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County tells man they cannot waive taxes, interest

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

A Pampa man learned this morning during Gray County commissioners' 9 a.m. meeting in the courthouse that the county cannot waive any part of the principle and/or interest due on delinquent taxes on his property which date back to before he became the owner.

Eugene Young had asked that the principle and interest on past due taxes on his property at 1105 Huff Road be waived because the delinquent amount was incurred by the previous owner of the property before Young bought it in 2000.

"No one told me there was that much taxes on that property," Young told commissioners. "I understood from a letter by the previous owner that I owed only \$20."

County Tax Assessor-Collector Gaye Whitehead said her office had been notified of the change of ownership of the property on Oct. 20, 2000. Young had bought the property that May.

"Every time property changes hands, we send the new owner a statement of all taxes due," Whitehead said.

Young began paying on the past due amount in January 2002. A pay-

ment agreement was drawn up by the tax assessor-collector's office in May 2003 for Young, and he signed the agreement, according to the tax assessor-collector's records.

Young made two \$50 payments in accordance with the agreement, and then did not pay any further amount to apply to the back taxes. Young has been paying current taxes as they became due.

The house is valued at \$6,000, and the tax-related amount owed on it is \$12,000, Young said. A representative of Whitehead's office said that at the time the payment agreement was reached, \$8,700 in past due taxes and

related costs was owed.

"I understand your situation, but I don't see any choices we have to override the law," said Precinct 1 Commissioner Joe Wheeley.

Section 33.011 of the Texas Property Tax Code states that the only time penalties and interest on past due taxes may be waived is if the failure to pay the taxes on time was due to an act or omission by a representative of the appraisal district or the taxing entity, or if the property for which the tax is owed is obtained by a religious organization

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Pampa author Oatman to have book signing

By KERRI SMITH
Staff Writer

A local poet, who has had several poems published and has written poems for some of Dr. Mohan's paintings, decided he wanted to venture into the world of fiction.

T. R. Oatman penned a story that has been published and he will host a book signing from 2-5 p.m. Saturday at the Pampa Hastings, 1205 N. Hobart.

Oatman based his story in Wellington, even though the town is never named specifically.

"True Wishes" is the story of three friends who grew up together and then went their separate ways, and were reunited years later after a tragedy occurs.

Once in the hometown of their past, old feelings come into play. One of the friends possessed a strange relation-

ship with the world of wishes and the others realize what a special gift this is. The reader realizes that dreams and wishes are no longer confined to the imagination.

The author has lived in the Texas Panhandle most of his adult life, growing up in Quail and Hedley and now lives in Pampa with his wife Lashell, who illustrated the cover of the book.

Oatman decided to write a work of fiction to go with the already published poems he has. He said this is actually the second book that he wrote, but the first to be published. He plans to send some of his other works to the publisher in the future.

Copies of Oatman's book are available at Hastings or can be purchased online at www.amazon.com.

School board to discuss elections administrator

BY KERRI SMITH
Staff Writer

Board members for Pampa Independent School District will meet for consideration and possible approval of participating with other entities in funding the position of elections administrator at a special meeting 5:30 p.m. Thursday at Carver Center, 321 W. Albert.

Also on the agenda are

district goals and a student code of conduct for the 2007-2008 school year. The local policy on curriculum development will be discussed as well.

Construction issues related to bond projects, a bid for removal of trees at the high school and possibly granting access to construction sites by designated residents will also be considered during this meeting.

Farmers, ranchers reminded of conservation planning

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

The Natural Resources Conservation Service's Pampa Field Office is reminding farmers and ranchers that its staff can assist them in conservation planning.

All farmers and ranchers who are interested in natural resources may stop by the office at the Gray County Annex, 12125 E. Frederic, Suite B to

learn more about conservation planning and see how it could benefit their farming or ranching operation. The office may also be reached at 665-1751 ext. 3.

