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## County defers action on election administrator

By MARILYN POWERS  
Staff Writer

Gray County commissioners once again deferred action on creating the position of election administrator after discussing the issue at their 9 a.m. meeting today in the second-floor courtroom of the county courthouse, 205 N. Russell.

The question of whether to create such a position was first raised at commissioners' July 2 meeting, when County Clerk Susan Winborne presented a tentative proposal for how the office would be funded.

The county has the option of hiring an elections administrator who would be paid exclusively by the

county to handle county elections, entering into an agreement with one or more of the other governing bodies in the county to fund a joint election administrator, or continuing the current practice of having county clerk staff handle the elections in addition to their current work load, with the possibility of adding a staff member to that office.

Estimated annual cost of having an elections administrator is \$51,770.46, Winborne said at the July 2 meeting, including salary, benefits, training and office supplies. The county would also provide office space, equipment storage and administration.

If a joint administrator is chosen, Gray County would pay 50 percent of that total, with the City of Pampa and Pampa Independent School District paying 20 percent each and the remaining amount to be divided among the other school districts and cities within the county that choose to participate.

Each of the school districts and cities would pay a 10 percent administrative fee in addition to the cost of their elections if an elections administrator is chosen but is funded solely by the county. If a joint administrator is chosen, the 10 percent would not be charged.

Taxing entities within the county

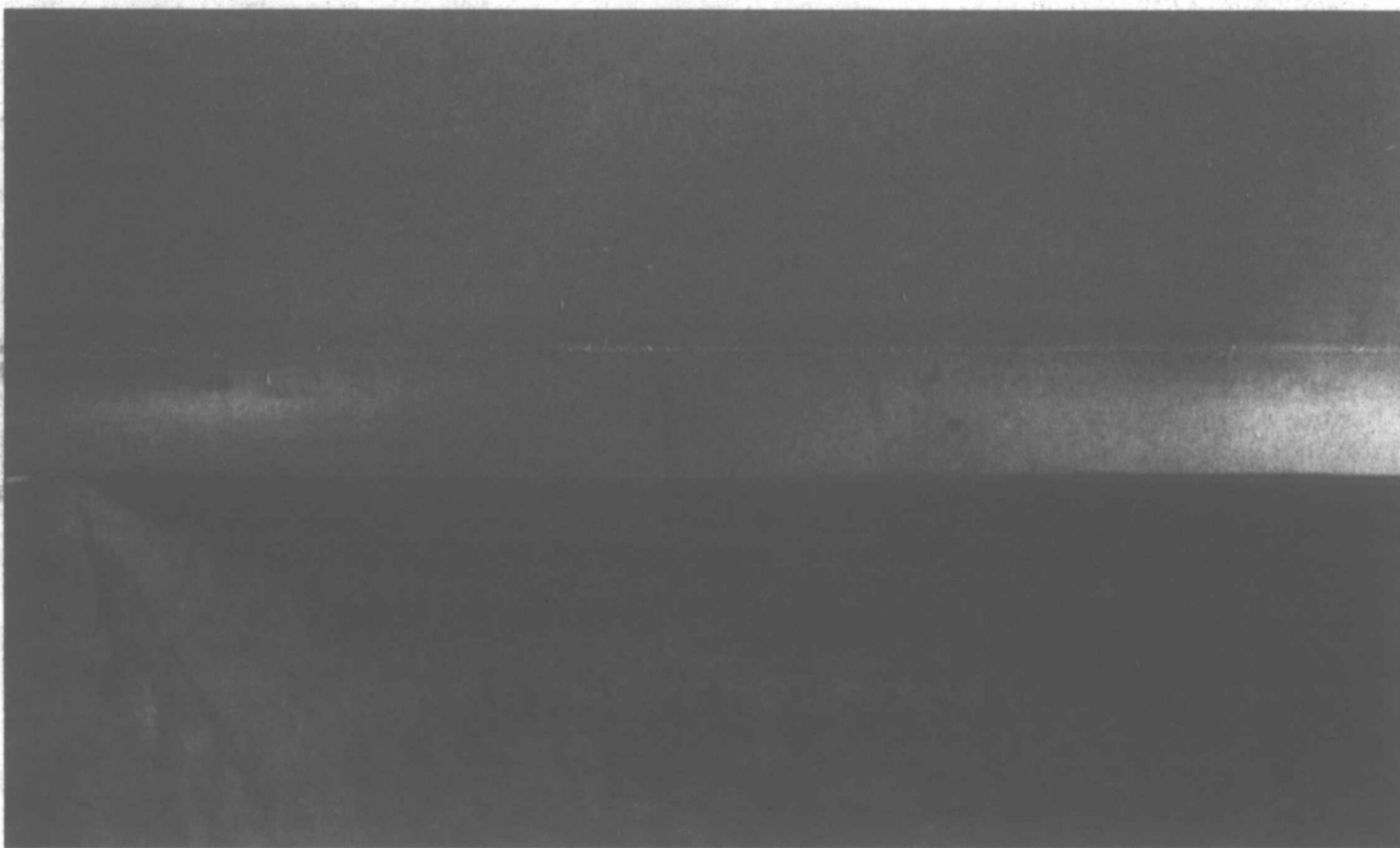
met July 9 at the courthouse to discuss the topic. One issue raised at that meeting was that if a joint administrator were to be hired, some entities, such as school districts, would have to pay a share of the cost each year, even though they did not hold elections every year. Another issue was that some entities are on very tight budgets.

The only taxing entity which did not have a representative at the July 9 meeting was Grandview/Hopkins Independent School District, Winborne said.

"All the entities are very interest-

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## Summer storm



A rain shaft moves south across the morning horizon east of Pampa. According to West Texas Mesonet, Pampa officially received only .03 inches of rain from this storm.

Pampa News photo by DAVID BOWSER

## City to meet to discuss clean tanks

By DAVID BOWSER  
Staff Writer

Clean water tanks is the only item on the agenda for a special Pampa City Commission meeting Tuesday.

City commissioners will consider awarding a bid for the cleaning and inspection of water tanks.

The city staff opened the bids July 10, according to the Donny Hooper. U.S. Underwater Services was the only bidder.

Hooper said the company has done work for Pampa in the past and provided excellent services.

They bid \$24,290 to clean and inspect the tanks.

The special commission meeting will be at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday in the city commission chambers at Pampa City Hall.

## Bowl Over Cancer



Pampa News Photos by KERRI SMITH

Approximately 90 people participated in Bowl Over Cancer Saturday afternoon at Harvester Lanes, including Kris Cox, Amanda Woodard and Garrett Woodard, left. The cancer patients who were recipients from last year and this year also participated. Pictured above from left are Marion Wine, Angi Woelfle, Amanda Anderson, Brad Been and Rick Foster. Not pictured is Tanner Dyson.

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**NEXT DAY FORECAST**

**Tuesday**

**Wednesday**

**Thursday**



**Mostly sunny Mostly sunny Mostly sunny**

Tuesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 95. West southwest wind 10 to 15 mph becoming south southwest. Winds could gust as high as 20 mph.

Tuesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 67. South wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Wednesday: Mostly sunny and hot, with a high near 97. South southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Wednesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 69. South southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 95. South southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 68. South southwest wind between 5 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

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**AF revamps boot camp**

By **MICHELLE ROBERTS**

Associated Press Writer  
 SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Even in the air conditioned indoors, sweat is beading on trainee Kristen Block's forehead as she concedes that after four weeks of running, carrying a rifle and learning to defend herself in a fight, Air Force boot camp is not exactly what she and other recruits expected.

"A lot of people aren't prepared for the physical aspects," says the 20-year-old from Hiawatha, Kansas. "A lot of people thought it was going to be a mental thing."

Until recently, they would have been mostly right. Air Force boot camp used to open in a classroom with Air Force history and doctrine. Little emphasis was put on how to handle or clean an M-16 rifle. Recruits were forced to fold T-shirts into perfect 6-inch squares.

But with an Army and Marine Corps stretched thin

by repeated and longer deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan, the Air Force finds it can no longer rely on infrastructure being in place or security support coming from the other service branches when deployed. So, the 33,000 recruits who pass through Lackland Air Force Base each year are going through a boot camp that has and is being radically overhauled.

By late next year, Air Force boot camp will go from 6 1/2 weeks to 8 1/2 weeks, similar to the Army and Navy — and the longest Air Force boot camp program since the early years of the Vietnam War. The first class to face the extended boot camp should start in October 2008.

"It's night and day from when I came in," said Tech. Sgt. Magdalena Cortez, a 17-year Air Force veteran who teaches ground combat training to recruits. "These are the biggest changes in the Air Force's history."

**Stocks**

The following grain quotations are provided by Attebery Grain of White Deer:

Wheat	5.44
Milo	5.30
Corn	6.08
Soybeans	7.95

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

Pampa	62.90	-0.70
BP PLCADR	74.22	-0.79
Cabot Corp	47.42	-0.04
Celanese	42.21	+0.23
Cabot Oil Gas	37.66	-0.17
Coca Cola	53.56	+0.45
VLO	77.05	-0.20
HAL	35.50	-0.01
TRI	53.80	-0.04

KMI	NA	NA
XCEL	20.91	-0.07
Asiarko	52.60	+0.20
XOM	89.79	-0.54
Nat'l Oilwell	111.31	-0.54
Limited	27.35	-0.11
Williams	33.91	-0.14
MCD	52.29	+0.38
Atmos	30.45	-0.19
Pioneer Nat	48.66	-0.64
JCP	75.43	-0.42
COP	88.91	-1.26
SLB	89.79	+0.15
Tenneco	36.10	-0.10
CVX	92.69	-0.96
Wal-Mart	48.90	-0.25
OKE	53.73	+0.10

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Silver	13.11
West Texas Crude	73.93

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**Obituaries**

**Services tomorrow**

**DAVIS, Vera Earlene** — Memorial services, 11 a.m., Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.  
**HAYES, Joy Evelyn** — 2 p.m. in Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel.

