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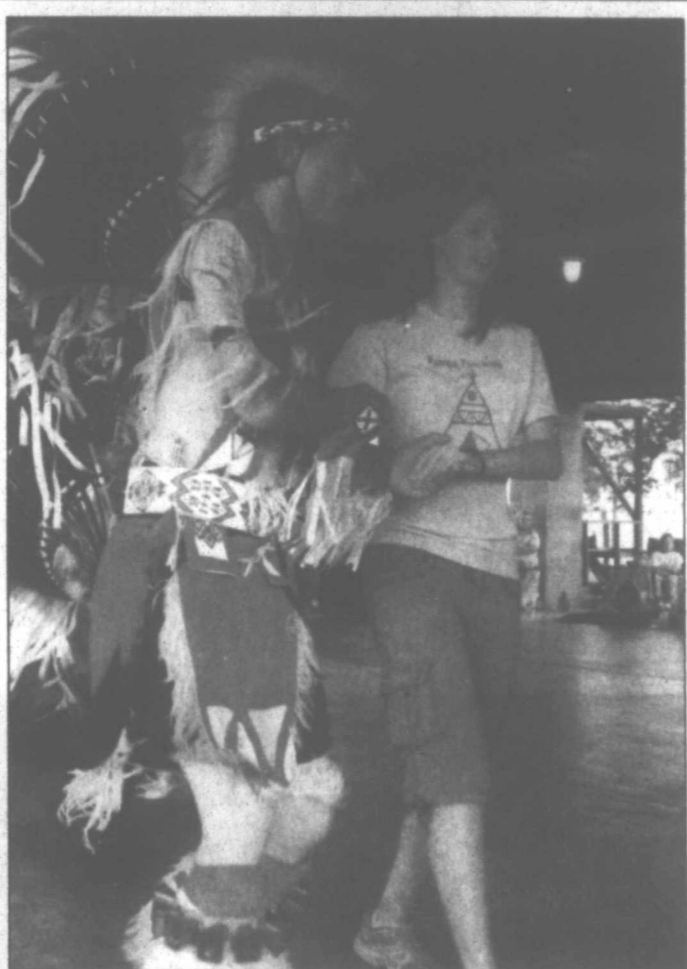
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Pampa News photos by KERRI SMITH
Rochelle Grau, a Senior Girl Scout from Miami,
dances with one of the Kwahadi Indian dancers.

Girl Scouts learn skills at 3-day camp

By KERRI SMITH
Staff Writer

Approximately 50 girl scouts from Miami, Panhandle and Pampa recently attended a three day camp, The Pampa Powwow, at Recreation Park. The ages of the girls who attended ranged from kindergarten to high school.

The girls brought sack lunches and after they finished eating each day they learned new songs.

The girl scouts did Indian themed crafts such as head and leg bands, chief bonnets, musical

instruments, dreamcatchers out of recycled materials and a totem pole.

Those who attended received training in using a compass and trail science.

"One the last day of the camp, the younger scouts laid out trails for the older scouts," Sarah Hollis, one of the parent volunteers, said. "The older girls had to use their compass to follow the trails so they could practice the skills they learned."

The last evening, parents were invited to have a pic-

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Tiffany Britton, a Junior Girl Scout from Pampa, learns a few dance steps from one of the Kwahadi Indian dancers.

PGWCD meeting Wednesday to look at non-compliant well

By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer

WHITE DEER -- The Panhandle Ground Water Conservation District will consider a bid on tax delinquent land in Donley and Potter counties, an adult education program, out of district transportation and production reports, and the purchase of a borehole video camera at their meeting here Wednesday.

The district's board of directors is also expected to take action on a tabled motion from their June meeting concerning PetCo Petroleum's non-compliant well.

The board will consider existing study areas and calling a hearing for new study areas where water tables have dropped in the district.

They will also consider issuing 29 drilling permits.

Jerry Miller, John Blackburn, James Henry Roman, Stacy Ruland, Carmen

Boettger, the Mays Trust, Robert Valouche, Bill Hodges, Terry Benson, Riley Black, Anthony Saikowski and Perry Watkins have each applied for domestic well permits in Potter County. Jim Morrison applied for a domestic well permit in Roberts County. Larry and Jodi Daniells applied for a domestic well permit in Armstrong County.

John Grady has applied for two four-inch irrigation well permits in Donley County. Curtis Schaefer applied for one four-inch irrigation well permit in Donley County.

J. Lee Milligan has applied for one four-inch industrial well in Carson County.

The Friemel Brothers applied for an eight-inch irrigation well in Armstrong County. John Leo Smith and Roger Wade each applied for a six-inch irrigation well in Donley County.

John McDowell Ranch has applied for an

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School progress



Pampa News Photo by KERRI SMITH

A hole in the east wing of Pampa High School shows that renovations are under way. Some of the construction will be done before school starts, but the science labs will not be completed so students will attend labs in portable buildings for a while.

Hagerman gets Duggan scholarship

BY KERRI SMITH
Staff Writer

Adam Hagerman, the son of Billy Jay Hagerman, graduated from Pampa High School this year and was the recipient of the Jim Duggan Memorial Scholarship. Hagerman was a member of the Texas All-State Band and Orchestra for the four years he attended PHS.

He is only the second person in the history of PHS band and choir to make All-State all four years of high school and this year he was one of only five in the entire state of Texas to have pulled off that feat. He plans to attend the University of Texas at Austin this fall and major in music education with a concentration in music literature.

Jim Duggan was a PHS graduate of 1973 and after earning his degree at West Texas




State University, he came back to Pampa and started his teaching career as assistant band director under Jeff Doughton. After a few years, Duggan became the head band director.

Duggan was recruited to work locally for Texaco, which he accepted and that position led him to a position with Celanese. After a short time, Duggan, his wife and three children moved to North Carolina with his career.

His life tragically ended at the young age of 39 in 1995 due to coronary heart disease.

Gary Jennings felt it fitting to remember Duggan in a way that he and his family could truly appreciate, through continued education for a student in an area which he loved, band.

NEXT DAY FORECAST

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| Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| Sunny | Sunny | Partly cloudy |

Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 95. South-southwest wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Wednesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 69. South-southwest wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 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: Mostly clear, with a low around 69. Southwest 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 91. West wind 5 to 10 mph becoming southeast.

Friday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 67. East wind around 10 mph.

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| Milo | 4.94 |
| Corn | 5.73 |
| Soybeans | 7.45 |
| The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa | |
| OXY | 62.33 +0.79 |
| BP PLC ADR | 74.40 +0.46 |
| Cabot Corp | 48.19 +0.52 |
| Celanese | 41.86 -0.06 |
| Cabot Oil Gas | 37.74 +0.60 |
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Hecht raised \$447,000 for his legal defense

AUSTIN (AP) — The state's top law firms and their attorneys donated \$447,000 to help Texas Supreme Court Justice Nathan Hecht defend himself against charges that he abused his judicial office to promote Harriet Miers, his onetime girlfriend, for a seat on the U.S. Supreme Court.

The biggest donors were the firm Vinson Elkins and its attorneys at \$30,000. Baker Botts and its employees, including former Texas Supreme Court Justice Tom Phillips, kicked in another \$26,000, according to Texas Ethics Commission reports filed Sunday by Hecht.

Both Houston-based law firms routinely practice in front of the Texas Supreme Court, the state's highest civil court.

Locke Liddell & Sapp, the Dallas law firm that Miers returned to this year after serving as President Bush's White House counsel, contributed \$25,100 to Hecht's legal defense fund.

Hecht successfully fought a State Commission on Judicial Conduct sanction alleging he improperly

used his official position to promote Miers.