The NRCS provides conservation planning and technical assistance to individuals, groups and government agencies in order to protect, conserve and enhance natural resources, including soil, water, air, plants and

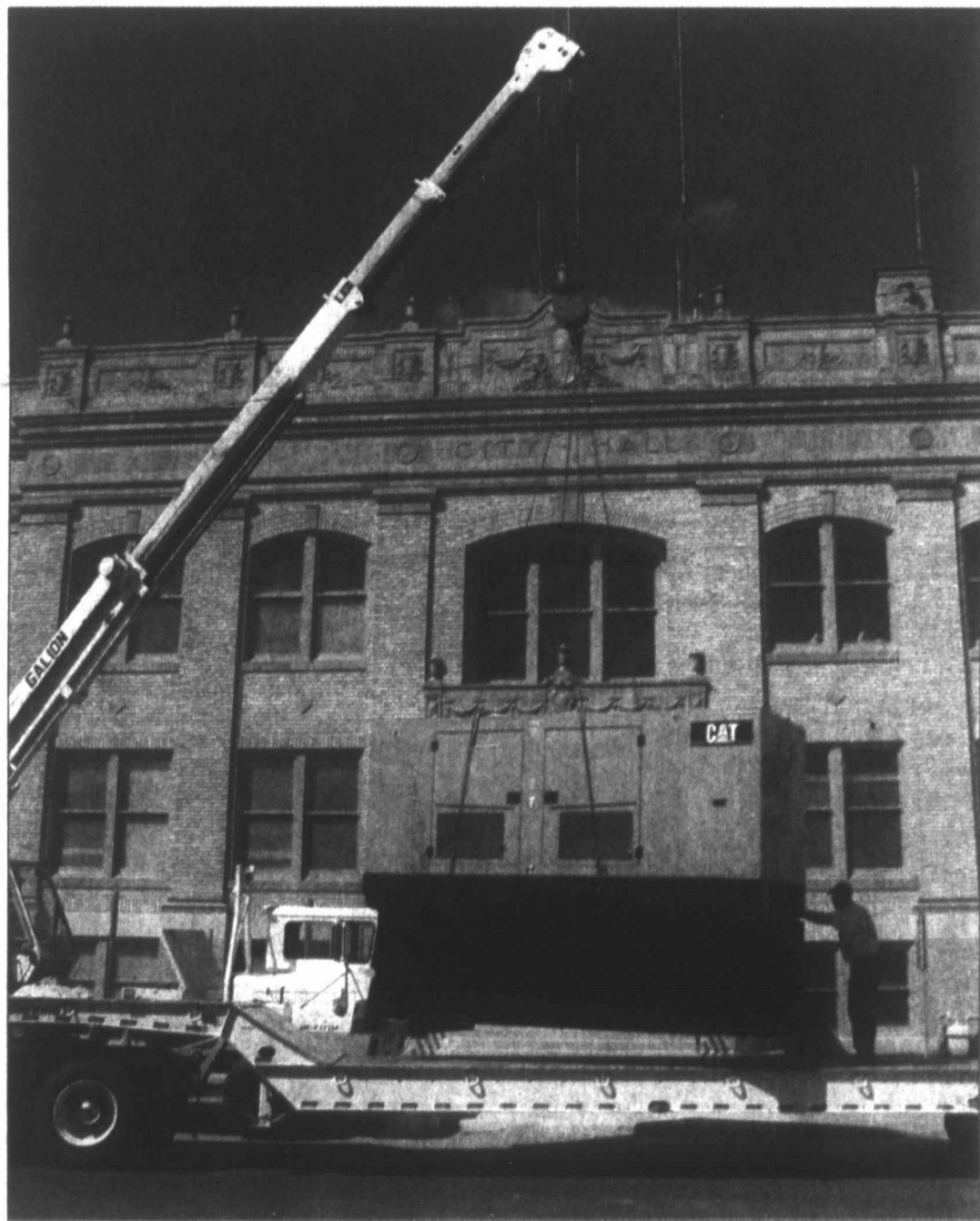
animals.

The success of conservation planning and implementation depends upon the voluntary participation of clients. The planning process used by NRCS is based on the premise that clients will make and implement sound decisions if they understand their resources, natural resource problems and opportunities, and the effects of their decisions.

The planning is a natural resource problem solving and management process which integrates ecological, economic and social considerations to meet private and public needs.

