artist was smart enough to keep his mouth shut. As proof that it really happened, he showed me a yellowed clipping from the Times in which the guy babbled on about the wonderful technique of this new artist.

Later on as a spy, the artist showed the same good sense. He was assigned to Sweden, a neutral country, during World War II, and after a while he noticed a German spy following him. He confronted the German and said words to the effect of "Look, we both have a comfortable and safe billet. If either of us takes the other out, no telling where the survivor will end up. You might end up in Russia, or I might

end up in the Balkans. Why don't we just agree to get along?" And so they did. Sweden was a good place to spend World War II.

After the war, the man returned to art and became commercially successful as a wildlife illustrator.

Another friend who spent his career as a Central Intelligence Agency case officer said that at one time the bureaucrats in Langley decided that classified CIA reports on the Eastern bloc countries should be shared with allied intelligence agencies. My friend tried to convince them that the head of intelligence in the small Central American country where he was stationed really wasn't interested in anything going on in Bulgaria or Poland.

"The head of intelligence

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Charley Reese
Columnist



Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

■ July 2
Fort Worth Star-Telegram on Senate-issued subpoenas regarding the U.S.'s warrantless eavesdropping program:

Like a scene from the old western High Noon, members of the U.S. Senate are calling out the White House, which is expected to strap on its legal sidearm for what could be a very public showdown over Senate-issued subpoenas.

After the White House and the Department of Justice ignored nine requests to turn over internal documents about the administration's warrantless eavesdropping program on

American citizens, the Senate Judiciary Committee issued subpoenas last week to the offices of the president and vice president and the Justice Department.

"All requests have been rebuffed," said committee Chairman Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., who had the support of the leading Republicans on the committee to issue the subpoenas.

The secret program to monitor e-mails, telephone calls and other communications was issued after the 9-11 attacks, supposedly with the intent to trace contact with terrorism suspects and those with ties to them.

The administration has insisted that it was simply protecting the country. Many others, however, see the program as a wanton attack on the civil liberties of U.S. citizens.

Regardless of the intent or merits of the administration's actions, Congress and the American people have a right to know the reasoning that went into the debate over the issue and what compelled officials to proceed with a wire-tapping program not approved by a court.

That issue is especially pertinent now that we know former Attorney General John Ashcroft was opposed to at least part of the operation, and that then-White House counsel Alberto Gonzales pressured him — while Ashcroft was in the hospital recovering from surgery — to change his mind.

Gonzales himself is under congressional scrutiny over the firing of sever-

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White House press room gets revamped

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush inaugurated the refurbished White House briefing room on Wednesday, showing off a sparkling upgrade to both the guts and face of the famous space.

"Welcome back to the West Wing," he said to the presidential press corps, assembled in the room for the first time since the massive renovation began 11 months ago. "We missed you — sort of."

Bush seemed most impressed by the new super-powered cooling system, remarking on an improvement that means "a fellow like me would feel comfortable coming in here and answering a few questions without losing 20 pounds." Indeed, the antiquated old air

conditioner had not nearly enough capacity — and condensation tended to leak from the ceiling vents when it was particularly over-worked.

The president and his wife, Laura — who took a personal, active interest in the project — cut a ribbon stretched across the briefing room stage. The ceremony was timed for airing on network morning shows, but media attendance in the room was severely limited to make space for White House staff and construction workers.

"I think it's going to benefit future presidents and future White House press corps," Bush said.

Steve Scully of C-Span, president of the White House Correspondents

Association, offered something he said the press hardly ever hands a president: a "thank you." And he noted that the move-back finally puts to rest fears that the renovation was a ruse to permanently evict the media from the White House.

During the yearlong project, the presidential press corps occupied temporary quarters across the street, the first time in 105 years it had been based outside the White House grounds.

Later, White House press secretary Tony Snow holds his first daily briefing in the new room.

But though the room is now officially re-opened and journalists reoccupied their work quarters behind it 13 days ago, the end of con-

struction is still possibly weeks away.

Less than 24 hours before Bush wielded his scissors, the room was still a work-in-progress.

Construction debris littered the floors. Drop cloths covered seats while painters lacquered door frames. Fixed cutaway camera positions had to be relocated. Workers scurried about hanging shelves and drilling holes. A lack of audio was just being fixed.

Amid the last-minute chaos, the look of the place generally was praised. The media's work quarters, though yet to be completed, are sleek and uniform — no-frills, industrial-style desks and booths of tan, silver and black.

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in certain states.) Hillary Clinton's youngest brother, Tony, was an acquaintance of the Gregorys, and had lobbied Clinton on their behalf.

In the wake of the pardons the federal prosecutor in New York, Mary Jo White, was appointed to investigate what the media was calling "Pardongate." She was replaced by James Comey, who obligingly cleared Clinton of any wrongdoing.

This same James Comey was later responsible for the appointment of Patrick Fitzgerald as the special prosecutor who indicted Libby.

—Mike Reagan, the eldest son of the late President Ronald Reagan, is heard on more than 200 talk radio stations nationally as part of the Radio America Network.

Reese

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was the president's brother-in-law, and the 'safe' where he kept classified documents was a cardboard box

under his bed," my friend said. The really funny part is that the entire impoverished, broken-down little country wasn't worth the cost of an American embassy, much less a CIA station.

Whether one talks of art or spies, the world rarely operates the way

many people imagine that it does. It's a lot more cynical and sleazy, often corrupt, even vicious, and sometimes stupid. If one wishes to be an idealist, it's probably a good idea to become a hermit at the same time.

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

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al U.S. attorneys. On Thursday, the White House invoked executive privilege in rejecting subpoenas for two

former employees regarding controversy over the fired federal prosecutors.

In the case of the warrantless eavesdropping, subpoenas should not have been necessary, but this White House has insisted on a cloak of secrecy and has asserted powers that many would argue it does not have

under the Constitution.

Perhaps the administration doesn't intend to take the issue to federal court and is simply calling what it believes to be a political bluff by the Judiciary Committee.

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- **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.

- **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.