Texas Watch, a consumer advocacy group, criticized Hecht for waiting to reveal his contributors, adding that the senior justice should recuse himself from cases involving those who bankrolled his legal defense. Hecht was not legally required to report who donated until Monday.

"These are not just run-of-the-mill campaign contributions," said Alex Winslow, executive director of Texas Watch. "But for the largesse of a few powerful, moneyed interests, Justice Hecht would be paying these expenses out of his own pocket."

Earlier this year, Hecht sent out personal appeals seeking contributions to pay his \$340,000 legal bill while simultaneously lobbying Texas lawmakers to get the state to pay for his legal defense. Lawmakers dropped the bill when they learned about his private fundraising.

"I was just gratified that people were willing to help," Hecht said.

Obituaries

Services tomorrow

KEEL, Lola Aline Norton — 10 a.m., Hobart Baptist Church, Pampa.

Mary Allen Hathaway, 77

Mary Allen Hathaway, 77, of Pampa, Texas, died June 26, 2007, at Pampa.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Hathaway was born July 9, 1929, in Conway, S.C. She married James Victor Hathaway on Feb. 26, 1956, in Conway, S.C. He

preceded her in death in 1979.

She had been a resident of Lefors since 1996, moving from Roanoke, Va. She was a former employee of Marie Foundations and the Pampa Moose Lodge.

Survivors include one daughter, Vicki Hathaway and husband David Boyd of

Lefors; one son, James Eric Hathaway of Pampa; one brother, David Edge of Patton, Pa.; two grandsons, Dante Wilbon of Lefors and James Victor Hathaway of Pampa; and two great-grandchildren, Michael Evan Hathaway and Victoria Marie Hathaway, both of Joplin, Mo.

She was preceded in death by a grandson, Willie Hathaway on June 19, 2007.

MEMORIALS: American Cancer Society, c/o Gerry Caylor, 2130 Charles, Pampa, TX 79065.

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

Lola Aline Norton Keel, 73

NOCONA, Texas — Lola Aline Norton Keel, 73, died July 14, 2007, at Nocona.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, July 18, 2007, at Hobart Baptist Church in Pampa with the Rev. Jim Powell, pastor, officiating.

Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery in Pampa, under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Keel was born Feb. 25, 1934, in Hot Springs, N.M. She was a graduate of Hot Springs High School in the top 10 percent of her class. She participated in all sports and was a cheerleader, majorette and twirler.

She married Joe Merle Keel on May 24, 1952, in Truth or Consequences, N.M. She was a Rainbow Worthy

Advisor, accomplished horsewoman, barrel racer and rodeo queen court member. She participated in the celebration of the township name change from Hot Springs to Truth or Consequences.

She was a former member of the First Baptist Church in Truth or Consequences, and was currently a member of the Nocona Hills Non Denominational Church in Nocona.

She was an artist and enjoyed oil painting, she made floral arrangements, enjoyed crafts, sewing, RV travel and outdoor activities.

Survivors include her husband, Joe M. Keel, of the home; one son, Bill Keel and wife Carolyn Lavelle of Fritch; one daughter, Kathy Lynn Keel Anzaldua and husband Raul of Bastrop; two grandsons, Jake

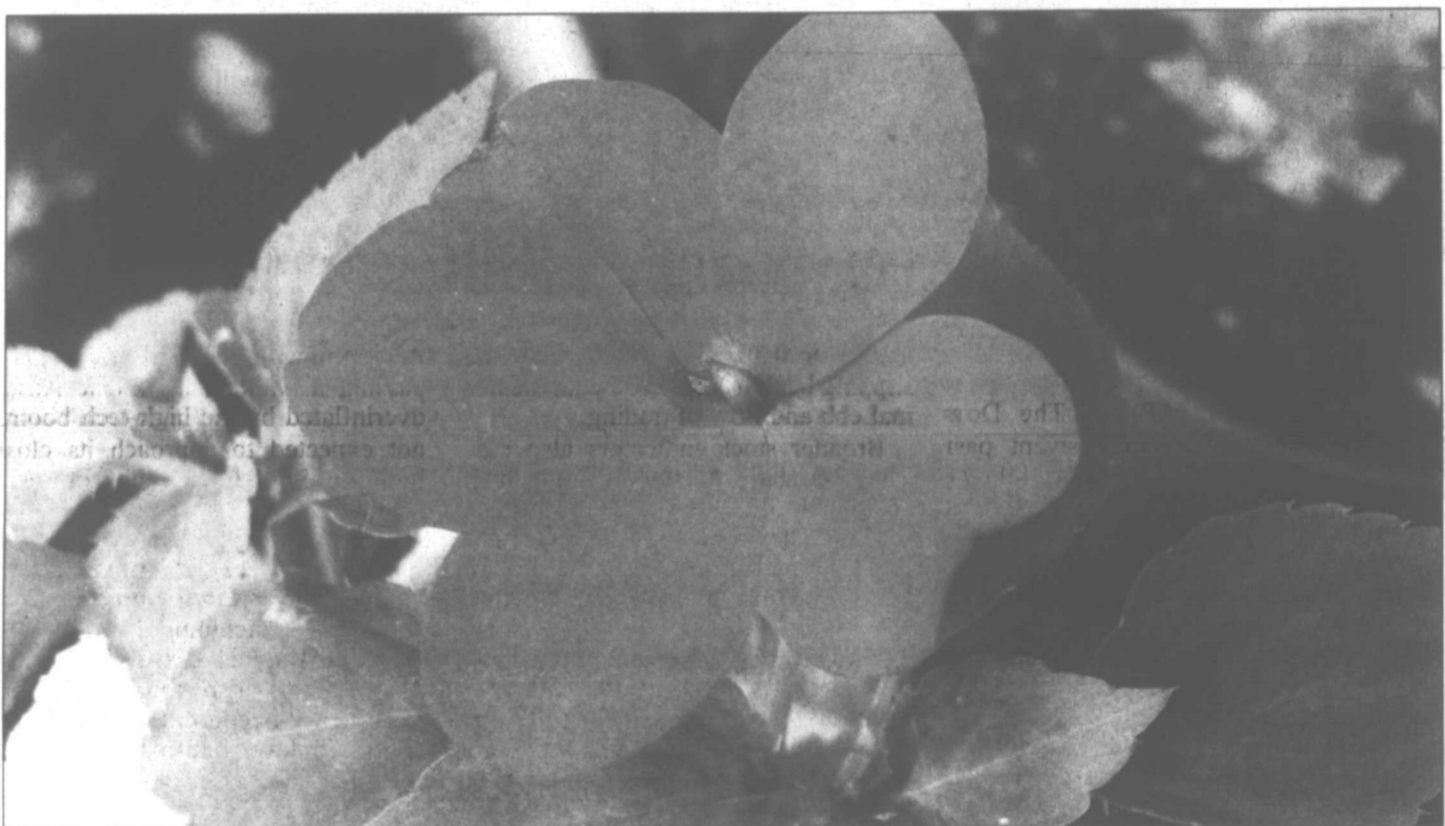
Trevor Keel and wife Dana of Fritch, and Chad Anzaldua of New Braunfels; three granddaughters, Krista Michelle Keel Keys and husband Sandy of Borger, Angelia L. Anzaldua Iselt and husband Kelly of Giddens, and Chasity Anzaldua Fudella and husband Jeremy of Lansing, Mich.; and five great-grandchildren,

Sebastian Trevor Keel and Shay Lee Keel, both of Fritch, Brayden Jameson Keys of Borger, Tyler Iselt of Giddens, and Samantha Fudella of Lansing, Mich.