**Joy Evelyn Hayes, 74**



Hayes

Joy Evelyn Hayes, 74, died Saturday, July 14, 2007, in Pampa, Texas. Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, July 17, 2007, in Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel with Carl Novian, associate pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors. Mrs. Hayes was born July

18, 1932, in Wellington, Texas. She married Johnny R. Hayes on May 29, 1959, in Clovis, New Mexico. She moved to Pampa in 1961 where she was employed by Cabot Corporation, in the insurance department, for 27 years. She was a member of First Baptist Church, and was treasurer of AA and AI-Non group of Amarillo; one sister, Betty

Casey of Houston; one granddaughter, Melody Hargrove of Dallas; two grandsons, Kyle Hargrove of Dallas and Brent Flowers of Carter, Okla.; and one great-grandson, Brandon Flowers of Carter, Okla. MEMORIALS: Hospice Care of the Southwest, 1301 S. Coulter Suite 404, Amarillo, Texas 79106. Sign the on-line register at [www.carmichael-whatley.com](http://www.carmichael-whatley.com)

**Emergency Services**

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents through 7 a.m. today.

**Friday, July 13**

Six traffic stops were made resulting in one arrest.

Traffic complaints were reported in the 400 block of East Browning, the intersection of Highways 60 and 70, the 1600 block of East Harvester, the intersection of Cuyler and Browning and the 2300 block of Primrose.

Accidents were reported at the intersection of Gwendolen and Roberta and the 1200 block of North Hobart.

Animal control officers made calls concerning animals in the 1400 block of North Hobart, the 1100 block of Willow, the intersection of Russell and Hamilton, the 1700 block of Russell, the 1700 block of West Alcock, the 400 block of Roberta, the 700 block of East Browning, the 1200 block of Finley, the 700 block of Municipal, the 300 block of North Dwight, the 700 block of Naida, the 1800 block of North Banks, the 900 block of Twiford, the 800 block of Beryl, the 1200 block of Darby, the 2700 block of North Hobart and the 200 block of South Nelson.

A police escort was provided in the 500 block of Ballard.

A welfare check was made near the intersection of Lincoln and Nelson.

Civil matters were reported in the police department lobby and the 1100 block of South Sumner.

Agency assistance was provided in the police department lobby. Lost property was reported in the police department lobby on two occasions. One reported a set of keys, a two-way radio and two shirts with an estimated value of \$50 were stolen.

Found property was reported in the 2500 block of Perryton Parkway, the 1700 block of Williston where a bicycle was found and in the 1600 block of Charles where a purse and contents were found.

Sex offender registration took place once in the police department lobby.

Attempt to serve was made at two locations.

Silent/abusive 911 call was reported in the 1800 block of North Zimmers.

Criminal trespass was reported in the police department lobby.

A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 2500 block of Perryton Parkway. Criminal mischief was reported in the 500 block of Frost.

Assault was reported in the 100 block of South Cuyler where no injuries were reported.

Theft was reported in the 1400 block of Williston where a machine lathe valued at \$1,000 was stolen.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 2800 block of Perryton Parkway, in the 900 block of Christine, where a GPS, calculator and three pairs of jeans valued at \$328 were stolen and in the 100 block of Naida where a purse and contents valued at \$450 were stolen from a vehicle after the rear window was broken.

A stolen vehicle, a 2002 Toyota Sequoia, was reported in the 700 block of Lefors.

**One alarm was reported.**

**Saturday, July 14**

Seven traffic stops were made.

Traffic complaints were reported at the intersection of Hobart and Francis, the intersection of Gwendolen and Sumner, in the 500 block of Davis, in the 900 block of South Nelson and in the 400 block of West Brown.

An accident was reported in the 600 block of East Frederic.

Animal control officers made calls concerning animals in the 600 block of Naida, the 600 block of East Foster, two calls from the 300 block of Anne, the 500 block of Red Deer, the 1000 block of East Scott, the 2800 block of

Charles, the 1700 block of Gwendolen, two calls from the 500 block of West Brown, the 900 block of Malone, the 2400 block of Navajo and the 2700 block of North Hobart.

Violation of city ordinance was reported in the 1800 block of Beech, the 1800 block of Chestnut and the 1000 block of South Nelson.

Agency assistance was provided in the 2700 block of Alcock, the intersection of Malone and Henry and the 2300 block of Alcock.

A welfare check was made in the 1100 block of Varnon and the 300 block of Jean.

A building check was made in the 1200 block of North Hobart.

Silent/abusive 911 calls were reported in the 600 block of Ballard.

Phone harassment was reported in the 1000 block of North Wells.

A civil matter was reported in the 2000 block of Alcock.

Found property was reported in the 700 block of North Nelson and the 2700 block of Beech.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 100 block of Craven, the 1100 block of Sierra and the 1600 block of East Highway 60.

Harassment was reported in the police department lobby.

A suspicious person was reported at the intersection of Somerville and Kingsmill.

Suspicious vehicles were reported in the 200 block of Cook, the 700 block of East Brown.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 400 block of North Faulkner here medical attention was received for unknown injuries and a \$300 pair of sunglasses were broken.

Criminal trespass was reported in the 1200 block of North Hobart and the 1000 block of South Dwight.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 2200 block of North Sumner.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 500 block of Lefors.

Four alarms were reported.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 2200 block of North Sumner where two guns and a scope valued at \$600 were stolen.

DWI second offense was reported in the 600 block of Frederic.

A gas drive-off was reported in the 100 block of Starkweather where \$100 worth of gas was stolen.

Theft was reported in the 400 block of East Frederic where a shirt was stolen.

A stolen vehicle was reported in the police department lobby.

**Sunday, July 15**

Two traffic stops were made.

Traffic complaints were reported in the 2100 block of Williston, the intersection of Kentucky and Russell, the 1000 block of Sierra, the intersection of Lefors and Harvester and the 2100 block of Duncan.

Animal control officers made calls concerning animals in the 500 block of Perry, the 100 block of North Sumner and the intersection of Crawford and Somerville.

Found property, two bicycles, were reported in the 1100 block of Charles.

A civil matter was reported in the 1000 block of South Christy and the 700 block of East 14th.

Agency assistance was provided in the 1800 block of North Faulkner. Violation of city ordinance was reported in the 900 block of Fisher.

Suspicious person was reported at the intersection of Gwendolen and Nelson, the 800 block of Brunow, the intersection of Atchison and Starkweather which resulted in an arrest and the 300 block of Ballard.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 800 block of Murphy, the 300 block of Warren, the 400 block of Sloan, the

900 block of South Banks, the 1600 block of Somerville and the 1900 block of Coffee.

A missing person was reported in the 300 block of East Browning.

Harassment was reported in the 600 block of West.

Public intoxication was reported at the intersection of Atchison and Starkweather and in the 400 block of North Faulkner.

Domestic Disturbance was reported in the 1200 block of East Foster and the 400 block of North Faulkner which resulted in an arrest.

Assault causing bodily injury was reported in the 400 block of Sloan resulting in an arrest.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 300 block of Miami where two amps and a stereo were stolen.

A gas drive-off was reported in the 1000 block of West Wilks.

A prowler was reported in the 1600 block of Hamilton.

**Monday, July 16**

One traffic stop was made.

A welfare check was made in the 1000 block of South Christy.

An open door was reported in the 700 block of Davis.

Suspicious persons were reported in the 1600 block of Highway 60 and the 1000 block of North Sumner.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 1000 block of South Christy resulting in an arrest.

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

**Saturday, July 14**

Sarah Lynn Johnson, 25, of McLean was arrested by GCSO for possession of a controlled substance less than one gram.

Granville Smith, 34, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO for credit card/debit card abuse and no valid driver's license.

Pedro Castillo, 36, of Pampa was arrested by Pampa Police Department for driving while intoxicated second offense.

**Sunday, July 15**

Benny Martinez, 37, of Pampa was arrested by PPD in the 400 block of Sloan for public intoxication and disorderly conduct.

Salvador Rodriguez, 30, of Pampa was arrested by PPD for public intoxication/minor third offense enhanced and disorderly conduct fighting with another.

Rebecca Kulhanek, 42, of Pampa was arrested by PPD in the 100 block of Starkweather for public intoxication.

Tequilla Hall, 21, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO on bond surrender for possession of controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia and no valid driver's license.

Phillip Lee Howard, 46, of Oklahoma City was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety for possession of marijuana.

Dannie Thomas, 48, of Milwaukee, Wis., was arrested by Department of Public Safety for possession of controlled substance less than 400 grams, possession of marijuana less than four ounces and parole violation.

**Monday, July 16**

Ronnie Lynn Chase, 62, of Pampa was arrested by PPD in the 1000 block of South Christy for capias pro fine possession of drug paraphernalia.

Pampa Police Department reported the following accidents today.

**Tuesday, July 10**

11 p.m. — A dark green Honda or Toyota driven by an unknown driver and a 2004 Chevrolet Blazer driven by Jennifer Ann Selby, 38, of White Deer

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A bovine moment



A cow and her calf relax beside a pond east of Pampa recently.

Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS

## Indiana waitress gets a tip: \$10,000

ANGOLA, Ind. (AP) — The personal touch earned a waitress a \$10,000 tip.

Jessica Osborne, 20, received the gift from a family of regulars at the Pizza Hut where she works in this northeastern Indiana town.

The family — a mother and two sons — stopped in recently for their usual: two Mountain Dew's, a cup of hot water for tea and a large Meat Lover's Stuffed Crust pizza. They requested Osborne as usual and chatted about their lives.

"They make your day better when they come in," Osborne said.

She said she told them how she had started college twice but had to drop out because she didn't have enough money. They told her of their plans to move away, and she asked that they say goodbye before leaving town.

They returned last week and handed Osborne a check, folded in half, with money from an education fund they had set up after a death in the family.

"I didn't want to look at it because I thought I was going to cry," Osborne said. She did just that when she looked inside.

Osborne said she is now considering her options for where to study photography and journalism. "I haven't had time to figure it out," she said.

## Bush to call for international Mideast peace conference

By TOM RAUM  
Associated Press Writer  
WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush will call for an international conference this fall to include Israel, the Palestinian authority and some of their Arab neighbors to help restart Mideast peace talks and will pledge

increased aid to the Palestinian government of President Mahmoud Abbas, The Associated Press has learned.

Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice would lead the peace conference, which would include representatives of Israel and

"neighbors in the region," said a senior administration official who spoke on the condition of anonymity.

Bush planned to speak this afternoon at the White House about the peace conference and U.S. financial and diplomatic support for Abbas, who controls just the

West Bank after the Islamic militant group Hamas gained authority over Gaza in June.

Bush will portray this as "a moment of choice" between two paths for the Palestinian people — one represented by the moderate government led by Abbas

and his Fatah faction and that of Hamas.

The official spoke anonymously because the president had not yet given his speech.

The fall conference among Palestinian and Israeli officials and other countries in the region would be a way to prod the peace process. It would be one of the few times that Israelis and Arab leaders have met jointly to work out their differences.

Bush will also call for Israel to remove authorized outposts in Palestinian territory and end settlement expansion, the official said. And he will urge Israel to continue releasing tax revenues to the Palestinian authority.

White House spokesman Tony Snow said Bush would talk about "helping the forces of moderation" in the Middle East and attempt to

get "people on both sides to step up and start working, to energize the peace process."

Bush will outline U.S. financial support for the Abbas government, including \$190 million in mostly already-approved direct aid to the Palestinians. He will await recommendations from former British Prime Minister Tony Blair before deciding whether asking Congress for more, the senior official said.

## County

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ed in an election administrator," Winborne said. "They see the need for it. Their problem is funding it."

"Everyone agreed they'd like the county to hire an election administrator and be in total control of that individual, and each entity contract with us for the years they have elections."

Precinct 2 Commissioner Gary Willoughby, who attended the July 9 meeting, agreed that the trend was to lean away from a joint administrator. "My concern is that everyone who wants to participate, and holds an election, pay their share," said Precinct 3 Commissioner Gerald Wright.

"This is like car insurance," said County Judge Richard Peet. "You pay every month, or whatever your schedule is, whether it gets used or not. You don't get any of the premium back, either."

Commissioners voted to defer action on the issue and to call another special meeting of all entities within the county that hold elections. The meeting will be 11 a.m. Friday in the second-floor courtroom at the court-

house. Another agenda item which drew no action by commissioners was the retirement of Pampa/Gray County Emergency Management Coordinator Ken Hall next month.

A joint resolution by the county and the City of Pampa in 1983 created the position, which is funded by the state, Peet said. Peet and Pampa Mayor Lonny Robbins are jointly responsible for selecting Hall's successor.

A \$10 vehicle registration fee collected by the county for road and bridge work was approved to be continued, as were contracts with the state attorney general's office for child support cases and with a copier company for the copier in the district attorney's office.

Judge Willis Smith of Lipscomb County was reappointed to the Texas Panhandle Mental Health - Mental Retardation Board of Trustees. A contract to maintain a county child welfare board was also renewed.

Three bids on tax-delinquent property were accepted by commissioners. They are \$100 by Claudette Deason for a vacant lot on South Gray Street, \$500 by Patrick Edwards for a vacant house at 1060 Prairie Drive and \$150 by Tammy Knight for a vacant lot at 713 E. Brunow.

Precinct 4 Commissioner James Hefley received approval to accept bids for purchase of a truck. Bids will be due at commissioners' Aug. 1 meeting.

Pampa City Manager John Horst addressed commissioners concerning the fire protection contract between the city and the county, which expires in September.

Horst had directed a letter to Peet and commissioners asking consideration for a proposal to increase the county's annual subsidy for fire coverage by Pampa Fire Department.

"After careful thought and consideration, we believe the best source for determining the fair amount for subsidization would be property value," Horst said in the letter. "The property value in our county response area is over 36 percent of the amount inside the city limits. The current subsidy to the city is only seven percent of the total fire protection budget. With property values as they are, the city is asking that the commissioners court allot an additional \$30,000 to the subsidy."

No action was taken on the topic, which was not an agenda item.

Bills totaling \$235,370.64 and salaries of \$226,733.49 were approved for payment.

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collided in the 600 block of East Browning. Selby had slowed for a bicyclist and was rear-ended by the unknown vehicle, which fled the scene. There were no reported injuries.

Friday, July 13

6:51 p.m. — A 1983 Chevrolet Cavalier driven by Orville William Whinery, 80, of 737 N. Davis, and a 1995 Chevrolet pickup driven by Jared Douglas Pyle, 29, of 640 Roberta collided at the intersection of North Roberta and West Gwendolen. There were no reported injuries. Whinery was cited for failing to yield the right of way at a stop sign.

Saturday, July 14

2:15 p.m. — A 1994 Mercury Cougar driven by Christopher Lee Allred, 33, of 527 S. Barnes, and a 2001 Toyota Tundra driven by Brandon Dwayne Stevens, 29, of 514 N. Sumner, collided at the intersection of North Sumner and West Buckler. There were no reported injuries. Allred was cited for failure to yield right of way at an open intersection and failure to maintain financial.

Sunday, July 15

10:25 p.m. — A 2006 Ford F150 pickup driven by Pedro Perez Castillo of 1121 E. Francis collided with a legally parked 2000 Ford Crown Victoria owned by Genaro Lara Silva of 624 N. Somerville in the 500 block of South Barnes. There were no reported injuries. Castillo was cited for driving while intoxicated, second offense.

Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls during the 48-hour

weekend period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Saturday, July 14

8:59 p.m. — One unit and two personnel responded to the 700 block of Lowry on a gas odor.

Sunday, July 15

3:52 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 2200 block of North Wells for a hazardous material cleanup.

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

Thursday, July 12

10:55 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Pampa Regional Medical Center and transported a patient to the 1500 block of Kentucky.

11:29 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient to the 1500 block of Kentucky.

1:47 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2100 block of Lea and transported a patient to PRMC.

3:13 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of West 25th and transported a patient to PRMC.

8:03 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1900 block of Hilton and transported a patient to PRMC.

10:40 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block of North Wells. No transport.

Friday, July 13

6:45 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of 25th and transported a patient to PRMC.

7:49 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1500 block of Dogwood and transported a patient to PRMC.

8:07 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to a local nursing facility and transported a patient to PRMC.

8:37 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient to BSA in Amarillo.

8:57 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1900 block of Hilton and transported a patient to PRMC.

10:00 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient to a local nursing facility.

10:17 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient to a residence.

4:22 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1100 block of Varnon. No transport.

Saturday, July 14

9:11 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1300 block of East Foster and transported a patient to PRMC.

11:30 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient to BSA in Amarillo.

2:14 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the intersection of Buckler and Sumner. No transport.

2:39 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient to the 1300 block of Kentucky.

7:41 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of West 25th and transported a patient to PRMC.

10:48 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 300 block of East Browning. Call canceled en route.

Sunday, July 15

1:43 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1000 block of North Hobart and transported a patient to PRMC.

3:58 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the Baten Unit and transported a patient to PRMC.

9:07 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block of North Wells and transported a patient to PRMC.

11:30 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

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# Viewpoints

## Is Al Gore's campaign against oil industry an overreaction?

Former Vice President Al Gore's campaign to run the oil industry out of business has momentum. His documentary, "An Inconvenient Truth," won an Oscar, and more recently his world environmental concert gained some notoriety.

Others, however, believe Mr. Gore's campaign of fear is an over-reaction to climate change. They point to the fact that according to the United Nation's study on global warming the temperature of the Earth rose just 0.7 degrees Celsius in the last 100 years.

But he says that it is wrong to destroy our planet and ruin the prospects of every generation that follows ours. Is Mr. Gore's assessment an overreaction and what is the economic cost?

No one wants to destroy Earth, but people like their air conditioned homes and offices. Is he

proposing that Texans give up air conditioning in July?

Mr. Gore believes that carbon dioxide is the primary cause for the temperature to rise less than one degree in the last century, and he says human activity from burning coal and oil are the primary culprits.

The Administrator of NASA, Michael Griffin, recently cast further doubts by saying that he wasn't certain that policymakers should be concerned about global warming.

Any energy plan must be realistic in that it must encourage diversity in energy sources. Alternative energy sources have become the darling of politicians in Washington, but much of their success depends on government subsidies or mandates from government that renewable energy is used to generate electricity or as a trans-

portation fuel.

Simply put, ethanol, wind and other exotics must have very high energy prices and government subsidies or mandates to survive even in today's economic climate. Even if renewable energy usage tripled each year for the next 25 years, fossil fuels (coal, crude oil and natural

**Alex Mills**

Columnist



gas) would still generate 80 percent of the global energy demand.

Assuming that energy prices remain at or above current levels, renewable energy will continue to grow and more private investment will come into the development of

wind, solar, and others. Energy Information Administration estimates that \$7 billion in private equity was invested in renewable energy technology in 2006, which is double the investment rate in 2005.

Punishing the oil industry through additional taxes to finance research and development of renewable energy is not the answer. Restricting petroleum supplies through additional taxes will cause more pressure on higher prices.

Congress and Americans from coast to coast should not shut petroleum out of the debate on energy policy and it must take into consideration the economic impact of their decisions. What is the economic pain of reaching Mr. Gore's goals? Government must seek broad and equitable treatment of all economic sectors.

Congress should seek a climate change strategy that is fair and balanced and cost effective.

Is it too early to know if the "sky is falling (or melting)"? Some believe so while others disagree. We do know that climate change happens continuously and looking at it in 100-year increments only gives scientists a small picture when looking through it through geological time (millions of years) would give scientists a more comprehensive view.

Alex Mills is President of the Texas Alliance of Energy Producers, which represent more than 3,051 members in 25 states. The opinions expressed in this article are those of the author and do not necessarily represent the policies of the Texas Alliance of Energy Producers.

## Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, July 16, the 197th day of 2007. There are 168 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 16, 1945, the United States exploded its first experimental atomic bomb, in the desert of Alamogordo, N.M.

On this date:

In 1790, the District of Columbia was established as the seat of the U.S. government.

In 1862, David G. Farragut became the first rear admiral in the U.S. Navy.

In 1907, 100 years ago, actress Barbara Stanwyck was born in New York.

In 1907, "Popcorn King" Orville Redenbacher was born in Brazil, Ind.