- **The Texas Department of State Health Services** will be offering immunization clinics for vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases. The TDH will charge money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability to pay. The following clinic(s) will be offered: 9:30-11:30 a.m. and 1-3 p.m., July 18, TDH, 736 S. Cuyler, Pampa.

- **The Red Hat Dollies Society** of Pampa will meet at 11 a.m. July 19 at Pampa Senior Citizens Center. New members are welcome. For more information, call 669-9916, 669-9297 or 669-3580.

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I am a 29-year-old mother of five angelic children. You'd think that a seasoned mother would know the real value of family, but you would have been wrong. I, like so many others, became caught up in the details of my own life and forgot that I was a part of someone else's life -- my mother's. I forgot to chat with her about nothing when she called me. I forgot to visit her for no special reason. I forgot to appreciate her "just because." I never bought her a Mother's Day gift because I never seemed to have the money. Of course, I always had a good reason, and I thought "tomorrow" would bring another opportunity. Well, tomorrow never came. My mother committed suicide March 24, 2004. I called her that day, just to say "I love you," and got her answering machine. I never had the chance to tell Mommy all the things that I forgot. I was so busy with the details of my own life that I was blind to the disintegration of hers. Now that it is too late, I talk to Mommy every day -- especially if I'm busy. I look for gifts I know she'd like, even though I still don't have the money. Please, Abby, let your readers know that it's not too late for them. People don't just assume that they are loved and appreciated. We need to show them every day. I would give anything in this world to be able to see my mother's beautiful face one last time and say, "You are amazing!" Please tell someone you love them today. Tomorrow is promised to no one. — **MOMMY'S BABY GIRL IN TENNESSEE**

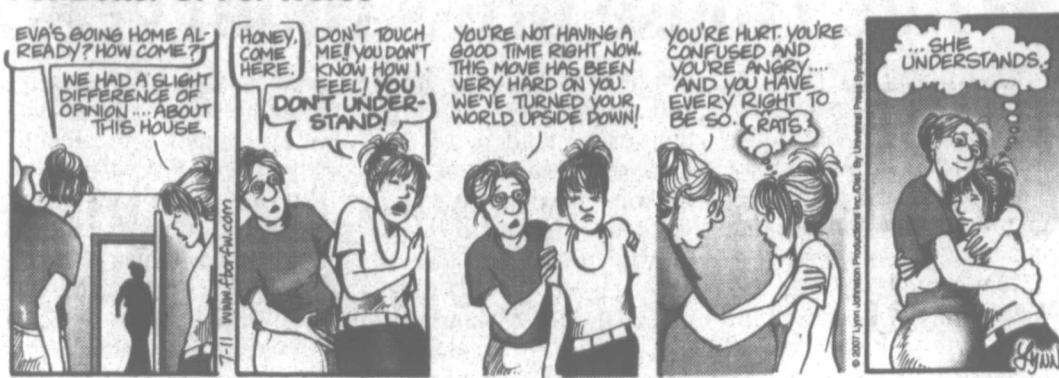
DEAR BABY GIRL: Please accept my deepest sympathy for your loss. It is clear that you are still grieving. When someone close commits suicide, it is normal for the

survivors to feel guilt. But please, stop dwelling so much on your perceived shortcomings. Mothers do not commit suicide because their daughters forget to call or visit. And they do not commit suicide because their daughters don't buy them Mother's Day gifts. I'm sure your mother knew you loved her and was proud of you. I agree with your message that it's important to tell those we love how important they are to us, and not to take anyone for granted. I hope my readers will take it to heart. However, in light of the fact that it has been three years since your mother took her life, I am urging you to consult a mental health professional who can help you to let go of the burden of guilt you are carrying. The time has come to start looking forward again, not backward.

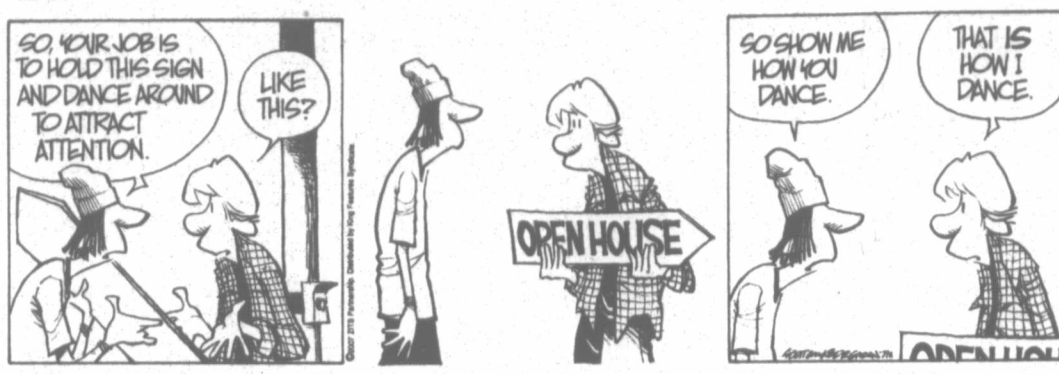
DEAR ABBY: I am 55. I consider myself successful and happily married -- not too many things seem wrong. My wife and I have been married 27 years and have three children. I have a question for you. I found a behind-the-ear hearing aid in my bed by the pillow. My wife and I don't need hearing aids. There are only so many ways that it could have gotten there. Do you think I should be concerned? — **BURNED UP IN BURNSVILLE, MINN.**

DEAR BURNED UP: Unless the pest control man has a hearing problem, you should consider this a red flag. You are certainly within your rights to show your wife the evidence and ask her, "Who's been sleeping in my bed? Goldilocks?"