She was preceded in death by two daughters, Joleen Keel and Debra Aline Keel, both on March 17, 1973; her father, William Thomas Norton on May 18, 1994; her mother, Zelma Florence Dalton Norton on Feb. 11, 1995; and her brother, Billy Norton on April 5, 2004.

SPECIAL NOTICE: The family will receive friends at Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Home in Pampa from 6:30-8 p.m. on Tuesday, July 17, 2007.

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



Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS
 A bright red bloom contrasts with green foliage on this potted plant, part of a grouping of plants with flowers of various colors which brighten the front porch of a Pampa home.

Emergency Services

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

Five traffic stops were made.

Motorist assistance was rendered in the 100 block of North Frasier.

Vehicle accidents were reported in the 100 block of North Starkweather, the 100 block of North Hobart, the 1300 block of North Banks, the intersection of Wilks and Hobart streets and the 100 block of West 30th.

Animal control officers made stops concerning animals in the 2200 block of North Williston, the 1400 block of North Russell, the 700 block of East Frederic, the 400 block of Hughes, the 400 block of North Roberta, the 1600 block of North Hobart, the 2400 block of Christine, the 1700 block of Chestnut, the 1200 block of East Foster, the 800 block of East Campbell, the 2200 block of Dogwood, the 600 block of North Somerville, the 500 block of West Crawford, the 400 block of Graham, the 700 block of North Gray, the 1300 block of Duncan and the 1100 block of East Foster.

Agency assistance was rendered in the 1400 block of North Hobart, the intersection of Foster and Cuyler streets and the 1200 block of East Frederic.

Lost property was reported

on two occasions in the police department lobby. One incident involved a license plate and rubber molding on a bumper, with combined value of \$150.

Found property was reported in the 1400 block of North Sumner. A knife was found.

A welfare check was made in the 1000 block of East Jordan.

Civil matters were reported on two occasions in the police department lobby.

A suspicious person call was received from the intersection of Foster and Browning streets.

Suspicious vehicle calls were received from the 1000 block of Denver and the 2500 block of Perryton Parkway.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 800 block of East Locust, the 200 block of West 28th, the 100 block of East Randy Matson and the 1100 block of Prairie Drive.

Criminal trespass was reported in the 2200 block of North Nelson.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1000 block of North Wells. Two tires on a vehicle were slashed. Estimated cost of damage is \$300.

Domestic disturbances were reported in the 1000 block of North Hobart and the 1400 block of Williston.

Assault was reported in the 1000 block of North Hobart. Five alarms were reported.

Burglary was reported in the 500 block of Carr. Two guns and money were taken. Estimated value of loss is \$1,050.

Burglary was reported in the 1800 block of North Christy. It is not known what was taken in connection with the incident.

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

Monday, July 16
 Lonnie Dale Fly, 43, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO for Pampa Police Department for expired operator's license, failure to maintain financial responsibility and failure to appear.

Sergio Flores Ledezma, 32, of McAllen was arrested by GCSO on bench warrants for driving while intoxicated, third or more offense, and evading arrest/detention with a vehicle.

Joshua Lee Knoop, 18, of Pampa was arrested in the 200 block of West Kingsmill by PPD for criminal mischief and consumption of alcohol by a minor.

Tuesday, July 17
 Gregory Keith Lang, 36, of Pampa was arrested in the 12000 block of East Frederic by PPD for no seat belt on driver and expired motor vehicle inspection.

Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls during the 24-hour period

ending at 7 a.m. today.

Monday, July 16
 5:08 p.m. — One unit and two personnel responded to the 1100 block of Varnon on a trash fire.

10:13 p.m. — Four units and eight personnel responded to the 300 block of Tignor on a structure fire, which turned out to be a vacant mobile home.

11:37 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 700 block of Lowry on a call for medical assistance.

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

Monday, July 16
 11:57 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1300 block of West Kentucky and transported a patient(s) to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

12:41 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transferred a patient(s) to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

3:50 p.m. — A mobile ICU transported a patient(s) to BSA Hospital in Amarillo.

3:36 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of West 25th and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

11:38 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 700 block of Lowry and transported a patient(s) to Veterans Administration Medical Center in Amarillo.

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Austin Sikes, the 5-year-old son of former Pampa resident Leah Sikes and grandson of Ruth Ann and Elden Sikes, also formerly of Pampa, made the cover of a Houston area magazine, Space City Parent. His mother took him in for a casting call and he was the lucky one chosen for the July 2007 issue. Austin enjoys playing with his cat, crab and turtle.

Intelligence report: Al-Qaida may use Iraq to attack U.S.

By **KATHERINE SHRADER** and **ANNE FLAHERTY**
 Associated Press Writers

WASHINGTON (AP)—The terrorist network Al-Qaida will likely leverage its contacts and capabilities in Iraq to mount an attack on U.S. soil, according to a new National Intelligence Estimate on threats to the United States.

The declassified key findings, to be released publicly today, were obtained in advance by The Associated Press.

The report lays out a range of dangers — from al-Qaida to Lebanese Hezbollah to non-Muslim radical groups — that pose a “persistent and evolving threat” to the country over the next three years. As expected, however, the findings focus most of their attention on the gravest terror problem: Osama bin Laden’s al-Qaida network.

The report makes clear that al-Qaida in Iraq, which has not yet posed a direct threat to U.S. soil, could become a problem here. “Of note,” the analysts said, “we assess that al-Qaida will probably seek to leverage the contacts and capabilities of al-Qaida in Iraq (AQI), its most visible and capable affiliate and the only one known to have expressed a desire to attack the homeland.”

The analysts also found that al-Qaida’s association with its Iraqi affiliate helps the group to energize the broader Sunni Muslim extremist community, raise resources and recruit and indoctrinate operatives — “including for homeland attacks.”

National Intelligence Estimates are the most authoritative written judgments of the 16 spy agencies across the breadth of the U.S. government. These agencies reflect the consensus long-term thinking of top intelligence analysts. Portions of the documents are occasionally declassified for public release.

The White House brushed off critics who allege the administration released the intelligence estimate at the same time the Senate is debating Iraq. White House press secretary Tony Snow pushed back at the critics today,

saying they are “engaged in a little selective hearing themselves to shape the story in their own political ways.”

“We don’t keep it on the shelf and say ‘Let’s look for a convenient time,’” Snow said.

“We’re trying to remind people is that this is a real threat. This is not an attempt to divert. As a matter of fact... we would much rather — one of the things we’d like to do is call attention to the successes in the field” in Iraq, he said.

Democrats said the report was proof U.S. anti-terrorism efforts were being drained by the Iraq war.

“We must responsibly redeploy our troops out of Iraq, handing responsibility for security over to the Iraqis and leaving only those forces required for limited missions,” said Rep. Ike Skelton, D-Mo., chairman of the House Armed Services Committee. “This will allow us to concentrate our efforts on Afghanistan and the al-Qaida terrorists who attacked us on 9/11.”

House Republican leader Rep. John Boehner of Ohio said the report confirms gains made by Bush and blamed Democrats for being too soft on terrorism.

“Retreat is not a new way forward when the safety and security of future generations of Americans are at stake,” he said in a statement.

The new report echoed statements made by senior intelligence officials over the last year, including the assessment of spy agencies that the country is in a “heightened threat environment.” It also provided new details on their thinking and concerns.

For instance, the report says that worldwide counterterrorism efforts since 2001 have constrained al-Qaida’s ability to attack the U.S. again and convinced terror groups that U.S. soil is a tougher target.