In 1957, Marine Maj. John Glenn set a transcontinental speed record by flying a jet from California to New York in three hours, 23 minutes and eight seconds.

In 1964, in accepting the Republican presidential nomination in San Francisco, Barry M. Goldwater said "extremism in the defense of liberty is no vice" and that "moderation in the

*'In some sort of crude sense which no vulgarity, no humor, no overstatement can quite extinguish, the physicists have known sin; and this is a knowledge which they cannot lose.'*

— J. Robert Oppenheimer  
American physicist  
(1904-1967)

pursuit of justice is no virtue."

In 1969, Apollo 11 blasted off from Cape Kennedy, Fla., on the first manned mission to the surface of the moon.

In 1973, during the Senate Watergate hearings, former White House aide Alexander P. Butterfield publicly revealed the existence of President Richard Nixon's secret taping system.

In 1979, Saddam Hussein became president of Iraq.

In 1999, John F. Kennedy Jr., his wife, Carolyn, and her sister, Lauren Bessette, died when their single-engine plane, piloted by Kennedy, plunged into the Atlantic Ocean near Martha's Vineyard, Mass.

Ten years ago: Hundreds of FBI agents, some handing out photos in gay bars and hotels, blanketed South Florida in the continuing hunt for alleged prostitute-turned-serial killer Andrew Phillip Cunanan, suspected of gunning down designer Gianni Versace.

Five years ago: The Irish Republican Army issued an unprecedented apology for hundreds of civilian deaths over 30 years.



## True rule of law a hard sale in America

I was not surprised that President George Bush commuted Lewis "Scooter" Libby's prison sentence. It's what you'd expect from a corrupt politician who appears to care not a rat's toenail for justice, truth or principles.

Libby lied under oath before a grand jury, and he lied to the FBI. That's perjury and obstruction of justice. He was tried, convicted by a jury of his peers and sentenced in accordance with Justice Department guidelines. Bush's claim that the sentence was "too severe" is just another Bush lie. He knows it was not too severe because he's been the stingiest president ever when it comes to pardons and commutations.

Why the commutation and not a pardon? Because as long as Libby stands as a convicted felon with his conviction on appeal, he can

claim the Fifth Amendment if Congress decides to question him. There are a lot of people who don't want Libby to tell the truth, starting with Vice President Dick Cheney, President Bush and even former President Bill Clinton. Furthermore, by not ruling out a full pardon, B u s h retains leverage over Libby until the last day of his term.

Clinton handed out a totally unjustified pardon to one of Libby's clients — billionaire Marc Rich, who at the time of the pardon had been indicted for racketeering, tax evasion and trading with Iran. Rich had fled to Switzerland, and remains there.

While I am fully aware that America's political and

moneyed elite is the most corrupt in the world, it's the injustice of the matter that enrages me. Many people, poor and without influential friends in high places, will have their lives ruined for similar or even lesser crimes. Youth with no previous records have gotten as

much as five years for petty drug offenses. What Bush has done is offend justice. The blindfolded lady holding the scales of justice now has stains on her robes. I have never seen a politician so contemptuous of all the principles Americans once cherished as the current Bush.

Libby was a key player in the propaganda machine set up by the Bush administra-

tion to lie the American people into a war with Iraq. Incidentally, both the war and the lies continue.

Of course Libby has his defenders. Besides corruption, we are famous for suck-ups to the rich and influential, and no two areas produce more suck-ups than journalism and academia. It's disgusting to hear their weasel words trying to rationalize first Libby and now Bush.

Libby, after all, was no poor kid whose misdeeds might be excused by ignorance. He was a wealthy attorney with one of the best educations money can buy. He knew that what he was doing was wrong, but he thought he could get away with it, and he more or less has. In his circles, there won't be any problem raising \$250,000 to pay his fine,

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**Charley Reese**

Columnist

## Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

July 8  
Houston Chronicle on progress in Iraq:

U.S. troop strength in Iraq only recently reached the level envisioned by President Bush's surge strategy, so it is too early to judge its chance of success. However, if this weekend's wave of violence is a prelude to progress, Americans must shudder to think what impending failure would look like.

Over the weekend, suicide bombers and other insurgents killed 220 Iraqis. The attacks demonstrated the inability of U.S. and Iraqi soldiers to ensure widespread, uniform security and the insurgents' ability to seek out vulnera-

ble targets in unsecured areas.

The weekend attacks corresponded to a prediction by the U.S. commander in Iraq, David Petraeus. He said Sunni insurgents would try to "pull off a variety of sensational attacks and grab the headlines to create a mini-Tet." While the Viet Cong's Tet offensive in 1968 failed militarily, it succeeded in its goal of persuading many Americans that the war in Vietnam was unwinnable.

Petraeus notes accurately that political and military progress in Iraq must accompany and will bolster one another. However, the apparent paralysis of the Iraqi government, combined with the surge in violent attacks, is having the opposite effect.

Several prominent Republican senators have called for a change of strategy one leading to the withdrawal or

repositioning of U.S. troops in Iraq. U.S. Defense Secretary Robert Gates canceled his departure on a tour of four Latin American nations and will remain in Washington to meet on Iraq.

One of the bright spots in Iraq, the relative calm of Iraqi Kurdistan, is endangered by Turkish threats to attack radical Kurdish rebels who take refuge in Iraq after attacks in Turkey.

Voicing frustration at the inability of Iraqi forces to secure areas temporarily pacified by U.S. troops, several Iraqi politicians called on the civilian populace to arm itself in self-defense. Without widespread security maintained by Iraq forces, this sounds like a prescription for continued civil conflict and another reason to doubt whether the surge in U.S. troops will pay lasting dividends.

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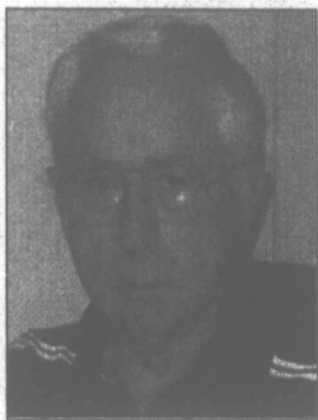
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# Chamber

## Letter from the desk of the executive director

More rain—don't complain! In case any of you reading this have recently moved to Pampa (and to Texas), let me be the first to tell you we never



Pitner

complain about too much rain in Texas. Mainly because we have seen too many years when it only rains a few times during the year, which usually results in lean crops, brown lawns, and dust storms. We do hope the wheat farmers can get into their fields to harvest one of the best wheat crops in years—particularly with the price being more than five dollars per bushel. And, before I get off the subject of weather, how about these unbelievable cooler temperatures we are experiencing.

Your Chamber committees have been very active lately completing plans for the upcoming events. The Tri-State Seniors Golf Tournament begins Thursday, July 26th. A reception will be held that Thursday night in the M.K. Brown room in the Chamber building. The Tournament concludes on the 29th. The Retail Committee has been brainstorming different ideas for improving Pampa's retail sales and service. One suggested initiative would be to offer training sessions conducted by professional trainers for subjects such as effective telephone answering skills and/or customer service techniques and skills—plus other possible relevant subjects. The committee members felt that not only would our retail businesses benefit—but also Pampa shoppers and the young people receiving most of the training. We will be following up with our local merchants regarding their input and support of such training. Please feel free to let me know your feelings about such an endeavor.

This approaching Thursday evening you will be seeing a lot of officials from all of the 26 counties in the Panhandle. The City of Pampa is hosting the quarterly meeting of the Panhandle Regional Texas Municipal League and mayors, city managers and other town and city officials will be in Pampa that evening. Please join us in welcoming them.

Remember too, to keep gathering your items for the City Wide Garage Sale on Saturday, Aug. 11. It looks like this will be a fun day for all.

Keith Pitner  
Interim Executive Director



Courtesy photos

The 2006 Celanese Restless Pursuit MS-150 team will compete in this year's 2007 BP MS Bike Ride July 28 and 29. Shown here are, from left, Jim Borman, Michael Woelfle, Mike Woelfle, Stephen Parker, Barry Loving, Dan Long, Eric Anderson, Mary Loving, Brian Sullivan and Randy Williams. Nuni Silva, below right, is a member of the Celanese Relentless Pursuit Bike Team pictured here during the 2006 MS Wild West 150 Bike Tour after a long ride to Canadian. The Panhandle Division of the National MS Society will recognize local bike riders at the July 17 Chamber of Commerce luncheon and discuss the 2007 MS Bike Tour set for July 28-29.

## Chamber Luncheon

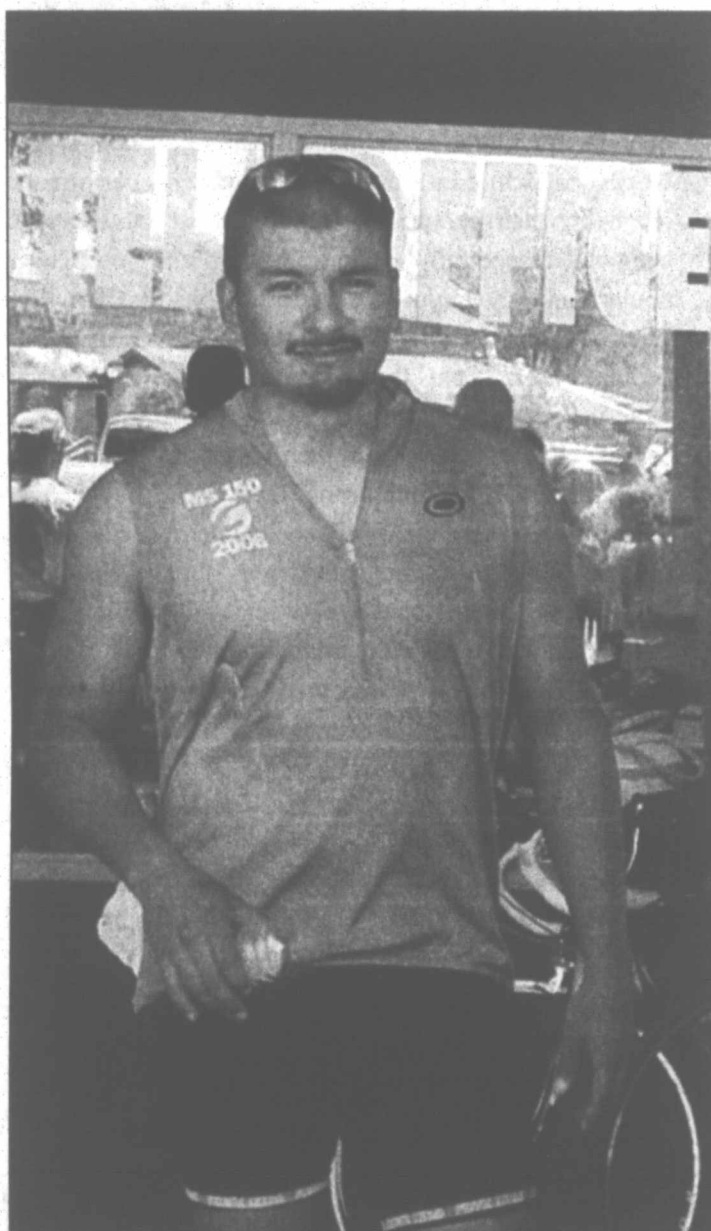
July 17 11:45 a.m.