Conservation planning helps clients, conservationists and others view the environment as a living system of which humans are an inte-

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Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS

A new generator for City Hall was delivered and set in place Tuesday on the east side of the building. The new generator replaces the old one located on the north side of City Hall, and will generate enough electricity for the entire building when electrical service is interrupted, according to Pampa/Gray County Emergency Management Coordinator Ken Hall. The old generator could only provide power for three rooms and could no longer be serviced, he said.



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Thursday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Some of the storms could produce heavy rain. Partly cloudy, with a low around 68. South wind between 5 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Friday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 87. South-southwest wind between 5 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 70. South-southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 91. South-southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

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District pulls 4-day school week proposal

DALLAS (AP) — The Lancaster school district has pulled its proposal to implement a four-day school week for the upcoming school year, but the superintendent said the idea is still alive.

Superintendent Larry Lewis said he withdrew the district's request to the Texas Education Agency because school starts this month and the four-day schedule would conflict with existing employee contracts.

But Lewis said he would form a committee of volunteers from community groups, the school board and schools to study the plan for the 2008-2009 school year. "We think it's a great thing for students today, and we hope it will be a great thing for students in years to come, so we're going to continue to pursue that," Lewis said Tuesday.

The Lancaster school board voted 5-1 last month to allow Lewis to seek a waiver exempting the district from the required 180-day school calendar. Under the proposal, the 6,000-student district south of Dallas would have longer days Monday through Thursday and Fridays off. Supporters say the short week would boost academics by allowing longer uninterrupted stretches of class time and save money as the district deals with a funding deficit.

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Obituaries

Services tomorrow

WALL, Gertrude Leola — 2 p.m., Lefors Church of Christ, Lefors.

Victor Randal Belt, 54

MADERIA, Calif. — Victor Randal Belt, 54, of Maderia, died Monday, July 30, 2007.

Services are scheduled at 10 a.m. Friday at First Baptist Church in Chowchilla, Calif. Interment will be in Maderia.

A former resident of Lefors, Mr. Belt was previously employed by The Transwestern Co. and was an active member of Lefors First Baptist Church.

He is a U.S. Army veteran. For the past 27 years, Mr. Belt was employed as a

deputy with the motorcycle division of the sheriff's department in Maderia.

Survivors include his wife, Collette; two sons, Jeremy of Maderia and Brandon of Chowchilla; two stepdaughters, Brittany and Danielle Mann of Maderia;

his mother, Edna Belt of Pampa; a brother, Stanley Belt of Pampa; and two sisters, Delores Watts of Gadsden, Ala., and Vickie Tippit of Plattsburg, Mo.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

G.D. 'Doug' Camp, 87

G.D. "Doug" Camp, 87, of Borger, died Sunday, June 29, 2007. Services will be at 2 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 2, 2007, at Brown Funeral Directors Chapel of the Fountains with Mike Woelfle officiating.

Burial to follow in Highland Park Cemetery. Arrangements by Brown Funeral Directors.

Mr. Camp was born March 28, 1920, in Yellville, Ark., to James Arthur and Julia Osborn Camp. He married Mildred Aline Liles in Pampa in 1939.

Mr. Camp served in the Army Air Corps as a sheet metal worker during World War II. He later worked as a sheet metal worker in Pampa, Borger and Amarillo, working for Jerry Keith the longest period of time.

Mr. Camp and his wife were members of the Red Dale Campers in Pampa. Doug was also a professional square dance caller. He



Camp

often traveled the Panhandle area calling dances and spent many volunteer hours teaching fifth and sixth graders at Central Elementary and Gateway Elementary Schools.

He is preceded in death by his daughter, MaryAnn Camp in January 1989; a grandson, Scott Hurt; three sisters, Mildred Buntin, Virginia Sing and WillaMae Waits;

and two brothers, Virgil Camp and Vernon Camp.

Survivors include his wife, Mildred Camp; three daughters, Linda Sue Hurt and husband, Larry of Plano, Fran Fletcher and husband, Tom of Claude, and Beth Hale and husband, D.L. of Pampa; 13 grandchildren, Todd Hurt, Suzanne Fisher, Jeffrey Hurt, Mary Lewis, Melissa Liles, Bill Fletcher, Amy Horn, Julia Hatfield, David White, Mike Woelfle, Mark Woelfle and JD Woelfle; and 16 great-grandchildren.