But, the report quickly adds, analysts are concerned “that this level of international cooperation may wane as 9/11 becomes a more distant memory and perceptions of the threat diverge.”

Dow Jones inches past 14,000 for first time

By **TIM PARADIS**
 AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — The Dow Jones industrial average swept past 14,000 for the first time today following a relatively mild inflation report and a wave of generally upbeat earnings reports.

The stock market’s best-known indicator crossed 14,000 in the first half-hour of trading, rising to 14,002.60 and having taken just 57 trading days to make the trip from 13,000.

Stocks have risen fairly steadily since the spring amid a continuum of buyout news and evidence that despite higher fuel prices and the ongoing problems in the housing market and mortgage lending industry, consumers are spending and companies remain optimistic about the future. With the Federal Reserve ever vigilant about inflation, any news that prices are rising at a moderate pace has added to the market’s momentum, as it did today.

The release of moderately upbeat earnings reports helped reassure a market that had worried that a slowing economy and rising energy prices would slash into corporate profits.

But the Dow’s latest accomplishment does raise questions about whether they are buying more on speculation than fundamentals. A week ago, the average tumbled nearly 150 points after disappointing forecasts from Home Depot Inc., Sears Holdings Corp. and homebuilder D.R. Horton Inc., but only two days later, the Dow barreled 283 points higher as investors chose to put a positive spin on a generally lackluster series of retail sales reports.

In midmorning trading, the Dow rose

41.87, or 0.30 percent, to 13,992.85, slipping back from 14,000 with the normal ebb and flow of trading.

Broader stock indicators also rose. The Standard & Poor’s 500 index advanced 3.49, or 0.23 percent, to 1,553.01, having set its own new record highs in recent sessions. The Nasdaq composite index rose 9.74, or 0.36 percent, to 2,207.07.

Advancing issues outnumbered decliners by about 3 to 2 on the New York Stock Exchange, where volume came to 397.9 million shares.

Bonds fell, with the yield on the benchmark 10-year Treasury note rising to 5.07 percent from 5.04 percent late Monday. The dollar was mixed against other major currencies, while gold prices fell.

Light, sweet crude rose \$1.02 to \$75.17 per barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange. Oil closed above \$74 Monday for the first time since August.

The short time that it took the Dow to pass this its milestone recalls its ascent during the dot-com boom, especially since it took only 129 days to make the passage from 12,000 to 13,000. In the late 1990s, the Dow took just 24 days to go from 10,000 to 11,000, and 89 days to go from 6,000 to 7,000.

The end of the high-tech boom plus the recession and the aftermath of the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks helped send all the major market indexes into reverse. It took the Dow 7 1/2 years to trek from 11,000 to 12,000, and only last October began setting its first record highs since January 2000.

The S&P 500 has also surpassed its early 2000 highs, reaching a new clos-

ing high last month and last week surpassing its trading high. The Nasdaq, overinflated by the high-tech boom, is not expected to approach its closing high of 5,048.62 in the foreseeable future.

The move higher today came as Wall Street sorted through a mixed inflation reading and profit reports from blue chip names including Coca-Cola Co. and Merrill Lynch & Co.

The gains also follow the Labor Department’s report that inflation at the wholesale level fell in June but heated up more than expected when excluding often volatile food and energy prices. The producer price index slipped 0.2 percent in June but the so-called core figure, which takes out food and energy, rose 0.3 percent. But without an increase in cars and light trucks, core inflation would have increased a more moderate 0.1 percent.

Rising food and energy costs have in recent months unnerved some investors who have worried that inflation will deplete the ability of many consumers to keep spending and help prop up the economy.

The flurry of news this week could affirm or undermine the confidence that Wall Street has shown in recent sessions. Eleven of the Dow components report quarterly financial results this week.

One piece of economic news perhaps affecting investor sentiment today was the Federal Reserve report that industrial production — output at the nation’s factories, mines and utilities — rose by 0.5 percent last month after a 0.1 percent drop in May.

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Teresa Henson is office operations manager. Her training and organizational skills help process all the needed paper work that will allow the patients to receive the care they need.

Both Michael and Teresa have been with Shepard's Crook since its inception.

Teresa Henson and Michael Kirkpatrick

Water

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eight-inch irrigation well in Wheeler County. Tommy Whitlow applied for a five-inch domestic well in Wheeler County. Jim Shaw has applied for a six-inch irrigation well in Gray County. Keith Meek applied for an eight-inch well in Gray County.

Mark Neusch applied for an eight-inch irrigation well in Carson County.

The water district board is expected to approve two unpermitted wells that have been drilled, a six-inch irrigation well for Ken Wischkaemper in Wheeler County and a four-inch well in Wheeler County for Tom Puryear. In each case the district staff has recommended approval with the completed paperwork.

The water conservation district board is also expected to take up their

budget for the next fiscal year and consider a resolution requesting the appointment of PGWCD General Manager C.E. Williams to the Water Conservation Advisory Council.

They will also discuss a minimum violation penalty schedule.

The Panhandle Ground Water Conservation District board of directors meeting will be at 9 a.m. Wednesday in the Windmill Room of the district’s offices at 201 W. Third St., White Deer.

Scouts

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nic with the girls and then enjoy the surprise guest entertainment.

“The Kwahadi Indian dancers from Amarillo were invited to come out and perform,” Denise Dodson, camp director, said. “The girls really enjoyed watching the dancers and then even got to dance with them for part of the performance.”

The Kwahadi dancers travel all over

the United States and Canada and have even gone overseas to perform. They also perform at the Kwahadi Kiva Indian Museum in Amarillo and can be contacted at 806-335-3175.

“This camp was a lot of fun for the scouts,” Hollie said. “They really enjoyed the friends and fellowship.”

Viewpoints

Rock on: Confessions of an avid rockhound

I confess. I am a rockhound.

There are those who might say I'm attracted to rocks because I have so many in my head. I take issue with that. I don't believe I'm near as dumb as a box of them, as the saying goes.

Some people collect small, lightweight things like postage stamps or coins. I collect just about anything that isn't permanently affixed to the earth. Rocks just happen to be some of the heaviest things I gather.

I can't remember when I first became fascinated by the many varieties and qualities of stones, but it must have

been when I was quite young. I remember mining our backyard for interesting specimens, and any time we went fishing or camping, I would always pay attention to the mineral as well as plant and animal denizens of the area.

One time on a camping trip in Colorado with my parents, my mother and I took a break from casting our hooks into the river because the fish weren't biting. We found a round rock nestled among the partially-exposed roots of a tree growing out of the hillside, and decided to extract it.

Its surface was interesting and hinted at wonders inside. We dropped it on another

rock, and to our amazement, it split open to reveal a hollow center enclosed by a methyst crystals.

Marilyn Powers

Staff Writer

We thinned up the pieces and carried them home. Today, if we did that and any officials such as park rangers caught us, I'm sure we'd not only have to forfeit our prize but pay a hefty fine, too.

Finding a sphere full of purple prisms only fueled my rock hunting. On other camping trips, we found a fellow in a mining town in the area

who owned a rock shop and had a rock-cutting saw. For a small fee, depending on the size of the stone, he would cut open a rock to reveal its interior.

We found other spheres, known as geodes, and took them to him to see what was inside, but we never did find another one filled with amethyst.

I have found and toted home a variety of other specimens, too, including jasper, quartz, petrified wood, flint,

turquoise, feldspar and chalcedony. I have even been known to buy rocks, a practice which people seem to either understand completely or disagree with wholeheartedly. To those naysayers, I ask that they look in their jewelry boxes.