M.K. Brown Room  
at the Chamber.

Speakers will be April

Brownlee and Gail Lindsey  
with the MS Society.

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# Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

**DEAR ABBY:** My friend "Nora" was very shaken by something that happened to her recently. While her six grandchildren were visiting, the oldest boy (age 13) shouted, "Let's take her down!" and all six of the children attacked her, knocking her to the ground, then groping and hitting her. Nora is 73 and only 5 foot 2. Her oldest grandchild is 5 foot 7 and weighs 140 pounds. All of the grandchildren are large for their ages. The youngest, who is 7, weighs well over 70 pounds. My question is, what can elderly people do to protect themselves? Nora felt helpless. She took the beating because she was afraid if she fought back, she'd be turned in for child abuse. I told her I'd have whacked that 13-year-old monster so hard he'd think twice about ever pulling a stunt like that again. Now she's afraid of her grandkids because, even though their parents eventually pulled them off her, they did nothing to punish the children for their aggressive behavior. Is there anything older people can do to defend themselves against delinquents? — **SHOCKED IN TOPEKA**

**DEAR SHOCKED:** Are you talking about delinquent children or delinquent parents? Nora's grandchildren were obviously never taught by their parents the importance of behaving respectfully around adults, particularly elderly adults who can be fragile. They could have caused their grandmother serious harm. That the behavior went unpunished is extremely disturbing because if parents don't bother to teach their children right from wrong, their misbehavior could escalate. While the incident you described might be considered "fun and games" when it occurs between children, when it happens with an adult it

becomes assault and battery. In Nora's case, it could be considered elder abuse. There are two ways to protect oneself from "delinquents" of any age who act like this. The first is to avoid people who do not understand boundaries because their lack of judgment could sooner or later cause great bodily harm. The second is to notify the police and seek immediate medical attention.

**DEAR ABBY:** How do you tell people you just don't like them and don't want to be friends anymore? My husband, daughter and I are "friends" with a family we became acquainted with when our daughter was in first grade. That was three years ago. This family is annoying and loud, and we can't seem to distance ourselves from them. They constantly call for playdates and dinner dates. The kids get along well, but my husband and I do not like this couple and prefer not to spend our social time with them. How do we distance ourselves without offending them? — **STUCK IN SAN ANTONIO**

**DEAR STUCK:** Since when did an invitation to get together become a command performance? You are under no obligation to accept every invitation that is offered to you. The kindest way to extricate yourselves would be to simply not be available every time they want to get together. Cultivate other friendships for yourselves and your daughter. P.S. I am not advising you to necessarily end the friendship between the children. But when you arrange time for them to get together, make it a time when they are dropped off at each other's homes.

## For Better Or For Worse



## Zits



## Garfield



## Beetle Bailey



## Marvin



## Crossword Puzzle

### CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS DOWN

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- 32 Give for a time
- 33 Highway foundations
- 35 Misbehaving
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- 47 Paris kidnapped her
- 48 Heart or liver

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### Saturday's answer

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## The Family Circus

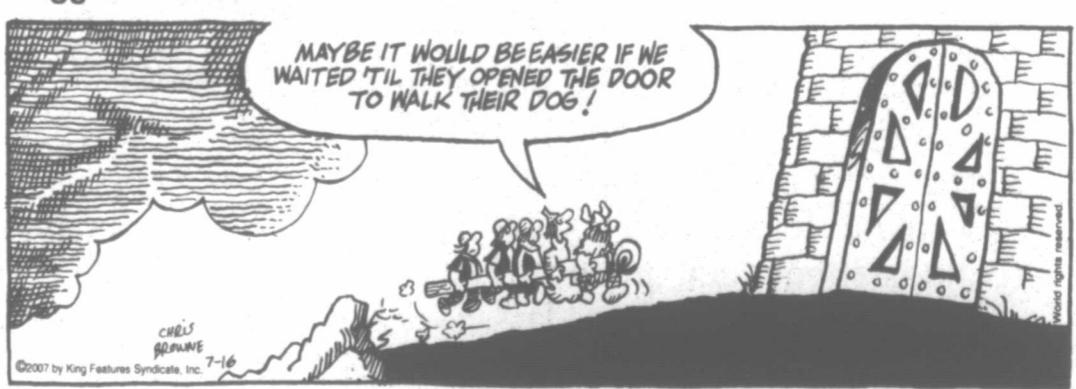
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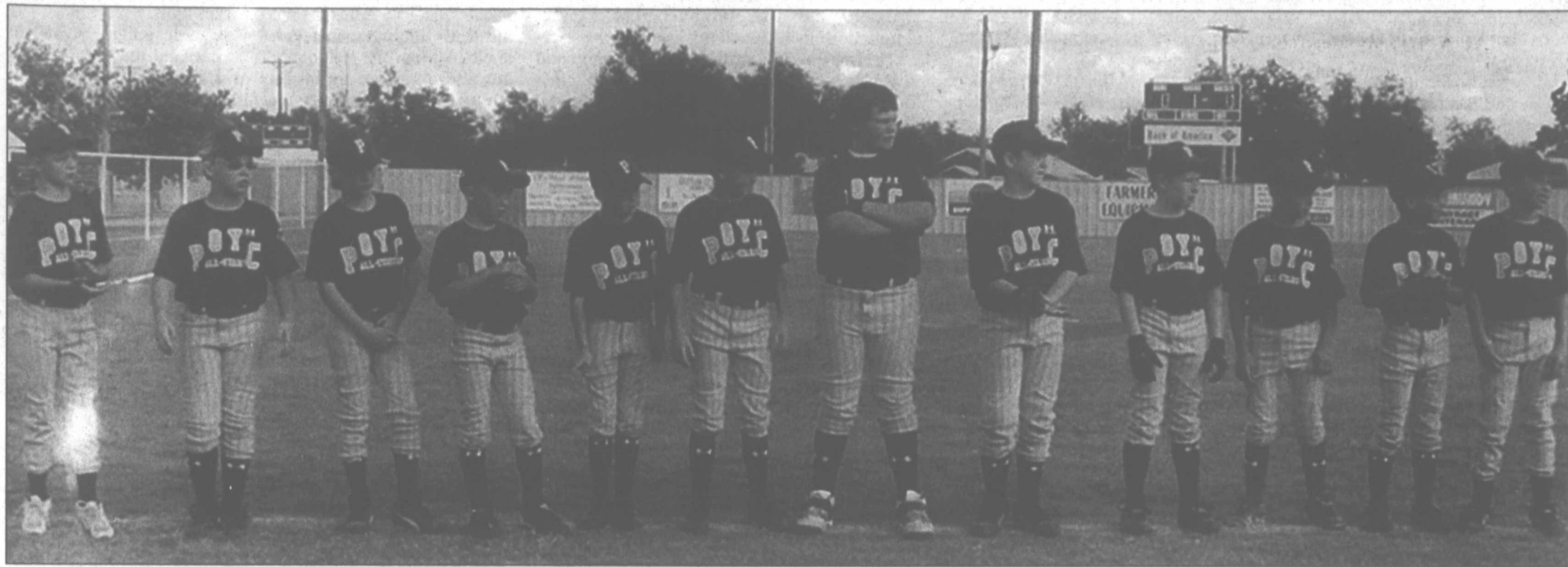
## Flo & Friends



## Blondie



# Sports Day



Courtesy photo

Pictured here are the Pampa Optimist Club 9-10 year old All-Stars line up before a game during the West Texas State Tournament held in Seminole. (L-R) Josh DeLoach, Colton Thompson, Colton Lesley, Cade Engle, Aaron Allen, Thomas Haley, Ethan Hunt, Jonathan Doyle, Casey Martindale, Nathan Furgason, Jacob Nelson and Cory Chidester.

## 9-10 year old All-Stars advance to Southwest Regionals

After five days and five games the Pampa 9-10 All-Star team was able to leave Seminole with a 3rd place finish in the West Texas State Tournament.

Pampa opened up play with the hometown team and the District IV Champion Seminole All-Stars.

Pampa started fast with singles by both Aaron Allen and Cade Engle, Thomas Haley grounded out on his first at bat but advanced both runners.

A single by Ethan Hunt plated Allen and Engle stole home on a pass ball. A single by Jacob Nelson and Allen were wasted in the second inning as Pampa left both runners stranded.

Haley worked a walk in the third and scored on a single by Hunt who stole home to get Pampa back in the game.

Pampa once again wasted singles by Colton Thompson and Engle in the fourth inning leaving both runners stranded and Pampa still behind 5-4.

Hunt lead off the fifth with

a single and was able to work his way to third on pass balls and score on a timely single by Nathan Furgason to knot the score at five apiece after five innings.

Thompson got on in the sixth with one out after being hit by a pitch, Thompson stole second and was moved to third on a ground out by Allen.

With two outs Engle doubled to left field to score Thompson and stole 3rd and home to finish the scoring and give Pampa the 7-5 win.