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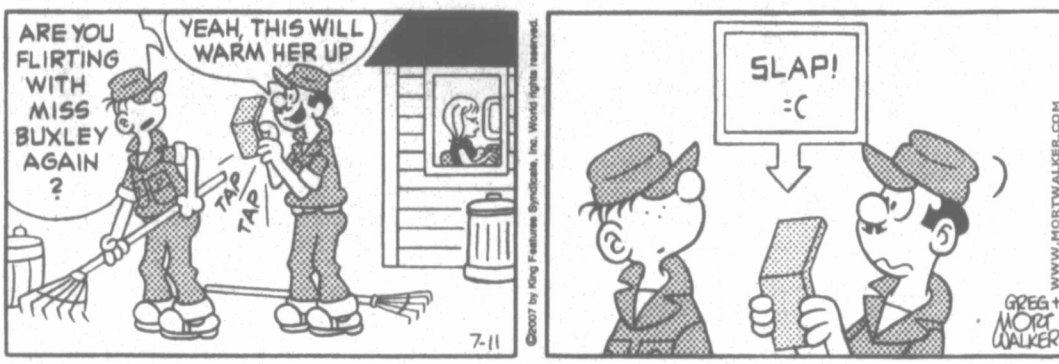
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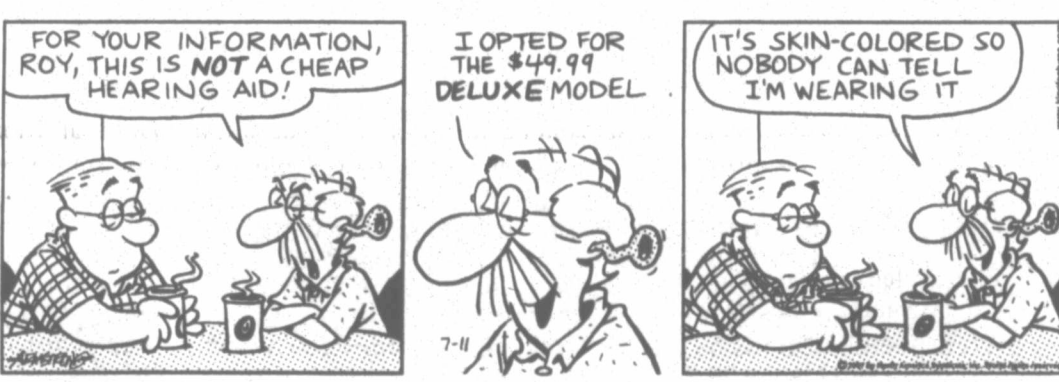
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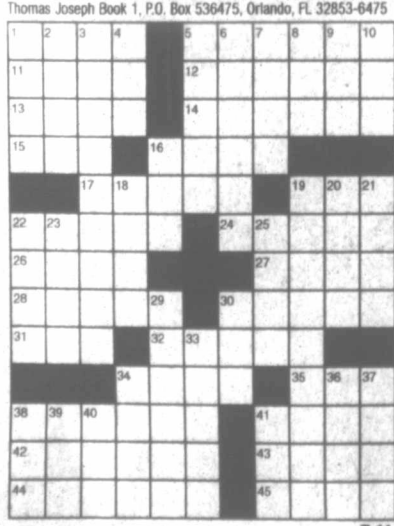
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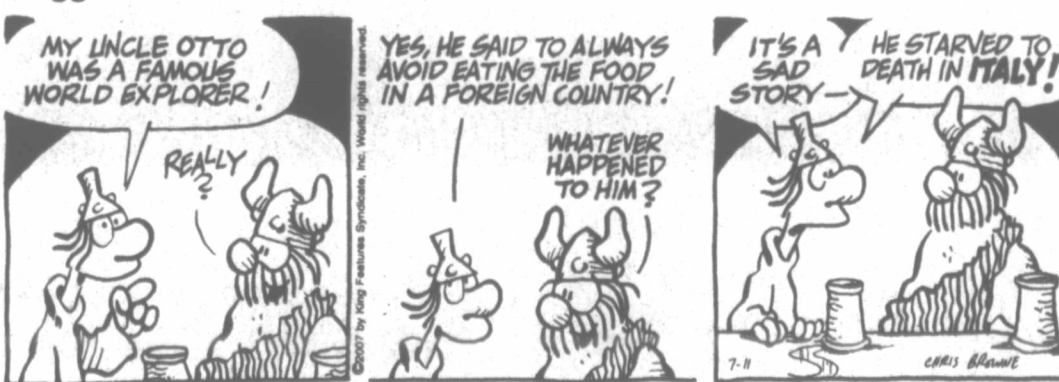
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Sports Day

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, \$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

at 7:30 a.m. and tee time is at 8 a.m.

Mulligans, one per person, will be available for purchase for \$5 Saturday morning.

Among other prizes, a drawing will be held for two free Southwest Airlines tickets to anywhere in the continental U.S.

For more information, or to register, contact Hidden Hills at 669-5866.

Time for Montgomerie to look behind, not ahead

By The Associated Press

This is no time for Colin Montgomerie to get excited about Carnoustie.

He already has suffered enough.

The sometimes burly, often surly Scot should be positively chuffed with the British Open only a week away. Having gone 18 months without a trophy that belonged only to him, Montgomerie ended one of the longest dry spells of his career when his 6-iron somehow stayed out of the water on the 18th hole and he won the European Open by one shot.

It was his 31st victory on the European Tour, one more than Nick Faldo, trailing only Seve Ballesteros and Bernhard Langer. It came three weeks after he shot 82 in the U.S. Open to miss the cut, and two weeks after he turned 44.

"It is just great at 44 to come back and win again, as sometimes that is the end of one's career,"

Montgomerie said. "And I feel this is a new beginning for me, and I can look forward now."

Forward, in this case, starts with the Scottish Open this week at Loch Lomond. The grand prize is a silver claret jug at Carnoustie, where Montgomerie believes he still has time to end his 0-for-62 drought in the majors.

Since the Masters began in 1934, only five players have won their first major championship after turning 40, and none has nearly as much scar tissue as Montgomerie.

No other player has been runner-up five times in a major without eventually winning one.

Montgomerie was in a three-man playoff in the U.S. Open at Oakmont in 1994 when he wore dark clothes in 100-degree heat and wilted. He ran off three straight birdies at Riviera in the '95 PGA Championship to get into another playoff, only for

Steve Elkington to win with a birdie on the first extra hole. There was Congressional in 1997, when Monty took forever over a 5-foot par putt on the 71st hole and missed, losing again to Ernie Els in the U.S. Open.

And last year at Winged Foot felt like root canal without Novocain.