My interest in things harder than my own head has been constant. In college, when faced with a choice of which science classes to take to satisfy my degree requirements, I unhesitatingly picked geology. I reveled in the chance to learn more about rocks — what they are made of, how they were formed, properties of various

types and how to identify them. I still have those college textbooks.

But that gets off onto another object for collecting — books.

I currently have big plans for a rock garden for our backyard. I have the rocks and a design in mind for how to display them. I just need to put it all together, which promises to be an adventure in weightlifting.

Meanwhile, if you see me walking along with my head down, it's not because I'm dejected, it's just that I don't want to miss another interesting specimen.

Rock on!



Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, July 17, the 198th day of 2007. There are 167 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

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

On this date:

In 1821, Spain ceded Florida to the United States.

In 1898, during the Spanish-American War, Spanish troops in Santiago, Cuba, surrendered to U.S. forces.

In 1918, Russia's Czar Nicholas II and his family were executed by the Bolsheviks.

In 1944, 322 people were killed when a pair of ammunition ships exploded in Port Chicago, Calif.

In 1945, President Harry Truman, Soviet leader Josef Stalin and British Prime Minister Winston S. Churchill began meeting at Potsdam, Germany, in

the final Allied summit of World War II.

In 1955, Disneyland debuted in Anaheim, Calif.

In 1967, jazz composer-musician John Coltrane died in Huntington, N.Y., at age 40.

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

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

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

Ten years ago: Woolworth Corp. announced it was closing its 400 remaining five-and-dime stores across the country, ending 117 years in business. President Bill Clinton nominated Army Gen. Henry Shelton to be the next chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. The space shuttle Columbia and its crew of seven returned to Earth after a near-flawless 16-day science mission.

Five years ago: A double suicide bombing in Tel Aviv killed two foreign workers and one Israeli. In Britain, a one-day strike by 750,000 municipal employees closed schools, libraries and recreation centers in their first national walkout in more than two decades.

One year ago: The shuttle Discovery and its crew of six returned home safely. A powerful earthquake sent a tsunami crashing into a beach resort on Indonesia's Java island, killing at least 600 people. Mystery writer Mickey Spillane died in Murrells Inlet, S.C., at age 88.

Today's Birthdays: TV personality Art Linkletter is 95. Comedian Phyllis Diller is 90. The former president of the International Olympic Committee, Juan Antonio Samaranch, is 87. Jazz singer Jimmy Scott is 82.

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No-brainers regarding immigration issue

President Bush and his pro-amnesty allies both in and out of Congress suffered a devastating defeat at the hands of the American people. Like any other public controversy, there are vested interests served on both sides of the amnesty issue, but I'd like to raise some ordinary non-rocket-science questions to the pro-amnesty crowd, many of whom are my libertarian friends.

Do people, anywhere in the world, have a right to enter the United States irrespective of our laws pertaining to immigration? Unless one wishes to obfuscate, there's a simple "yes" or "no" answer to that question. If a "yes" answer is given, then why should there be any immigration requirements, such as visas, passports and green cards, for anyone who wishes to visit or reside in our country? Why not abolish the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration

Services?

If your answer is "no," one does not have a right to enter the U.S. irrespective of our laws, what does that make a person who does so? Most often we call a person whose behavior violates a law a criminal. If people commit criminal acts, should there be an effort to apprehend and punish them? In general, my answer is yes, with one important exception.

I was summoned for jury duty some years ago, and during voir dire, the attorney asked me whether I could obey the judge's instructions. I answered, "It all depends upon what those instructions are."

Irritatingly, the judge asked me to explain myself. I explained that if I were on

a jury back in the 1850s, and a person was on trial for violating the Fugitive Slave Act by assisting a runaway slave, I would vote for acquittal regardless of the judge's instructions. The reason is that slavery is unjust and any law supporting it is unjust.

Needless to say, I was dismissed from jury duty. While our immigration laws are overly cumbersome and in urgent need of streamlining, they do not violate human rights and should be obeyed.

Many pro-amnesty supporters offer the canard that there are 12 to 20 million illegal immigrants in our country. We cannot keep every illegal immigrant out or expel the ones living here. That might be true, but it is also true that we can't pre-

vent every rape and murder. Does that mean we shouldn't attempt to enforce the laws against rape and murder and try to prosecute the perpetrators?

In addition to greater efforts to secure our borders, there are several non-rocket-science steps we can take. People who are here illegally should be denied access to any social service such as Medicaid, public education and food assistance programs. An exception might be made for temporary emergency medical treatment. In some cities, such as Los Angeles, police are prohibited from asking people they stop about their immigration status. While state and local police shouldn't be turned into federal agents, they shouldn't knowingly conceal criminal acts.

The United States is a nation of immigrants from all over the world. The

Walter Williams
Columnist



Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

■ July 9

The Dallas Morning News on military contractors:

The worse the death and destruction gets in Iraq, the better business gets for private military contractors.

Take, for example, the recent contract award to manage the U.S. Army's Logistics Civil Augmentation Program (Logcap), which mainly gives logistical support to troops in Iraq. DynCorp International, with an operational hub in Irving, forecasts \$5 billion in business from the deal.

The previous Logcap contract holder, KBR-Halliburton of Houston, saw

its overall revenues soar to \$7.1 billion during its Iraq golden years. DynCorp and KBR will share the new Logcap contract with Irving-based Fluor Corp.

The Los Angeles Times reports that U.S.-paid private contractors now outnumber U.S. troops in Iraq. The government is placing an enormous amount of wartime responsibility in civilian hands, and it troubles us that the more the war effort falters, the higher the profits seem to go.

Contractors drive trucks, fix vehicles and serve meals to troops. They also escort convoys and train Iraqi security forces. There is a huge amount of weaponry involved, managed by private forces who answer to no government when their guns kill.

Iraq's ambassador, Samir Sumaidai,

told us in October that Iraqis feel anything but safe when heavily armed civilians careen through the streets. Contractors, he said, are "out of control and unaccountable." But instead of reducing their presence in Iraq, the Pentagon relies on them now more than ever.

High-paying jobs with private contracting firms are luring away the best and brightest from our military's senior officer corps. Troops and contractors have a tense rivalry and have stood off against each other on Iraq's streets.

Once home, contractors are suffering with severe psychological and physical wounds. But their companies are only now taking responsibility for the post-