Defensively Pampa played outstanding with the play of the game coming in the 6th inning when Seminole tried to steal 2nd on a pass ball and catcher Aaron Allen threw down to Shortstop Cade Engle to stop the Seminole threat in its tracks.

Hunt started on the mound for Pampa and pitched the first and second innings giving up three runs on three walks, striking out two and no hits.

Casey Martindale pitched the third and fourth innings

giving up two runs on three walks, striking out three and three hits.

Haley got the win pitching the fifth and sixth innings walking two, striking out three, giving up one hit and no runs.

Engle and Hunt paced the Pampa Offense with each getting three hits and scoring twice.

Pampa's second game was a rematch with Plainview from the District I/II Championship game.

Plainview sent Pampa to the losers bracket with a 11-0 win.

Through the first three innings Plainview held a 3-0 lead over Pampa but would explode in the fourth and fifth for seven runs and the win.

Thomas Haley started for Pampa pitching the first and second innings giving up three runs on six hits, one walk and two strike outs.

Casey Martindale pitched the third and part of the fourth inning giving up five runs on six hits, walking none.

Hunt pitched part of the fourth and all the fifth inning giving up three runs on three hits striking out three and walking two.

Allen and Martindale generated the only offense for Pampa with one hit each.

Furgason and Engle were Pampa's only other base runners with each working a walk.

After dropping to the losers bracket, Pampa found a lot of fight left in the District III Champ Levelland All-Stars but the cardiac kids pulled this one out in the fifth when they scored four runs to stay alive with a 5-2 win.

Levelland's lead-off hitter singled and scored in the first but that would be it for them as Pampa's defense and pitching stepped it up a notch to hold Levelland scoreless for the next 4 innings, they would add one more in the 6th.

Ethan Hunt pitched the first four innings for Pampa giving up one run on three hits, he did not walk anyone and struck out five Levelland

hitters.

Martindale pitched the fifth and sixth giving up one run on two hits, walking none and striking out one.

Defensive play of the game was left-fielder Cory Chidester attempting to throw out a runner at home, Catcher Aaron Allen alertly knew he couldn't get the out and threw to Engle at shortstop to get the runner trying to steal second.

Offensively for Pampa, Engle, Haley, Martindale and Jonathan Doyle each had a single and Hunt provided some power with a triple.

Chidester worked a walk in the third and scored to tie the game up at one stealing 2nd, 3rd and home on a over-throw to 2nd.

Pampa finished its scoring in the fifth when Haley, Hunt, Martindale and Josh DeLoach all scored on some very timely hitting.

Pampa still facing elimination and a possible bid to the regional tournament found itself facing the District IV Champs from Seminole once again in the

losers bracket.

Pampa came out swinging with a lead off double by Allen, Engle would follow that up with a double of his own to plate Allen, Engle stole third and got threw out trying to steal home on a coaching error.

Haley walked and scored on a single by Hunt to end Pampa's threat in the first.

Pampa added one more run in the third after Haley singled and worked his way around to third on pass balls.

Hunt grounded out but was able to plate Haley to give Pampa a 3-0 lead after the third.

Pampa would add one more run in the fourth when Thompson reached base on a single and took second on an error then stole 3rd on a pass ball.

Allen grounded to third for Pampa's first out but was able to score Thompson to give Pampa their final run of the game and a 4-2 lead going into the sixth.

Seminole made things interesting in the sixth with

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## Phillies become the first professional team to 10,000 losses

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Never known as lovable losers, cursed, or even affectionately as bums, the Philadelphia Phillies have long held a more pitiable title: The losingest team in sports.

From the Baker Bowl to Shibe Park/Connie Mack Stadium to the Vet and Citizens Bank Park, futility has tailed them like the sound of boos that echo throughout Philly for the disheartenment of every September collapse, every last-place finish, every near miss.

No team has lost quite like the Phillies. Now, make it

10,000 times.

Bad starting pitching, brutal relief, hardly any hitting, it was all in there in Sunday's milestone loss. Albert Pujols hit two of the St. Louis Cardinals' six homers in a 10-2 rout.

"I don't really care about it," Phillies manager Charlie Manuel said. "We haven't been really talking about it. Our players haven't been talking about it."

Maybe there wasn't much chatter in the clubhouse, but the fans jumped all over the ugly number. They started Web sites that counted down to 10,000, blogged about the memorable defeats and

brought signs to the game that poked fun at the unimaginable number.

By the ninth inning, fans in the sellout crowd of 44,872 thumbed their noses at the dubious mark, standing and applauding. Camera flashes went off all around the park, trying to record the final pitch as NL MVP Ryan Howard struck out to end the game.

Cardinals manager Tony La Russa made sure to snag the ball and said he would auction it off for charity.

"That ball is history," he said. "It's nothing to be ashamed about."

Maybe not. But only one

World Series championship (1980) in 125 years has long brought that feeling to the fans in a city way too familiar with losing.

The Phillies have had few moments to celebrate. The franchise, born in 1883 as the Philadelphia Quakers and briefly called the Blue Jays in the mid-1940s, fell to 8,810-10,000.

Next on the losing list: the Braves, with 9,681 defeats. It took them stints in three cities (Boston, Milwaukee and Atlanta) to reach that total. Not even those lovable losers, the Chicago Cubs, come close at 9,425.

And for those counting, it

was the 58th time the Phillies have lost by that exact 10-2 score, the Elias Sports Bureau said.

The Phillies avoided the milestone for three games, but the Cardinals — the team that caught them 43 years ago for the NL pennant in one of the biggest collapses in baseball history — beat Philadelphia one more time.

All that mattered to the Phillies was winning the series, 2-1.

"It doesn't matter one way or the other to all the guys in here," All-Star center fielder Aaron Rowand said. "The guys in here weren't responsible for 10,000 losses, so

what does it really matter to us?"

It hasn't been all bad for the Phillies. They've had their share of highlights and Hall of Famers: Jim Bunning, Robin Roberts, Richie Ashburn.

They haven't lost 100 games since 1961, and they won the NL East three straight years from 1976-78 behind Mike Schmidt, Steve Carlton and Larry Bowa. Philadelphia lost the World Series in 1983 and 1993, though it hasn't returned to the playoffs since Joe Carter's homer won the 1993 World Series for Toronto.

## Stewart breaks winless streak at Chicagoland

JOLIET, Ill. (AP) — Yes, Tony Stewart has been known to freak out from time to time. But his recent winless streak wasn't one of those times.

Stewart broke through for his first victory of the season on Sunday, holding off Matt Kenseth at Chicagoland Speedway to break a 20-race victory drought that dated to the end of last season.

But Stewart said he never really worried about being shut out of victory lane for longer than usual, because he had cars capable of winning more often than not

this year.

"I haven't been freaking out about it," Stewart said. "I've been happy that we've been in the position that we've been in."

Stewart has been in position to win several races this season, coming up short because of plain old bad luck or occasional poor fuel economy — an ongoing concern for the No. 20 team.

"I think if it was a situation where we couldn't run up front, and there were two or three teams that had stuff figured out and we couldn't compete with them and we were running 20th or 30th

every week and couldn't figure out what to do to get into the top-five again, then you would be worried about not winning races," Stewart said.

But as long as he was there, Stewart figured he'd win sooner or later.

"When I've got a car every week where I know I at least have the capability of running up front, you know that you can't have bad luck forever," Stewart said.

Rediscovering victory lane was only one of the two pressing problems Stewart resolved over the weekend,

as the two-time champion said he has patched his rift with upstart teammate Denny Hamlin after a lecture from team owner Joe Gibbs on Saturday.

Hamlin and Stewart spent the week trading barbs in the media after the two teammates wrecked at Daytona International Speedway last week. The situation became ugly enough for team owner Joe Gibbs to take a last-minute detour from a planned vacation and come to the track on Saturday to gather Stewart and Hamlin for a hastily arranged meeting.

## Byrd rallies to win Deere

SILVIS, Ill. (AP) — Jonathan Byrd could see it all again. There was the look in Vijay Singh's eyes as he stepped to the first tee, the aggression that took him to a victory in the John Deere Classic four years earlier.

Byrd did all he could to reproduce it Sunday.

He birdied three of the final five holes and shot a 5-under 66 Sunday to win the Deere Classic and qualify for the British Open, and afterward, he thought back to that pairing with Singh.

"When he came out on that first hole with that com-

plete mind-set, I'm going to win this golf tournament. I'm going to play aggressive. I'm going to fire at every flag and just play aggressive," said Byrd, who was in the final group with Singh in 2003.

This time, it was Byrd's turn.

He earned his third PGA Tour victory, finishing at 18-under 266 — one stroke ahead of Tim Clark (68). Third-round leader Nathan Green (71) and Troy Matteson (66) tied for third, three strokes back.

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# No need to make new signs: Pak wins Farr for 5th time

SYLVANIA, Ohio (AP) — Each year the city of Sylvania renames its main drag after the golfer who wins the Jamie Farr Owens Corning Classic.

Imagine how much money Se Ri Pak has saved taxpayers who haven't had to pay for new street signs.

Pak overcame a brief three-shot deficit after Morgan Pressel's ace on the sixth hole and went on to tie an LPGA record with her fifth victory in the Farr on Sunday.

"Wow. First of all, winning is always great. That's perfect," she said. "The second thing is, whenever you make history, that's pretty special."

Pak, who previously won the Farr in 1998, 1999, 2001

and 2003, matched Mickey Wright, who won the Sea Island Open in 1957-58, '60, '62-'63, and Annika Sorenstam, who has won both the Samsung World Championship and Mizuno Classic tournaments five times each.

Pak traced her victory to Pressel's ace.

"When she got the ace on No. 6, I felt like, 'OK... It's changing totally her way,'" she said. "As soon as she made ace, it woke me up right away. I just don't want to give up at all. I wanted to win this event so badly."

The 29-year-old Pak has 24 career victories. She followed rounds of 63, 68 and 69 with a 67 to finish at 17-under 267 and collect the \$195,000 winner's check.

Pressel closed with a 69 and was three shots back at 270.

"That's pretty cool," the 19-year-old Pressel said about Pak's domination in the Farr. "She's a tremendous player and it was great to watch her battle it out and hang in there today and pull it out. There's a reason why she's in the Hall of Fame."