Standing in the 18th fairway with a 7-iron in hand, Montgomerie chucked his approach and three-putted for double bogey, finishing one shot behind Geoff Ogilvy. It was the worst collapse at Winged Foot, even though Phil Mickelson's double bogey was more spectacular.

Montgomerie was riding enormous support at Royal Lytham & St. Annes in 2001 until splitting his pants trying to hit a bunker shot. No less an authority than Jack Nicklaus proclaimed him the U.S. Open champion at Pebble Beach in 1992 when he finished a wind-blown final round ahead of the leaders.

Longtime Patriots scout, executive, Francis 'Bucko' Kilroy passes away

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. (AP) — Francis "Bucko" Kilroy, a former New England Patriots executive who was known throughout the league as a top talent scout, died Tuesday, the team announced.

He was 86. Kilroy was a six-time All-Pro guard for the Philadelphia Eagles during a 13-season playing career in the 1940s and 50s. During a 64-season NFL

career, including 36 years with the Patriots, Kilroy also worked in player personnel and scouting for the Eagles, Washington Redskins and Dallas Cowboys, and mentored others who went on to lead NFL scouting departments.

He was one of the founders of the National Football Scouting Combine, and had been a scouting consultant for the Patriots the past 13 years.

Kilroy joined the team as personnel director in 1971, and selected two of New England's Hall of Famers, John Hannah in 1973 and Mike Haynes in 1976. From 1976-78, Patriots teams he built compiled a 31-13 record including two playoff appearances. He was New England's general manager from 1979-1982, and vice president from 1983-1993.

MLB still pushing 'This time it counts.' To whom?

By JIM LITKE
AP Sports Columnist

Jim Leyland finally got the draw on Tony La Russa when it mattered.

Or did it? Besides beating his National League counterpart 5-4 in Tuesday night's All-Star game and securing home-field advantage for whichever AL club reaches the World Series, the Tigers' manager piled up some serious style points a day earlier en route to an easier win in the fashion-competition. It's hard to be sure which loss bothered La Russa more.

On Monday the Cardinals manager showed up for an

interview session wearing a casual shirt without a tie and was steamed to take a seat alongside his much more nattily attired pal.

"I'm a little sore," La Russa admitted, with a nod toward Leyland. "We talked about coming to this thing, and I asked him what to wear and he said, 'Oh, it's California, don't worry about a sport coat.'"

Once the laughter died down, La Russa added, "He got me already."

Ballplayers will compete at anything — card games, eye candy, luxury autos — except, apparently, the All-Star game. At least that's

Bud Selig's view.

The commissioner caught some heat for trying to prop up sagging TV ratings by dragging a podium onto the field in the middle of the 2001 contest to hand lifetime achievement awards to departing stars Cal Ripken and Tony Gwynn. A year later, he was positively flummoxed for halting a tied game in the 11th inning because there were no pitchers left.

Selig answered his critics with "This Time It Counts," a neat catchphrase, but a lousy idea. Convinced that bragging rights weren't motivating enough, the commissioner decided — after

some arm-twisting from the know-it-alls at Fox — to award the winning league home-field advantage for the World Series. The plan was to make the game feel less like an exhibition and more like a competition again, to produce moments like Pete Rose steamrolling catcher Ray Fosse at the plate to score the winning run in the 1970 game.

What Selig forgot is that today's ballplayers wouldn't risk knocking over a Wheaties box — let alone each other — in a game that doesn't count in the standings. With teams and especially players' agents

charged with looking after their multimillion-dollar investments, the only collisions Tuesday night were within an arm's length of the clubhouse buffet tables.

"It should just be an event and not taken so serious," Barry Bonds said.

Neither does Ripken ("doesn't jibe") nor Gwynn ("totally agree") nor La Russa ("it's not a big thing with me") nor just about anybody else who was asked just before or during the All-Star break.

"I like Bud Selig, don't get me wrong," Yankee manager Joe Torre, who has called the shots in six All-

Star Games, told the San Francisco Chronicle during a recent stop in town. "But I'm not sure any of the All-Stars are thinking about that when they go out and play."

Au contraire, Selig said during an afternoon chat session with fans.

"It's a great rule," he replied to Jeff from Wisconsin, "and I'll tell you why."

Being a student of history, the commissioner said the 1993 game in which then-Toronto manager Cito Gaston was roundly booed for not playing pitcher Mike

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Ichiro's inside-the-park home run pushes AL to 10th straight win

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Ichiro Suzuki sped around the bases as the ball bounced away from Ken Griffey Jr. for the first inside-the-park home run in All-Star game history. On a night of tricky hops, Suzuki and the American League rebounded to win — as usual.

Instead of a Barry Bonds splash shot, the defining hit at Tuesday's All-Star game was Suzuki's drive off the right-field wall at quirky

AT&T Park. His two-run homer in the fifth inning put the AL ahead, then Carl Crawford and Victor Martinez added conventional shots and the Americans held on for a 5-4 victory over the Nationals.

"I thought it was going to go over the fence," Suzuki said through a translator. "When it didn't, I was really bummed."

In a decade of dominance, the AL has won 10 straight games played to a decision,

with the notorious 2002 tie at Milwaukee interrupting the run. The only longer streak was when the NL took 11 in a row from 1972-82.

"We're tired of losing always," the Chicago Cubs' Derrek Lee said. "We just want to win one and put all of this to rest."

Suzuki's home run ball — smudged with green and red and signed by the Japanese star — immediately was handed over to the Hall of Fame.

"He's an artist with that bat," NL manager Tony La Russa said.

That wasn't the only drama.

Alfonso Soriano hit a two-out, two-run homer in the ninth that made it 5-4, and the NL loaded the bases on three walks. Angels closer Francisco Rodriguez then retired Aaron Rowand on a routine fly to right for a save.

"I didn't enjoy it a bit," said AL manager Jim Leyland, so competitive that

he screamed at an umpire in the ninth.

Willie Mays, Bonds' godfather, was honored with a touching tribute before the game. In the Say Hey Kid's day, the NL ruled All-Star games but not anymore. The AL closed to 40-36-2 and improved to 5-0 since the All-Star winner received homefield advantage in the World Series.

"Nobody wants to lose," Griffey said.