Gertrude Leola Wall, 99

LEFORS, Texas — Gertrude Leola Wall, 99, of Lefors, died July 28, 2007, at San Antonio, Texas.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 2, 2007, at the Lefors Church of Christ with Zeb Sailors and Wyatt Fenno, Church of Christ ministers, officiating.

Burial will be in Memorial Heights Cemetery in Lefors

under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Wall was born Jan. 16, 1908, in West Alton, Mo. She moved with her family to Swartz, La., when she was a child, and she attended school there. She married Carl "Runt" Wall on July 27, 1927, at Swartz.

His job took the family to

the small towns of Lefors, Kermit, Kellerville and Shamrock. They finally settled in Lefors in 1955, and he preceded her in death on July 19, 1986.

She continued to live in Lefors after his death until she moved to San Antonio in May of 2001. She was an active and devoted member of the Lefors Church of

Christ.

Survivors include two sons, Tom Wall and wife Linda of Sherman, and Carl Wall and wife LaRue of Universal City; five grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and one sister, Irma Jane Edelen of Monroe, La.

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

Emergency Services

Pampa PD

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

Six traffic stops were made resulting in three arrests.

Traffic complaints were reported at the intersection of Gwendolen and Wells and the 100 block of East 28th.

An accident was reported in the 2800 block of Charles.

Animal control officers made calls concerning animals in the 1000 block of East Francis, the 1200 block of Russell, the 1100 block of Sandlewood, the intersection of Davis and Montagu, the 300 block of Miami, the 600 block of Somerville, the 500 block of Yeager, the 1200 block of Duncan and the 600 block of Magnolia.

A police escort was provided in the 600 block of Ward.

A welfare check was made near the intersection of Brown and Russell.

Agency assistance was provided on Highway 60 West.

Motorist assistance was provided in the 1500 block of North Hobart.

Suspicious persons were

reported in the 1000 block of East Frederic, the 1300 block of Coffee, the 1200 block of North Hobart, the 600 block of Yeager, the 2200 block of Chestnut, the 700 block of Lefors, the 1100 block of Gwendolen, the 1000 block of Varnon and the intersection of Henry and Frederic.

A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 1600 block of Fir.

A civil matter was reported in the 300 block of Anne and the police department lobby.

An abandoned vehicle was reported in the 600 block of East Foster and the 1100 block of Darby.

Warrant service was attempted at two locations with one resulting in an arrest.

Phone harassment was reported in the 1400 block of Somerville.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1300 block of Coffee and the 1400 block of North Hobart.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 100 block of South Wells and the 500 block of Wilks.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 100 block of North Faulkner.

An assault was reported in the 1300 block of Coffee.

Theft was reported in the 300 block of East Frederic and the 1000 block of Somerville.

A prowler was reported in the 1200 block of Russell.

Forgery was reported in the police department lobby.

One alarm was reported.

Sheriff

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

Tuesday, July 31

Shawn Weatherford, 36, of Pampa was arrested by Pampa Police Department in the 1100 block of Farley for driving while license invalid with previous driving while license invalid and evading arrest.

Johnny Ogden Moody, 24, of McLean was arrested by GCSO on a warrant for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Wendy Marie Word, 20, of Pampa was arrested by PPD in the 900 block of Rham on a motion to revoke for assault causing bodily injury.

Carmen Rios Suarez, 18, of Pampa was arrested by PPD in the 200 block of Ballard for driving while intoxicated, no driver's license and no insurance.

Jere David Hink, 42, of Pampa was arrested by PPD in the 1800 block of Hamilton for failure to maintain financial responsibility and no driver's license.

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Kenyon James Kendall, 21, of Pampa was arrested by PPD in the 1300 block of Coffee for no valid driver's license, no insurance, expired inspection sticker and expired registration.

Fire

Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls between 7 a.m. Monday and 7 a.m. today.

Monday, July 30

7:21 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 200 block of Tuke on a call for medical assistance.

12:25 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to

the 1500 block of North Summer on an odor investigation.

12:43 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 900 block of Somerville on a motor vehicle accident.