Pak and Pressel duelled all day with Pak pulling even with birdies at Nos. 8 and 9 and then breaking the tie at the par-4 15th, almost holing an iron approach which ended up 2 feet from the cup. After Pressel's long putt from the back fringe came up a foot short, Pak rammed in the birdie to go ahead by a stroke with three holes left.

"That's maybe the turning point," Pak said.

Pressel's approach shot at the 17th stopped 2 feet away. But Pak rolled in a 6-footer for birdie before Pressel tapped in.

At the 18th — the second of back-to-back par-5 closing holes at Highland Meadows Golf Club — Pak created a roar from the large gallery when she came within inches of holing her approach. Her tap-in birdie putt clinched the victory.

Carri Wood had the best finish of her career, shooting a closing 69 to share third place with Wendy Ward (68), Laura Diaz (69) and Laura Davies (69). Wood had never been better than a tie for 12th in her previous 10 years and 152 LPGA starts.

After her ace, Pressel was even par the rest of the way

while Pak was 6 under.

Pressel, who started the day two shots back of Pak, needed just four holes to take the lead. She overcame Pak at No. 4 when she rolled in a downhill 12-footer for birdie while Pak failed to get up and down from the left greenside bunker.

Pressel stepped to the tee first at the sixth. She pulled out a 7 iron and hit it to the front right edge of the green. "Get up! Get up!" she yelled at the ball. It did.

The ball kicked off a large mound just off the green, took a sharp left turn and disappeared into the cup. Pressel didn't pump her fist or jump for joy, but smiled and looked for somebody to celebrate with. The first person she met was her playing

partner, Pak, and the two hugged. Then Pressel embraced her caddie, Jon Yarbrough.

A large gallery roared at the tee and the volume rose as she walked onto the green. She plucked the ball out of the cup, smiled, and acknowledged the cheers.

Pressel thought maybe it was her day.

"I thought, 'Well, that's a nice time to get a lucky bounce,'" she said while holding her 5-year-old cousin on her lap. "I tried to keep hanging in there."

Pak had every reason to be shaken, facing an 18-foot birdie putt. But she drilled it in the middle of the cup to trail by two strokes. It was a sign that she wouldn't back down.



Courtesy photo

The Pampa Optimist Club 9-10 year old All-Stars took third place in the West Texas State Tournament in Seminole, and claimed a spot in the Southwest Regionals tournament.

## All Stars

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Pampa ahead 4-2.

Seminole put runners on the corners and the winning run was at the plate with one out when he grounded into the glove of Pampa shortstop Cade Engle who was waiting to turn a game saving double play by stepping on 2nd and throwing to 1st to get both runners.

Hunt started for Pampa and got the win pitching the first two innings, he did not give up any runs, he walked one, no hits and two strike outs.

Martindale pitched the third and fourth, he did not allow any runs, he walked one, gave up no hits and struck out four.

Haley pitched the fifth and sixth giving up three runs on two hits, two walks

and one strike out.

After defeating Seminole and securing a spot in the Southwest Regionals, Pampa needed to win one more the get to the West Texas State Championship game but found themselves once again having to get through the All-Stars from Plainview who never seem to go quietly.

Pampa gave Plainview quiet a game spotting them three runs in the first but that would be it until the fifth inning when Plainview was able to put together some hits and add three more runs to take a 5-0 lead.

The sixth inning was Pampa's un-doing when Plainview exploded for seven runs and 12-0 win.

Pampa did a good job at the plate but was never able to string together enough hits to score leaving ten runners stranded.

Engle led Pampa with two hits.

Martindale had a double and Allen, Hunt and Nelson each had singles.

Hunt started and pitched four innings for Pampa giving up three runs on four hits, he walked one and hit one, while striking out one.

Haley pitched the fifth and part of the sixth giving up nine runs on six hits, walking three, hitting one and striking out one.

Martindale came on in the sixth and pitched to four batters giving up 2 hits.

Defensively for Pampa Martindale had the play of the game with an unassisted double play from third base by snagging a hot grounder and stepping on third then throwing to 1st to get the second out.

Pampa had four team members who were honored by the Seminole Tournament Director for

their play after being eliminated. Ethan Hunt, Arron Allen and Cade Engle were given the excellence award for their play at Pitcher, Catcher and Shortstop. Pampa's Bat Boy Logan Martindale was given the hustle award for taking care of the team.

Pampa will advance to the Southwest Regional Tournament to be held in Amarillo, TX, starting July 20th.

Teams competing in the Regionals will be from Louisiana, two from Arkansas, Oklahoma, Mississippi, East Texas, South Texas, North Randall County, Plainview and Pampa.

Please come out and root these boys from Pampa on, they sure are a scrappy bunch.

Pampa Youth Optimist Club is a United Way Organization.

## Byrd

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Byrd didn't like what he saw when he glanced at the leaderboard on his way to the 14th hole, and things weren't looking much better for him when his tee shot sailed wide right.

Then, his fortunes changed.

He birdied that hole, sinking a 16-foot putt that "kept me in the golf tournament," added two more birdies on 16 and 17.

Byrd had missed four straight cuts and didn't bother to bring his passport, so he had to go home to Georgia before heading to Scotland.

"I haven't been playing well, and, I don't know, maybe I thought that would be a jinx or something," he said.

Byrd, who won the 2002 Buick Challenge and 2004 B.C. Open, moved into a tie with Clark with a birdie on 17. Clark found a bunker short of the green on 17 and sent a 6-foot putt for par wide left for a bogey that put him at 17 under and in second place.

"On 17, I had a go at the green, and that's really the only shot of the day I missed," Clark said. "I fully expected to be able to get it up to the green-side bunker, and instead, it plugged in the lip of the bunker 20 yards short of the green. And from there, I just had no play."

Byrd finished with a par on 18, meaning Clark needed a birdie to force a playoff.

Instead, Byrd watched as Clark's approach on the par-4 hole settled on the left edge of the green — just under 71 feet from the cup. His long

putt for birdie rolled wide left, giving Byrd the victory.

"Right when he hit it, the announcer said he thought it was a little bit left," said Byrd, who finished a few minutes earlier. "I had kind of hit that putt for more the middle of the green, and I knew it wasn't going to come back to the right."

It didn't, and that secured the 29-year-old Byrd's third win — the most by an active American-born player under 30. Charles Howell III has two victories.

Early on, Clark appeared poised to earn his first tour victory.

He took several cortisone shots for neck pain two weeks ago and had said he might skip the British Open even if he qualified at the Deere because he was worried the pain would flare up on the long flight. On Sunday, he said he would have gone but that became a non-issue late in the day.

Clark made a name for himself when he finished two strokes behind Phil Mickelson at the Masters last year. And the South African made another push for the green jacket this year when he was tied for the lead through 36 holes before tying for 13th.

That prize ultimately went to Zach Johnson, who missed the cut at the Deere.

Green was in good position to earn his first tour victory and become the third Australian in four years to take the Deere Classic, but he could not maintain the lead he built the previous two days.

"I just felt terrible with my swing and managed to recover a little bit at the end, but it was a struggle all day," Green said.

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** for Tuesday, July 17, 2007.

You make a difference this year. Your smile, words and thoughtfulness draw many closer, and often attract new people as well. You will be the ever-soon Moon Child. Your bright ideas and personality will not go unnoticed. Changing your life to allow in better becomes a lot easier than in the past. If you are single, by this time next year, you'll wave goodbye to your present status — that is, if you so desire. If you are attached, you move into a dynamic, more creative period in which romance returns. Your sweetie is adorable. VIRGO wants to understand.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19)  
 \*\*\*\*\* Your ability to help others when they might not be able to help themselves emerges. Though you might not always have the right solutions, you can help support people as they seek them out. Communication adds to a sense of well-being. Tonight: In the whirlwind of life.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20)  
 \*\*\*\*\* You might have the best intentions, and perhaps so does someone else. It takes generosity of spirit to have them merge. You might not be sure of what is going on, but a pointed question or two will help. Tonight: Let more affection in.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20)  
 \*\*\*\*\* Investigate an investment that thrills you to death. Before laying out the cash, you will need to have as many facts as possible. Your security might be more important than you realize.

Understanding comes from experience. Tonight: Settle in.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22)  
 \*\*\*\*\* Don't stand back or shut yourself out of a conversation. Sharing will become easier and easier if you simply express one feeling at a time. Someone really would like to hear from you. This person cares. Tonight: Out and about.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22)  
 \*\*\*\*\* Experiment a little, but not to the point of causing yourself trouble. If you want to play the gambler, go buy a lottery ticket rather than break the bank at the casino. A conservative streak at this point might make you much happier. Tonight: Buy that new item.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)  
 \*\*\*\*\* The Moon smiles on you, and as a result, you smile on everyone else. This type of exchange warms the cockles of your heart. Realize you might have a lot to learn from a friend. Listen more often to this person's sharing. Tonight: As you wish.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)  
 \*\*\*\*\* Knowing when to back off could be instrumental, if not important. You might be overly sensitive and tuned in to others. You might believe a person means this or that, but he or she is not even thinking like that. Tonight: A much-needed timeout.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)  
 \*\*\*\*\* Sometimes you cannot believe how situations fall into place. Right now you might feel as if you have a touch of magic on your team. Gather as much information as possible as you start looking at different possibilities. Tonight: Go for what you really want.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

\*\*\*\*\* Don't be surprised if you are feeling an abnormal amount of tension. Someone has great expectations, and you might wonder if you can meet them. Or course you can. Use a partner's feedback to land what you want. Tonight: Count on being in demand.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)  
 \*\*\*\*\* You might want to rethink a situation and get more information. You might not be exactly sure what is appropriate. A partner certainly lets you know what he or she thinks. Listen, even if you disagree. Tonight: Let your mind wander.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)  
 \*\*\*\*\* Work with one specific person, and you will stay on top of your game. Understand that others want and need your total focus. Laugh and relax with a special person who is part of your life. Good moods are contagious. Tonight: Work as a team.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20)  
 \*\*\*\*\* You like what goes on and understand a lot more than you realize. Examine what works and listen to the many people in your life. Lighten up and enjoy the moment. Nothing can replace enjoying those in your life. Tonight: Sort through suggestions.