Soriano, who joined Frank

Robinson as the only player to hit All-Star homers with each league, connected off Seattle closer J.J. Putz, who then walked J.J. Hardy. Rodriguez relieved and walked Lee on a full count — Leyland screamed at first-base umpire Charlie Reliford about a check swing. A walk to Orlando Hudson loaded the bases before Rowand's fly ended it.

"I just missed it, just missed it," Rowand said. "I

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EU maps out strategy to deal with economic, social impact of sports

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) — The European Union said sports federations should not be exempt from EU anti-monopoly and labor laws, as it unveiled a strategy Wednesday for dealing with the growing impact of sports in Europe, economically and socially.

Proposals from the EU's executive branch covered doping and racism in stadiums, but attention was focused on how the European Commission will balance European laws with demands by sports federations to set their own rules.

EU Sports Commissioner Jan Figel said at a news conference that European regulators would continue to judge the compatibility of

sports rules with EU law on a "case-by-case basis."

That falls short of demands by sports organizations that say they will be left open to legal challenges like the 1995 case launched by Belgian soccer player Jean-Marc Bosman. That case prompted the EU's high court to ease limits on foreign players signing with European clubs, and allowed players more freedom to seek other offers once their club contract expired.

The European soccer's governing body UEFA could be challenged on a rule that obliges teams to include a minimum number of home-grown players. Critics say that is a breach of EU laws that allow citizens to work

anywhere within the 27-nation bloc.

The commission's paper sounded a cautious note.

"Rules requiring that teams include a certain quota of locally trained players could be accepted ... if they do not lead to any direct discrimination based on nationality," the paper said.

Commissioner Figel said the EU needed more time to study UEFA's rules, however.

The commission's "white paper" is not a legally binding document, but designed to provoke debate with federations, national governments and lawmakers in an increasingly important sector.

5 UTEP players, former teammate arrested after weekend bar fight

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — Five underage Texas-El Paso players and a linebacker recently kicked off the team were arrested after police responded to a weekend brawl outside a downtown bar.

The players are under investigation after their arrests Sunday morning, police spokesman Officer Chris Mears said in Tuesday's editions of the El Paso Times.

Two 20-year-old sophomores — receiver Tufick Shadrawy and linebacker Brian Wilkins — were arrested on charges of

assault on a public servant and interference with public duties. Shadrawy also was accused of attempting to take a weapon from a law enforcement officer, and Wilkins was accused of resisting arrest.

Sophomore defensive back Damon Cromartie, 20, was arrested on a charge of disorderly conduct.

Linebacker Isaiah Carter and defensive back Brandon Thigpen, both 17-year-old freshmen, were accused of public intoxication.

Emeri Spence, 22, was

arrested on charges of interference with public duties and resisting arrest. He was recently kicked off the team, UTEP officials said.

All six have been released from jail. It wasn't clear from jail records whether they had attorneys. Police officials didn't immediately return a call Tuesday seeking comment.

UTEP coach Mike Price said in a statement Monday he was "monitoring the situation and will take disciplinary action if necessary."

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dent.
 "Then the managers started using everybody," Selig continued. "They felt they had to get everybody in the game. The game lost its intensity. ... there was a period, nobody wanted to come and everybody had an excuse; somebody needed to get a haircut or he needed to do that; he didn't want to play."
 "Now they want to play, because it means something. That was the objective."
 We're not sure which game the commissioner was watching, since this one ended with the NL's Aaron Rowand flying out with the bases loaded while the Cardinals' Albert Pujols was still glued to the bench. La Russa, his manager, takes a backseat to no one in terms of either

intensity of competitiveness, which is apparent to anyone who saw him pull every managerial trick in the book during a battle with close buddy Leyland in last fall's World Series.
 But he also knows that the results in the fall classics is even between the leagues at two each since Selig's directive took effect. And he wasn't about to risk his recovering slugger, who fought injuries during the first half, for a payoff his team might not be able to cash.
 "If I wasn't expecting to play, I wouldn't have come up here," an angry Pujols said after the game.
 Replied La Russa, "If he wants to get upset, he can get upset. Whatever he wants to do, he can do. It's America. That wasn't the most important thing tonight."

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Catchings leads Fever over Comets

HOUSTON (AP) — Tamika Catchings scored 23 points to lead the Indiana Fever to a 79-77 victory over the Houston Comets on Tuesday night.
 Indiana (14-4) held Houston to 10 fourth quarter points as the Comets made only 4-of-16 field goals in the final period. It was Indiana's first win in

Houston.
 The Fever tied the score at 73 on Catchings' layup with 4:26 left. She hit two free throws with 3:34 to go to give Indiana a two-point lead. Tammy Sutton-Brown extended the advantage to 77-73 with 2:01 left.
 Michelle Snow hit a jumper to close Houston (5-14) within two with 1:46 left.

After Snow missed a jumper that would have tied the game, Tully Bevilacqua hit a driving layup with 53 seconds left to give Indiana a 79-75 lead.
 After a Houston timeout, Snow made a fade away jumper from the free-throw line with 30 seconds remaining. Tamecka Dixon blocked a jumper by Tan White and

then missed a last second half-court attempt.
 Sutton-Brown added 20 points, and Tamika Whitmore netted 13 points for the Fever.
 Latesha Byears led Houston with 15 points. Tina Thompson added 13 and Hamchetou Maiga-Ba and Dixon each added 12 points.

Pope, Jones among 7 added to MLS All-Star roster

NEW YORK (AP) — Eddie Pope of Real Salt Lake and Cobi Jones of the Los Angeles Galaxy were among seven players added to the MLS All-Star roster on Tuesday.
 Pope, a defender, and Jones, a midfielder, have played in all 12 MLS seasons and plan to retire this year.
 MLS commissioner Don Garber selected the two

players, who will compete in the All-Star game against Scottish Premier League champion Celtic FC on July 19 in Commerce City, Colo.
 New England Revolution coach Steve Nicol picked the remaining five All-Stars: goalkeeper Kevin Hartman (Kansas City Wizards), midfielders Ronnie O'Brien (Toronto FC) and Pablo Mastroeni (Colorado Rapids), and forwards

Landon Donovan (Los Angeles Galaxy) and Brian Ching (Houston Dynamo).
 Forward Juan Pablo Angel of the New York Red Bulls led the All-Star voting announced last week.
 The Revolution had a league-high three players chosen by online fan balloting, MLS coaches and GMs and media — defender Michael Parkhurst, midfielder Shalrie Joseph and goal-

keeper Matt Reis.
 Also voted to the first team were midfielders Dwayne De Rosario and Ricardo Clark of the Dynamo, Christian Gomez (D.C. United) and Juan Toja (FC Dallas), defenders Jimmy Conrad (Wizards) and Jonathan Bornstein (Chivas USA), and forward Eddie Johnson (Wizards).