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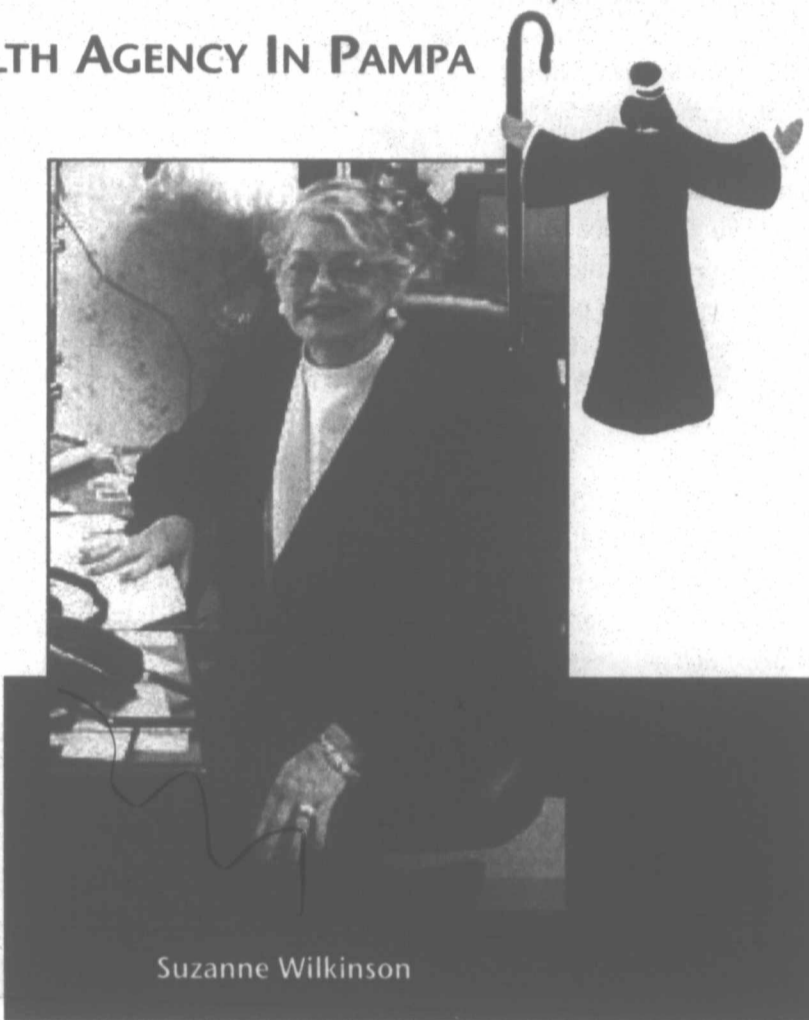
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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I'm writing regarding "Puzzled but Still Going Strong" (May 19), who lost weight but is being undermined by her husband. It is possible that the man is co-dependent. Simply stated, his identity or comfort level is dependent on the wife remaining overweight. When she loses weight, the husband loses a piece of his identity or becomes afraid he will lose his now-slimmer wife to another man. In co-dependency, the co-dependent partner will do everything he/she can do to undermine improvements in the other partner. Counseling is critical for this couple -- or "Puzzled" alone, if her husband won't go -- to address this issue. Otherwise, he will wear down her resolve. -- **DEBBIE IN PENNSYLVANIA**

DEAR DEBBIE: Thank you for your comments. My readers were quick to weigh in on this topic, which affects many families across the country, given the pervasive increase in obesity reported by health-care professionals. Read on:

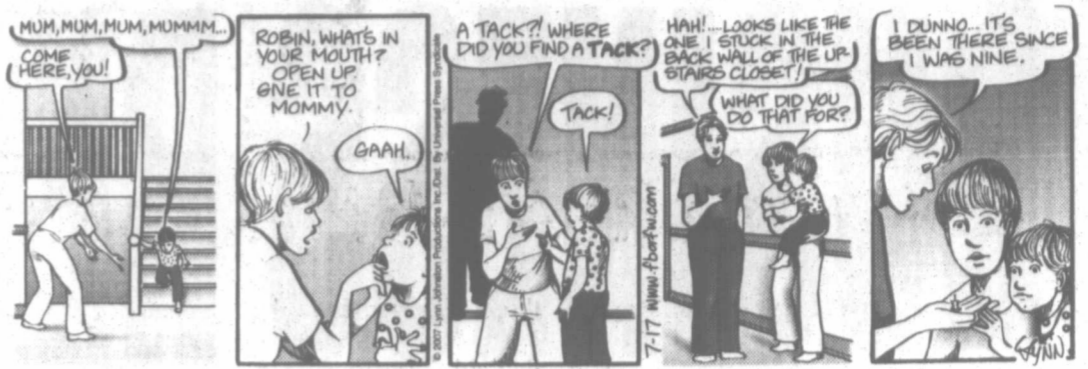
DEAR ABBY: Five years ago I had gastric bypass surgery, and since then I have lost 120 pounds. Numerous pre-op tests were performed before my surgery, but one of the most important "tests" was that my husband was interviewed by the surgeon prior to the procedure. He was asked if he had any concerns about how the surgery would change our lives and if he would have any problems with me losing the weight and being the same person with a different body. He was informed that my eating habits would drastically change and that, if the surgery was to work, my world could no longer be centered around food. Apparently the medical profession knows the importance of spousal support for weight loss. Perhaps "Puzzled" should make an appointment with her family doctor so he (or she) can explain to her husband how much healthier she is since losing the weight. -- **HAPPY IN FLORENCE, KY.**

DEAR ABBY: While it may be insecurity on the husband's part, it is important to note that all the examples "Puzzled" gave of the man's behavior are methods of control, as well as providing a very poor role model for the children. Not only is he attempting to sabotage her efforts, but he is teaching their kids that he is less dedicated to the cause than she is. It could also be something more serious. Belittling and demeaning someone is abusive, even though it doesn't leave visible bruises. Abby, your advice about professional counseling was right on, and I hope for her sake and that of her children, she gets it sooner rather than waiting to see if he "eases up." I know from experience that it is much harder to undo negative role modeling than it is to set a healthy and positive example. -- **MOM WHO'S BEEN THERE, DONE THAT AND GOT THE T-SHIRT TO PROVE IT**

DEAR ABBY: Several years ago I lost 40 pounds and have kept it off with diet and exercise. My wife's response was to gain 40 pounds. She said she was so angry with me for getting in shape that she decided to get even. She eats everything she wants, never exercises, and now weighs more than 200. Despite many weight-related health problems, she has no intention of changing her habits. My advice to "Puzzled": Resist your spouse's attempts to derail your fitness with all your might. -- **RESIGNED IN ALABAMA**

DEAR ABBY: "Puzzled" may have become a "diet bore." All too often, dieters shut out everything but themselves and their diet. You CAN have a healthy life that includes your spouse, family, and the things you used to do together. It just requires some balance. I prefer to call it a lifestyle and not a diet. -- **WISE WEIGHT WATCHER**

For Better Or For Worse



Zits



Garfield



Beetle Bailey



Marvin



Crossword Puzzle

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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1 Number parts

7 Batman accessory

11 Fifth, for one

12 Avoids honesty

13 "In Country Sleep" poet

15 Bathroom fixture

16 "Time's Arrow" author

18 Workout units

21 Proof-reading mark

22 Peaceful

24 "Born in the..."

25 Youngster

26 Sought office

27 Cincinnati player

29 Lose traction

30 Whole range

31 Read quickly

32 "Garden of Earthly Delights" painter

34 "That Girl" star

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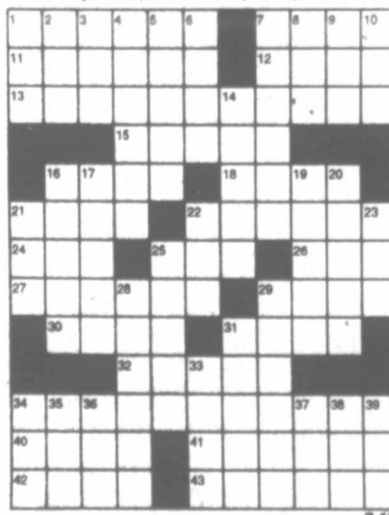
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Yesterday's answer

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2 Wall climber
3 Hair goo
4 Soon
5 Sport fishes
6 Hardens
7 Copied, in a way
8 Prepare to fire
9 Casserole bit
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Sports Day

15-year-old All-Stars continue to win at state tournament

The Pampa 15-year-old All-Stars are 2-0 so far at the West Texas State Tournament being held in Plainview this week.

They are scheduled to play at 6 p.m. today against Abernathy.

The winner of that game moves on to the championship game on Thursday night.

On Saturday, Pampa defeated Littlefield by a score of 10-0 in a game shortened due to the 10 run rule.

Anthony Allen pitched all five innings, giving up no runs on only two hits, strik-

ing out three and walking two.