**BORN TODAY**  
 Actor Donald Sutherland (1934), comedian Phyllis Diller (1917), TV host Art Linkletter (1912)

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## Twins earn four-game sweep of reeling A's

**By The Associated Press**

The Minnesota Twins are finding their form from last season when they made an unlikely playoff run. Second-half success for the Oakland A's, meanwhile, has yet to be found.

Joe Mauer singled home the winning run in the ninth inning after Justin Morneau hit a tying homer in the eighth, and the Twins completed a four-game sweep of the slumping Athletics with a 4-3 victory Sunday.

"It's kind of feelings of last year at this time," Minnesota third baseman Nick Punto said. "Guys were coming up with big hits with a guy on base, and I kind of see signs of last year. Hopefully we can get on some kind of roll like we did last year."

Eric Chavez homered for the A's, who have lost seven in a row — their longest skid since also dropping seven straight in late May last season. They have scored three runs or fewer in 10 consecutive games, matching a team record set in September 1978.

In other AL games on Sunday, it was: Cleveland 5, Kansas City 3;

Baltimore 5, Chicago 3; New York 7, Tampa Bay 6; Toronto 2, Boston 1; Minnesota 4, Oakland 3; Texas 5, Los Angeles 4 in 11 innings; and Detroit 11, Seattle 7.

Luis Castillo led off the ninth with a triple against reliever Joe Kennedy (2-8) and trotted home on Mauer's third hit of the game, which bounced through a drawn-in infield.

Castillo, who normally rests his aching legs on day games after night games, dashed around the bases to set up the winning run.

Morneau tied the score at 3 with his 25th home run, a shot into the right-field upper deck off reliever Santiago Casilla. Minnesota earned its fifth series sweep this season and first four-game sweep since taking four in a row against Kansas City from Aug. 3-6, 2006.

The Twins hope to show the rest of the AL that they're capable of turning it on the way they did last season. Minnesota won 71 of its final 104 games in 2006 and captured the AL Central crown on the season's final day.

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## Fund-raising



Pampa Regional Medical Center won "Most Money Raised by a Corporation" during the recent Relay For Life fund-raiser. Of the total \$45,000 raised, PRMC raised \$8,300. PRMC representatives are pictured above with Pam Dalton, Gray County relay chair. Above, from left: Karen Furnish, Billie Ward, Alan N. King CEO, Pam Dalton, Lanona Kobernick, and sitting Cookie Thavaradhara. Billy Ward also received the award for "Most Money Raised by an Individual."

## Plains to get drought dollars, but some say rain levels are normal

By NATE JENKINS  
Associated Press Writer  
ORLEANS, Neb. (AP) —

As the federal government prepares to send hundreds of millions of dollars to farmers in Plains states deemed to have suffered from an ongoing drought, critics say the region is not as dry as some claim.

Kansas farmers and ranchers could get \$121 million of the \$3 billion in disaster aid available for losses in 2005, 2006 and this year, according to an analysis by professors at Kansas State University and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. In Nebraska, they could receive around \$73 million.

"The more they cry wolf, the government listens and gives them payments," said Ernie Kuhl, who has been Harlan County's official weather observer for the National Weather Service for 28 years. "It's been dry, but it's not really been a drought."

Kuhl — who records precipitation in his backyard

rain gauge and sends the information to be recorded by weather service officials — is adamant there has been no drought in the county despite it being labeled a "disaster area" in recent years.

Kuhl said normal precipitation for Harlan County is about 24 inches a year. In 2005, it received more than 25 inches; in 2006, more than 27, according to his records.

The Standardized Precipitation Index backs that up. Nebraska and Kansas received normal precipitation in 2005, and with the exception of one region in each state that was moderately dry, they got normal precipitation the following year, according to the index, which measures deviations from a precipitation baseline using historical data.

Information used for the index comes from the National Climatic Data Center and is mapped by the National Drought Mitigation Center at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

## Los Angeles cardinal issues apology to clergy abuse victims

By GILLIAN FLACCUS  
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — After a whirlwind weekend, the negotiations that produced a landmark \$660 million settlement between the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Los Angeles and more than 500 alleged victims of clergy abuse are heading toward a conclusion.

Attorneys from both sides, as well as Cardinal Roger Mahony, are expected in court today to enter a formal settlement agreement with Judge Haley Fromholtz. The deal marks the end of more than five

years of negotiations and is by far the largest payout by any diocese since the clergy abuse scandal emerged in Boston in 2002.

Mahony, leader of the nation's largest archdiocese, apologized Sunday to the hundreds of clergy sex abuse victims who will receive a share of the settlement.

"There really is no way to go back and give them that innocence that was taken from them. The one thing I wish I could give the victims ... I cannot," he said.

"Once again, I apologize to anyone who has been offended, who

has been abused. It should not have happened and should not ever happen again."

Mahony said he has met with dozens of victims of clergy abuse in the past 14 months and those meetings helped him understand the importance of a quick resolution to what he called a "terrible sin and crime."

The cardinal said the settlement will not have an impact on the archdiocese's core ministry, but said the church will have to sell buildings, use some of its invested funds, and borrow money. He said

the archdiocese will not sell any parish properties or parish schools.

"We gather today because this long journey has now come to an end and a new chapter of that journey is beginning," Mahony told reporters.

The settlement also calls for the release of priests' confidential personnel files after review by a judge.

"I think for those of us who have been involved in this for more than five years, it's a huge relief," said Michael Hennigan, archdiocese attorney. "But it's a disappointment, too, that we didn't get it done

much earlier than this."

Parishioners reacted with a mix of disappointment and relief.

Vivian Viscarra, 50, who attends Mass at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels three times a month, said the victims deserve the payout even though it could hurt the church's ability to deliver important services. The amount would average a little more than \$1.3 million per plaintiff, although individual payouts will vary according to the severity and duration of the abuse.

## Lady Bird laid to rest next to LBJ

By KELLEY SHANNON  
Associated Press Writer

STONEWALL, Texas (AP) — Lady Bird Johnson's role as the dedicated wife of a president and a tenacious crusader for the environment were only part of her life.

To her grandchildren, she was someone who had the gift of making them all feel special.

On Sunday, they and other family members and friends said one last goodbye to the former first lady as she was laid to rest in an oak-shaded family cemetery near the banks of the Pedernales River on the LBJ Ranch.

Her flower-topped casket was placed next to the grave of her husband, the late President Lyndon B. Johnson, who died in 1973.

Lady Bird Johnson enjoyed taking her grandchildren on hiking and camping trips or visiting with them riding around the ranch or simply playing cards, said grandson Lyndon Nugent.

"You were a great friend to us all," he said, to his grandmother. "Take care, dear friend."

His mother, Luci Baines Johnson, reminded her children for more than three decades that it was important to spend as much time as possible with their grandmother, whom they called "Nini," because "she might not be here tomorrow," Nugent said.

"Sadly, tomorrow has arrived," he said.

Johnson died Wednesday at age 94 of natural causes. In weekend memorial ceremonies, she has been remembered as a devoted wife, an astute businesswoman and a tireless worker for the preservation of wildflowers and native plants.

"I'm not sure why she was so preoccupied with this, but she always seemed

to be wondering if she had done enough for the world, regardless of her own condition," Nugent said.

Toward the end of her life, she gradually lost some of her vision and suffered a stroke that left her with difficulty speaking. But she still managed to enjoy the Texas wildflowers each spring and make some public appearances.

Locusts whistled and crickets chirped in the searing Texas heat as the Sunday service was held in the Johnson family cemetery, where the late president and more than 30 other extended family members are buried.

Johnson was president from 1963-69. Once he left office, he and Lady Bird Johnson retired to the ranch and Austin.

Lady Bird Johnson's casket was carried to the grave site by military body bearers. Along with Nugent's remembrance, prayers and the singing of "Amazing Grace" completed the brief service. As they departed, daughters Luci Baines Johnson and Lynda Johnson Robb smiled and greeted a few of the about 300 people attending the service.

Earlier, thousands of admirers, many clutching bundles of wildflowers and American flags, lined streets in Austin and roads in the Hill Country as the former first lady's body was brought from the state capital to the LBJ Ranch, about 70 miles west of Austin.

Members of the crowd applauded and cheered as the procession passed through downtown Austin, and a few women blew kisses. Motorcycle police officers escorted the navy blue hearse that displayed a cluster of little orange wildflowers on top. Johnson family members followed in two limousines and waved to the crowd.

"It's the passing of an era," said Sarah Macias, 48, who works for the Austin parks department and came to watch with her husband and a co-worker.

Retiree Kate Hill handed out sunflowers from her garden to people waiting for the procession in downtown Austin. Hill said Johnson's work inspired her to convert her grassy lawn into an expanse of wildflowers and other native plants, and she wanted to thank the former first lady for the beauty.

Along the cortege's Hill Country route, well-wishers waited in lawn chairs and set up greeting signs.

One sign atop a tractor on a rural stretch of road read "Thank You Lady Bird." Another said, "God Bless a Great Woman."

In Johnson City, President Johnson's boyhood home, a main street was lined with little Texas and American flags stuck in gravel-filled flower pots.

The procession and burial capped three days of ceremonies that started Friday with private family prayer services then a public visitation at the LBJ Library and Museum. On Saturday, she was eulogized in a two-hour funeral service attended by former Presidents Bill Clinton and Jimmy Carter, first lady Laura Bush and former first ladies Rosalynn Carter, Nancy Reagan, Barbara Bush and Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton.

Associated Press writer Liz Austin Peterson contributed to this report from Austin.

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and you can be sure his cronies will find him a lucrative position even if he

can't practice law. All of that, of course, until Bush decides to issue a full pardon.

The question is, in the face of injustice after injustice, how can any honest parent teach his or her children respect for the rule of

law? When the highest people in the land show disrespect for the rule of law, it becomes a pretty hard sell.

One of the most valuable tools a true leader has is his own example of propriety and honor. Needless to say, that's one tool you won't

find in the Bush White House or the entire Executive Branch. Maybe we'll get lucky in 2008.

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