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was trying to hit a line drive somewhere, score a couple of runs. I just missed hitting that ball off or over that fence."
 Suzuki, on the verge of a large contract extension from the Mariners, had been 3-for-15 in All-Star play coming in. He got three hits, was the game's MVP and will be remembered for his strange shot, unfamiliar even to ballpark regulars such as Bonds.
 "He came up to me and said I've never seen that happen before," Griffey said.
 Fans had waited in kayaks out in McCovey Cove beyond right field in vain for

some shots into the water — no souvenirs found their way into the chilly bay.
 Bonds, the center of attention in the days before the game, had a quiet night. He flew to right field in the first, hit an opposite-field shot to the warning track in left in the third, then departed at the top of the fourth.
 He received a huge ovation after he came out on the red carpet during the pregame introductions and bowed three times to his adoring hometown fans. Hitting in the No. 2 spot — his last regular-season appearance in that slot was 20 years ago — he even faked a bunt on the first pitch of his second at-bat.
 "There's too many emotions to be able to explain it," he said. "This is my family who I grew up for a lot of

years. All I can do is say thank you."
 His chase for Hank Aaron's home run record resumes later this week, and the scrutiny will return. But for a night, the swirl of steroids speculation lifted along with the San Francisco fog.
 Griffey, perhaps the closest to a latter-day Mays baseball has seen, drove in two runs for the NL with a first-inning single and a sixth-inning sacrifice fly.
 Boston's Josh Beckett got the win, and San Diego's Chris Young — who gave up Suzuki's homer — was the loser.
 Young entered to start the fifth and walked his first batter, Brian Roberts. One out later, Suzuki reached down and golfed a ball to right-center field. It hit off an All-

Star ad in an area known as the arcade and instead of bouncing straight back, it kicked toward right field.
 "It just hit the corner and bounced the other way," Griffey said. "I tried to make a good throw to the cutoff man and hoped that he would fall down."
 Suzuki was at third by the time Griffey got to the ball and easily sped home for the first inside-the-park homer of his major league career — since joining the majors in 2001, he had never hit one in the regular season or playoffs. An All-Star every season he's played in the majors, his homer put the AL ahead 2-1.
 Second in the majors with a .359 average, Suzuki joked about his power.
 "If I'm allowed to hit .220, I could probably hit

40," he said, "but nobody wants that."
 Before a ballpark record crowd of 43,965 on an overcast evening, Mays was honored for being perhaps the greatest five-tool player in the sport's history. After the All-Stars were introduced, he walked in from center field, flanked by Bonds and Derek Jeter, between two rows of the assembled players. The tribute was similar — but less emotional — than 1999's ceremony honoring Ted Williams at Boston's Fenway Park.
 Griffey put the NL ahead with an RBI single in the first off Dan Haren, then threw out Alex Rodriguez trying to score from second in the fourth on Ivan Rodriguez's single.
 Crawford homered with two outs in the sixth against

Francisco Cordero to make it 3-1. The ball went a little to the center-field side of Suzuki's shot, about 20 feet from the sign that totals Bonds' homers, currently 751. A fan appeared to reach over the brick wall, about 19 feet high, and gather up the ball.
 Griffey drove in the NL's second run with a sacrifice fly in the bottom half against Justin Verlander after Carlos Beltran nearly duplicated Suzuki's shot off the wall but was held to a triple by Vladimir Guerrero. Martinez hit the 18th pinch homer in All-Star history, a two-run drive in the eighth off Mets closer Billy Wagner.
 Bonds didn't seem to mind that he wasn't the hero. "It was fabulous. It was great," he said. "Another chapter to my career."

Swiss rider extends Tour de France lead, thanks absent coach

COMPIEGNE, France (AP) — Tour de France leader Fabian Cancellara has a message for coach Bjarne Riis: Thank you, and wish you were here.
 The Swiss rider and his CSC teammates popped open champagne after his opportunistic victory in Tuesday's wind-swept third stage, the longest of the three-week race. Cancellara extended his overall lead as cycling's showcase event left Belgium and returned home to France.
 Riis, however, had to miss the celebration. He is not at the race after confessing to using a banned performance enhancer during his 1996

Tour victory, a new blow for a sport battered by doping revelations the last 14 months.
 Cancellara won Saturday's prologue and has been the only rider to wear the leader's yellow jersey. He credits his top form to Riis' instruction.
 "I'd have to say 'Thank you.' ... He is the team," Cancellara told The Associated Press. "I was sure wishing he was here."
 Riis' absence has been hard, he said, "but we are professionals."
 Cancellara had feared losing the yellow jersey to one of four breakaway riders along the 147-mile route

from Waregem, Belgium, to Compiègne, northeast of Paris.
 The pack caught up near the finish. Cancellara, having been shielded from high winds by teammates, had enough left to surge ahead and overtake the four with hundreds of yards to go.
 "I have no words after winning something like that," he said. "I attacked. It was instinctive."
 Sprint specialist Erik Zabel of Germany was second and Danilo Napolitano of Italy was third. They and the trailing pack took 6 hours, 36 minutes, 15 seconds to complete the course, averaging a low 22 mph.

"It was a really long day but because of the wind we couldn't go faster. We are not machines," said Cancellara, who was caught in a group crash Monday and slightly injured his left hand.
 All 187 riders that began the stage finished, carefully negotiating sharp turns and cobblestone patches near the end.
 Cancellara extended his lead by 10 seconds by gaining bonus points for the victory. He leads Andreas Kloeber of Germany by 33 seconds. David Millar of Britain is third, 41 seconds behind, and George Hincapie of the U.S. is fourth, 43 seconds back.