Allen also led the team at the plate going 3-4 and scoring four runs. In the bottom of the first, Pampa would explode by scoring four runs.

Jonathan Robinson and Anthony Allen had back to back singles and both moved up on a wild pitch.

Mitchell Killgo then singled both runners home.

Killgo stole second and third and scored when Braden Hunt hit a ground ball by the third baseman.

Hunt stole second and scored when Sam Newman

hit a ground ball to the shortstop who then overthrew first base.

In the second, Pampa would add a run after Allen singled, stole second and went to third on a passed ball.

Allen would score when Alex Clendening hit a grounder to second base, but the first baseman couldn't handle the throw. In the fourth, Allen would score again after he singled and stole second.

He would score on a single by Hunt.

In the fifth, Pampa would add four runs to end the

game. Sam Newman and Lane Douglas walked.

Both runners would eventually score on wild pitches.

With two outs, Robinson walked and Allen reached base on an error.

Both runners would move up on wild pitches.

Killgo then lined a single to center that scored Robinson and Allen.

On Saturday, Pampa would face a determined Canyon team, but Pampa was up to the challenge, and walked away with a 12-5 victory.

Braden Hunt pitched four

innings to pick up the win.

He gave up three earned runs and five total runs on three hits, he struck out one and walked six.

Lane Douglas pitched the final three innings, giving up no runs on one hit, striking out three and walking three.

Pampa would explode again for four runs in the first, five runs in the second and two runs in the third inning.

Anthony Allen again led the team in hitting by going 3-4 with a walk and scoring four runs.

Also getting hits for Pampa were Jonathan

Robinson with a double and two walks.

Mitchell Killgo had two hits, including a single and a triple and two walks.

Alex Clendening added a single, Sam Newman added two singles and Lane Douglas had a single.

By winning the first two games, Pampa advances to the winner's bracket game against Abernathy.

Abernathy defeated Dumas and Seminole to advance to this game.

The winner of this tournament will move on to the Regional Tournament being held in Arkansas.

Kiwanis Club results

**Pampa Kiwanis Club
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Hulsey
Miller

2nd Place (57)
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Montoya
Williams
Marlar

3rd Place (59)
Woods
Allison
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4th Place (59)
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Mickelson Flight

1st Place (59)
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2nd Place (61)
Johnson
Knutson
Taylor
Ashford

3rd Place (63)
White
Mabry
Pettit
Gilbert

4th Place (65)
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Pampa News photos by JORDAN REAGAN
Pictured here are the 2nd place winners with a score of 57. (L-R) Steve Williams, Weston Teichmann, Pay Montoya and Jason Marlar.



Chris Pace is the first on his team to putt on Hole 3 during Saturday's Kiwanis Club Tournament at Hidden Hills, as his teammates, (L-R) Scott Gaines, Jeff Jinks and Cory Mandrell look on.

Football Booster Club Meeting

Monday, June 23 at 7 p.m.

Ready Room at the High School Athletic Building

The booster club will continue to meet every Monday night through the football season. The booster club is a vital part of the football family. There are many ways to be a part, and something for everyone to do. Please come and help support out boys.

Australian rugby player failed to notice an embedded tooth in his forehead for 3 months

BRISBANE, Australia (AP) — Rugby player Ben Czisowski kept competing for more than three months despite the headaches that started after a clash with an opponent. Czisowski was playing for Brisbane team Wynnum during the April 1 incident involving Tweed Heads forward Matt Austin. He had a head wound stitched up afterward, the Australian Associated Press reported Tuesday. Czisowski later suffered an eye

infection and complained of lethargy and shooting pains in his head.

Then last week, his doctor found a tooth imbedded in Czisowski's head.

"I can laugh about it now, but the doctor told me it could have been serious, with teeth carrying germs," Czisowski said.

"I've got the tooth at home, sitting on the bedside table," he said. "If he (Austin) wants it back he can have it. I'm keeping it at the moment as proof that it actually happened."

Griffey homers to pass Robinson

By The Associated Press

Ken Griffey Jr. hit another milestone home run, and pitcher Bobby Livingston had the kind of day at the plate he'll one day tell his grandchildren about.

Griffey passed Frank Robinson for sixth place on the career home run

list, and Livingston, a relatively unknown pitcher called up by Cincinnati before the game, went 4-for-4 with an RBI in the Reds' 10-3 victory over the Atlanta Braves on Monday night.

"That's no fun," Griffey said with a big grin. "It just takes me

out of my pinch-hitting role. They'll call on him now."

Griffey's 24th homer, a three-run shot into the right-field seats at Turner Field, came off Atlanta reliever Oscar Villarreal in the second inning and gave the Reds a 5-0 lead.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, July 18, 2007:

You head down your own unique path this year, not wanting to be distracted. Though you might know what you want, others will challenge your ideas, direction and commitment. You will never get 100 percent support for everything you do. This year is no exception. Acknowledge the importance of differences as well as support. Relationships flourish, especially for attached Cancerians, as they see their bond warm up. If you are single, the same goes for you: Your relationships in general become better and better, especially one special one that might enter your life toward your next year. VIRGO might be full of inquiries. They are curious.

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) ★★★★★ Dive into a project knowing what must be done. You'll make headway where few can. If you think about it, an insight could floor you. Think before you leap and try to solve a difficult problem. Time will give you insight. Tonight: Mellow out.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ If you can flow with the unexpected, you will be much happier. People and fun mix and collide in odd ways. Don't get too plugged in or force a situation. A child or new friend adds much to your life. Tonight: A midweek break.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★ Anchor in and think positively. You might find that many around you are having difficulty understanding what you see as loud and clear. Convincing others takes talent and drive. Follow-through

counts. Tonight: Take care of a responsibility.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★★ You might want to touch base with your many associates and friends. Networking can make a difference; if nothing else, at least in your mood. Loosen up and allow more people in. Understanding evolves to a new level. Tonight: Hang out.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★★ You might be hard-pressed to have someone see a situation as you do. Someone you look up to lets you know how strongly he or she feels that his or her answer is the only one. New information coming forward could be startling. Tonight: Say "yes" or treat yourself.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★★ You are all smiles, even if someone seems a touch incendiary. Let this person go for the tirade, and you get clear of negativity. This person will feel a lot better as a result. Let communication flow. Enjoy your life. Tonight: Easy does it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★ You have a way that can melt others' defenses, but what you get sometimes isn't up your alley, so to speak. Take advantage of an unexpected moment of chaos. You see much more of what triggers a key issue. Tonight: Thinking — bounce your ideas off a good friend.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ Emphasize the big picture in your mind. Understand what might be going on with others, but still don't deviate from home base. Be a slugger and be a winner. An unexpected rock might appear in your path. Hop over it. Tonight: Where people are.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★ Understanding the forces that come into play helps you direct your actions. Though you might feel you are on a smooth course, a shock or two could force you to stop. Remember the positives about reflecting. Tonight: Be available.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★ Take an overview. Detachment will make your day, as there is an undertone of upheaval and change. Be at your finest with others. An upset friend or loved one seeks you out. Give as much as you can. Tonight: Rent a movie on the way home.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ How you deal with others and how they respond has much to do with your listening skills. Otherwise, you could crash and fall off-course. Right now, it is about others. However, keep a firm handle on your expenses. Tonight: Discussions over dinner.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★★ Others pull on your energy, time and caring. Though normally you would fare well with this type of situation, you could flip and run in another direction. Might there be a better way of establishing your limits? Tonight: Don't fight a riptide; swim with it.