The Tour, which began in London for the first time this year, features mostly flat early stages that favor sprinters. The fourth stage Wednesday is another one — a 120-mile ride from Villers-Cotterets to Joigny.
 On Saturday, the race reaches the Alps for three days, and the climbers most likely will begin moving closer to the overall lead. Other key stages are time trials in the 13th stage and the next-to-last stage before the July 29 finish on the Champs-Élysées in Paris.
 Pre-race favorites include Kloeber, Alexandre Vinokourov of Kazakhstan, Levi Leipheimer of the U.S.,

Cadel Evans of Australia and Alejandro Valverde of Spain.
 The Tour is hoping to move past the string of doping scandals, allegations and admissions during the last 14 months. Most notable were Floyd Landis' positive test for synthetic testosterone in the last Tour, and a blood-doping scandal in Spain known as Operation Puerto.
 Tour organizers said 53 riders submitted blood tests Tuesday morning. There were no abnormalities, and all received the go-ahead to race. The six teams tested were: Astana, Discovery Channel, T-Mobile, Francaise des Jeux, Predictor-Lotto and AG2R.

Law trying to make point that he can lead Atlanta's offense

ATLANTA (AP) — Only minutes after signing his first NBA contract on Monday, Acie Law was eager to call home with the big news.
 Atlanta Hawks coach Mike Woodson had other plans. Point guards must worry about calling plays before calling moms.
 "It's funny," Law said. "As soon as I signed, I went into the locker room to call my mom and tell her and Coach Woodson came right behind me and said 'What are you doing? We're waiting on you to start practice.'"
 The big news about the contract could wait. In his first practice Monday, followed by two more workouts on Tuesday, Law had his first opportunity to prove he can be an NBA point guard and not just another shooting guard who will pretend to play the point.
 Law, the No. 11 pick in

last month's draft, asks that he not be judged by short-lived experiments in recent years to move shooting guards Joe Johnson and Salim Stoudamire to point guard.
 Law (6-3, 195) says critics shouldn't assume that his ability to score — he ranked fifth in the Big 12 with his average of 18.1 points per game for Texas A&M last season — means that he's not a point guard. He was third in the conference with 5.0 assists per game.
 "I'm going to do whatever it takes my team to win," Law said Tuesday. "I don't get caught up in what people say about being a pure point guard or a shooting guard trying to play point guard. When I was at Texas A&M, my team was successful. That's what I'm trying to bring here — be a point guard and be a leader and a winner. That silences everything."

Law, fellow first-round pick Al Horford and second-year forwards Shelden Williams and Solomon Jones will lead the Hawks' summer league team in the Rocky Mountain Review, which begins Friday in Salt Lake City.
 Law and a rookie free agent, Derek Raivio of Gonzaga, likely will be the primary point guards in Salt Lake City, but Law won't have to immediately handle the starting job next season. Veterans Speedy Claxton, Anthony Johnson and Tyronn Lue are expected to return.
 "Acie is going to be fine," Woodson said. "He's going to be able to play point like we thought and be able to make plays. It's going to be a learning curve as we go along, but once he gets under Speedy's and Lue's umbrella as veteran guys, that will probably speed the process up even more."

Longtime AP sports writer Ralph Bernstein dies at 85

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Ralph Bernstein, who peppered coaches and players alike with tough questions for nearly a half-century while covering the Philadelphia sports scene for The Associated Press, has died. He was 85.
 Bernstein died Saturday of cancer, his daughter-in-law, Maureen Bernstein, said Monday.
 "I'll bet you there wasn't a single person involved in sports in Pennsylvania and beyond who didn't know of Ralph Bernstein," said AP sports editor Terry Taylor, who worked with Bernstein in the Philadelphia bureau from 1977-81.
 "He was ferocious and he made the AP's presence known at football fields, ballparks, basketball courts and hockey rinks in Philadelphia. And if the Nittany Lions were playing at home, Ralph was there."
 The Penn State Nittany Lions play in State College, 200 miles from Philadelphia.
 Bernstein, who lived in Pembroke Pines, Fla., since retiring in February 1994 after more than 48 years at the AP, would have turned 86 on Thursday.
 "No sports writer in the history of Philly had a more widespread influence or presence," longtime Philadelphia Daily News sports columnist Bill Conlin told his newspaper. "He covered every Phillies spring-training and home game, every Eagles preseason

and home game, every Sixers and Flyers home game, every Big 5 doubleheader, all the press conferences for hirings and firings, and everything in between."
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, July 12, 2007:

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Death sentence upheld for Bulgarian medical workers

TRIPOLI, Libya (AP) — Libya's Supreme Court today upheld the death sentences of five Bulgarian nurses and a Palestinian doctor convicted of infecting more than 400 children with the AIDS virus. But the verdict may not be the final word in the case.

Libya's Supreme Judicial Council, which is headed by the minister of justice, could approve or reject the convictions or set lighter sentences. Libya's foreign minister said the council would convene on Monday.

Libya has been under intense international pressure to free the six, who deny infecting the children.

The case has become a sticking point in Libya's attempts to rebuild ties with the United States and Europe. President Bush called on Libya last month to free the medics.

"The court has accepted the appeal in principal but rejects its content, therefore the court decided to uphold

the verdict against them," Judge Fathi Dahan told the courtroom. The five nurses and the Palestinian doctor were not present in the court for the appeal hearing.

About 20 relatives of children who were infected with HIV rejoiced at the court's ruling and chanted: "Long live justice!"

"This is a victory for the Libyan judiciary system. We are awaiting the execution of the death sentence," said the families' lawyer Al-Monseif Khalifa.

In announcing the verdict, the judge mentioned nothing about a settlement announced Tuesday by a foundation headed by the

Libyan leader's son.

The Gadhafi International Foundation for Charity Associations said Tuesday that the families of the HIV-infected children reached an agreement with the nurses and doctor but would not say whether the deal involved financial compensation for the families.