BORN TODAY
Astronaut, senator John Glenn (1921), political prisoner and later president Nelson Mandela (1918), singer Martha Reeves (1941)

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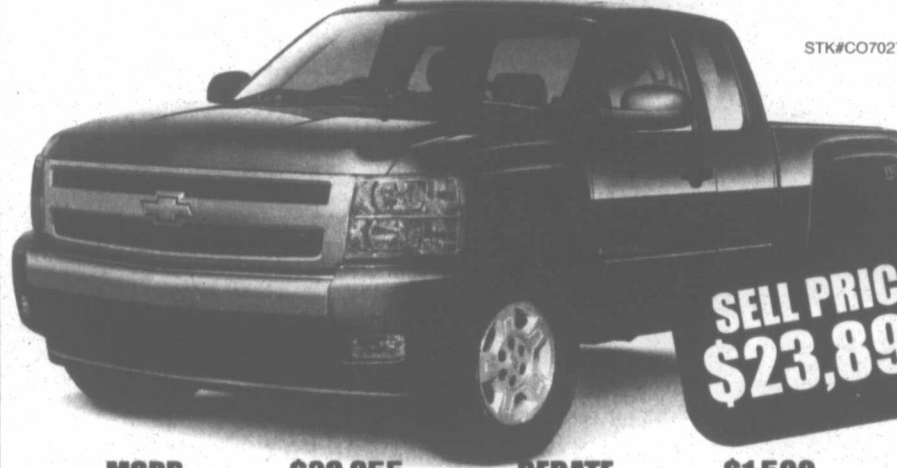


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WORLD

Turkey's ruling party poised to win elections

ISTANBUL, Turkey (AP) — Turkey's ruling party is likely to win a majority of seats in parliamentary elections Sunday that will highlight the deepening divide between the Islamic-oriented government and opponents who fear religion is encroaching on secular traditions.

While most voter surveys put the ruling Justice and Development Party well ahead of its rivals, it is expected to win fewer seats than in the 2002 elections and as a result could have less leverage when the new Parliament faces its first critical test: electing a president.

The vote by legislators for a new president could amount to a replay of a showdown in late April and early May when the ruling party's candidate, a pious Muslim, was forced to abandon his bid after fierce opposition from the sec-

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ular establishment. The military, perpetrator of coups in the past, threatened to intervene to safeguard secularism.

"The main issue is the presidential election," analyst Taha Ozhan said of the campaign debate ahead of the parliamentary elections, which were called four months early to resolve the crisis. This time, the government has said it

will seek a presidential candidate based on consensus, though a sense of uncertainty pervades Turkish politics.

On the streets, the mood is festive. Party flags and posters in Istanbul and other cities are plentiful, loudspeakers bark political slogans from roving vans and throngs of supporters with red-and-white Turkish flags cheer at cam-

paign rallies.

Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan, who made predominantly Muslim Turkey's bid to join the European Union a pillar of his agenda, has said he has no intention of imposing religion on politics. His government presided over reduced inflation, higher per capita income and more foreign investment, and enjoys the support of a growing class of conservative Muslims with economic and political clout.

Despite its achievements, the government faced a backlash when Foreign Minister Abdullah Gul tried to become president. Political opponents boycotted the parliamentary vote, arguing that Gul's election to a position with veto power would remove the last obstacle to an Islamic takeover of the government.



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The Pampa High School Class of 1967 is currently planning its 40th reunion. Pictured from left to right are reunion committee members Kathy David, Patsy Bright, Brenda Guess, J'Nell Stiles, Mary Cantrell, Pat Winkleblack and (seated) Barbara Gallimore.

Class of 1967 planning next reunion

The reunion committee for the Pampa High School Class of 1967 is planning its 40th reunion Homecoming weekend, Sept. 21-22.

Committee members have been meeting once a month to organize the event. Members from the class of 1966 and the class 1968 are invited to attend the reunion as well.

The reunion committee is presently seeking the following classmates: Rita Jeannie Andrews, Marie Kathy Ball, Linda Carter, Mary Linda Cooper Patton, Patricia Lee Darden, James Dale Davis, Thomas Richard Fischer, Charolette Jo Gill, Sandra Kay Greenwood Reeves, Marc William Gregory, Chris Grissom, Donald Harris.

Jonny Wayne Hopkins, Howard Jones, Janet Ann Jones, Judy Lyons, Michael McClune, Charlene "Ti" McDonald,

Dale Wayne McVey, Carolyn Joyce Mason, Genie LaVon Matney, Nada Fay Miller Jones, Willie Sherman Mitchell, Barbara Jean Morgan Conway, Sharon Gordon Peoples, JoAnn Reames Witcher, Shirley Ann Reno Holm.

Richard Rick Roach, Margaret June Robison, Cecil Roland, L.D. Rowden, Beverly Reon Slover, Tommy Earl Soward, Ephrian George Spraberry, Juanita "Nita" Kay Stewart Gaston, Terry Curtis "Troxell" Cradduck, Robert "Bob" Ray Ward, Mickie Mabry Weeks Jarvis, Peggy Whidden, Carolyn Sue Wilson Smith, Werayut "Bill" Yoothongkam and Robert Zimmerman.

To contact the reunion committee, call Pat Winkleblack at 220-8108, Brenda Guess at 665-4428 or Mary Cantrell at 669-7260.

Williams

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resulting ethnic mosaic goes a long way toward explaining our greatness as a nation. Immigration has always been a blessing for us, and it still is.

But yesteryear's immigration and today's differ in several important respects.

For the most part, yesteryear's immigrants came here legally. Because there was no welfare state, we were guaranteed that they'd work as opposed to living off the rest of us. Furthermore, they sought to assimilate and adopt our culture and become Americans. That's not so true

today, where Hispanic activists seek to impose their language and culture on the rest of us. At some public schools, they've raised the Mexico flag atop the U.S. flag. They've announced that they seek to take back parts of the U.S. that were formerly Mexico.

—Walter E. Williams is a professor of economics at George Mason University.

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traumatic stress syndrome afflicting thousands of current and former employees.

We don't doubt there are benefits to private contracting on the battle-

field, but we question whether they outweigh the financial, psychological and moral costs. By outsourcing its responsibility, Washington is helping feed a booming war-futures market.

Events calendar

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

• **The next Third Thursday** at Amarillo Museum of Art will occur between 6-9 p.m. Thursday. This month's event will include music with Marc Darby, coffee tasting, a film, and art activities for adults and children. For more infor-

mation, call (806) 371-5050.

• **The "Milk Mustache Mobile"** will stop in Amarillo Friday. Wonderland Park will host the mobile from 1-4 p.m. and Fiesta Foods from 5-7 p.m.

• **Pampa Cancer Support Group** will meet at 6:30 p.m. July 24 on the second floor of Pampa Regional Medical Center.

• **The Old Mobeetie Texas Association** will stage its annual "Old Mobeetie Music Festival"

July 27-29 on the grounds of the Old Mobeetie Jail Museum in Mobeetie. Admission will be \$10 Friday, \$12 Sunday or \$18 for a weekend pass. Admission Sunday is free, and children 12 and under are free all three days. Featured performers will include Star Canyon, the Batten Family, From the Heartland, Wichita Mountain Bluegrass, Blue Persuasion and more. For more details or more information, log onto www.mobeetie.com on the

Internet; e-mail omjm@pan-tex.net; or call (806) 845-2028.

• **Texas Panhandle Mental Health Mental Retardation** will offer "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. "Dating Smart" will be presented at the agency's Children's and STAR facility, 1500 S. Taylor, in Amarillo. For more information or to register for the classes, call (806) 359-2005 in Amarillo or (806)

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