DBA



COURTESY PHOTO
The local Downtown Business Association welcomed Brandon's Flowers to downtown Pampa recently during their grand opening. Above: Kathy Topper, DBA secretary, Debbie Cantrell, designer/wedding consultant, Brandon Richards, owner of Brandon's, Lupe Martinez, co-owner, ReDonn Woods, DBA vice president.

WORLD NEWS

Pakistani troops comb mosque for holdouts, cleric slain in offensive

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) — Pakistani troops cornered holdout Islamic militants and combed the warren-like Red Mosque complex for booby traps today after assaulting the compound and killing its pro-Taliban cleric, the army spokesman said.

Army spokesman Maj. Gen. Waheed Arshad said only a "very few" militants were still resisting and that combat operations would soon end. But he said clearing the compound of mines, booby traps and other weaponry could take some time.

"The whole area has to be sanitized," he told a news conference.

Arshad said three of the remaining die-hard defenders were killed overnight and troops were meeting resistance in just "one or two places" of the sprawling compound in the heart of the Pakistani capital.

More than 50 militants and 10 soldiers have been killed since the assault began early Tuesday, including the mosque's pro-Taliban cleric Abdul Rashid Ghazi, the army said.

Commandos went in after unsuccessful attempts to get the mosque's militants to surrender to a weeklong siege mounted by the government following deadly street

clashes with armed supporters of the mosque July 3.

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More than 80 people have been killed overall since the violence began.

By this afternoon, nearly 35 hours after the assault began, the intermittent explosions and gunfire earlier heard from the complex, which includes the mosque and a women's religious school, had ceased.

An army officer, who spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak to the media, said earlier that troops were moving from

room to room in basements of the compound, blowing up foxholes where militants had been entrenched. He said the three militants reported killed Tuesday night were trapped in foxholes by commandos.

Relatives of young women, men and children who had been inside waited behind army barricades around the mosque or inquired at morgues.

China to focus crackdown on small-scale food producers

BEIJING (AP) — China's food and drug agency announced stricter rules today for approving new drugs, a day after its former head was executed for accepting bribes to approve untested medicine. The government also ordered small, loosely regulated food producers to clean up their act.

China is struggling to salvage its reputation as a safe exporter. Importers of Chinese goods, especially the United States, have grown extremely wary as the list of products tainted with deadly toxins and dangerously high levels of chemicals grows each day.

Starting in September, all food exported from China will have an inspection and quarantine symbol to guarantee safety, the government said.

China also told small-scale producers to renovate their operations to meet hygiene standards or be shut down. The measures are part of China's efforts to clarify regulations, tighten enforcement and clean up corruption — factors underpinning its poor food safety record.

Inspection agencies at all levels need to

recognize that "the process will take a long time and the work is complicated and difficult," the General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine said on its Web site.

The food and drug watchdog said the 2008 Olympics would give China a chance to prove to the world that it was capable of setting a new standard for food safety and raise awareness domestically about the issue.

China's small-scale food producers have been accused of unsanitary production conditions, using tainted or substandard ingredients and failing to register with authorities. While their products generally are sold only in local areas, their continued existence helps explain why China is facing a food crisis.

Many will not survive the new regulations and their numbers are expected to be halved by 2009, with all properly certified by 2012, the administration said.

The regulations also target the use of recycled ingredients, unapproved additives, and banned substances.

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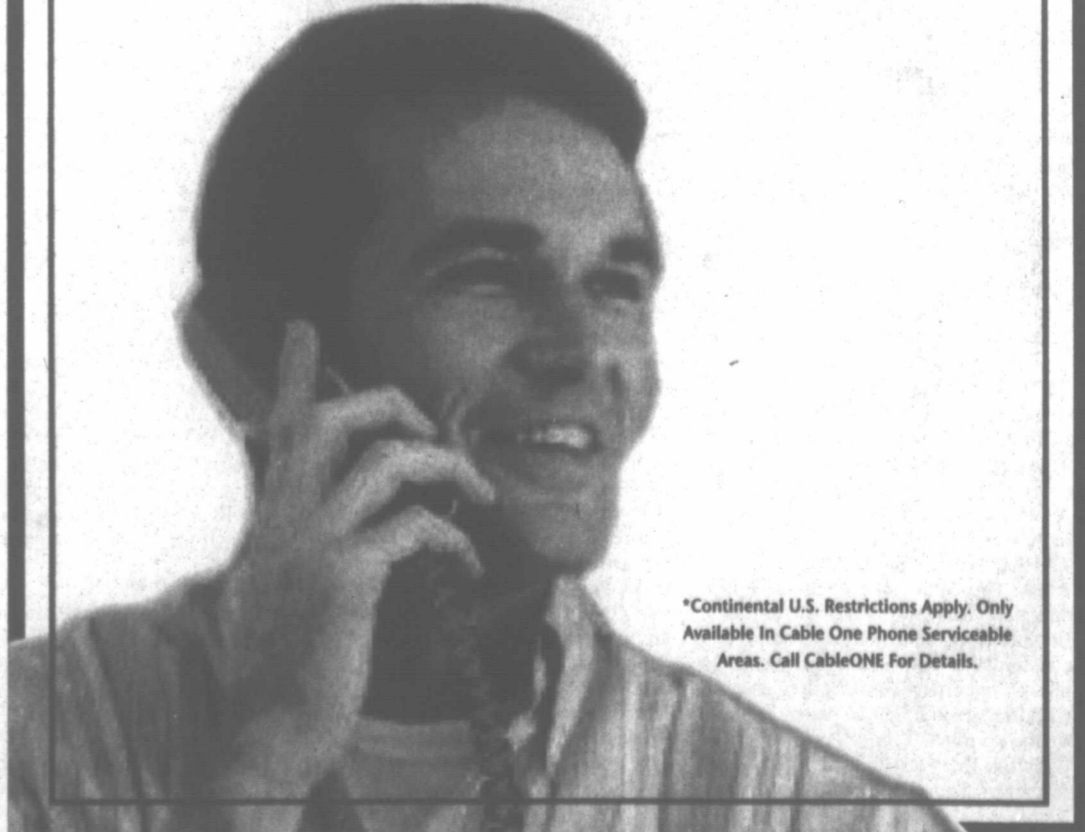
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