2:26 p.m. — Three units and seven personnel responded to Pampa Regional Medical Center on a false alarm.

Tuesday, July 31

12:34 p.m. — One unit and four personnel responded to the intersection of Frost and Francis on a motor vehicle accident.

12:55 p.m. — One unit and two personnel responded to the 700 block of Brunow on a trash fire.

6:54 p.m. — One unit and four personnel responded to the 700 block of Christy on an odor investigation.

8:23 p.m. — One unit and two personnel responded to the 1200 block of Duncan on an electrical short.

10:37 p.m. — One unit and two personnel responded to the 700 block of Doucette on a gas leak.

Ambulance

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

Tuesday, July 31

12 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo and transferred a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

12:29 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the intersection of Frost and Francis. No transport.

2:36 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 200 block of Wynne. No transport.

6:01 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Buckler and Christy streets. No transport.

7:44 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 300 block of Brown.

8:27 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of Craven and transported a patient to PRMC.

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NASA up against the clock in scramble to fix Endeavour's problems

By **MARCIA DUNN**
AP Aerospace Writer

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — With a launch countdown looming, NASA scrambled to fix a cabin leak and a bad thermostat aboard space shuttle Endeavour today.

The leak was traced overnight to one of two pressure-relief valves in

Endeavour's crew cabin, located behind the toilet but separate from the bathroom plumbing, said NASA spokesman George Diller.

Engineers likely will replace the bad valve with one taken from Atlantis, but a firm decision has yet to be made, he said.

A problem with one of two ther-

mostats for one of Endeavour's auxiliary power units also cropped up. Both thermostats will be replaced, Diller said. These units generate power for the shuttle's crucial hydraulic systems.

All this extra work can be completed in time for Endeavour's planned liftoff Tuesday, Diller said,

but it will be tight and anything else — like more thunderstorms or mechanical problems — could force NASA to postpone the flight to the international space station.

Storms already interrupted work at the shuttle launch pad and forced a one-day postponement for the launch of NASA's Mars lander,

Phoenix, now scheduled for Saturday.

The shuttle countdown is expected to begin on time Saturday night, and managers will assess the workload on Sunday and decide whether a Tuesday launch is still achievable, Diller said.

Oops



Pampa News Photo by KERRI SMITH

This vehicle was involved in a motor vehicle accident at the intersection of Frost and Francis, where apparently another driver ran a stop sign and hit this car. No injuries were reported.

Travel presentation scheduled Saturday

By **KERRI SMITH**
Staff Writer

If you like to travel and take four or five star vacations at a one or two star price, would like to supplement your income or would be interested in learning how to take free trips, then you are welcome to attend a presentation by World Ventures from 2-4 p.m. Saturday in the Chamber of Commerce building, 200 N. Ballard.

World Ventures is a world-class travel company co-founded by Wayne Nugent and Mike Azcue, which is based in Plano. They have a product called Dream Trips.

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WSJ sells to Murdoch

By **SETH SUTEL**
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Rupert Murdoch has sealed a deal to buy Wall Street Journal publisher Dow Jones & Co. for \$5 billion, ending a century of family ownership and adding a crown jewel to his global media

empire, News Corp.

The companies said early this morning that they signed a definitive agreement after the deal won sufficient support to pass from a deeply divided Bancroft family, which has controlled the storied newspaper publisher for generations.

County

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and qualifies the property for exemption.

County Judge Richard Peet called three times for a motion on Young's request, but the topic died for lack of a motion.

"The court is not making any motion because we don't have the authority under the law to do so," Peet said, referring to the county's inability to decrease the amount owed by Young in county taxes.

Bids were opened at 10 a.m. for a truck tractor to be bought by Precinct 4. Four bids were received, and a bid of \$34,900 for a 1999 Mac truck offered by Bruckner's in Amarillo was accepted. The truck has 334,000 miles and meets specifications required by Precinct 4 Commissioner James Hefley. The bid acceptance is pending upon Hefley's visual inspection of the truck in Amarillo.

Other bidders were Amarillo Truck Center, which submitted two bids, and Roberts Truck Center of Amarillo. None of the three trucks offered met specifications, Hefley said.

Amarillo Truck Center's bids were \$32,020 for a 2000 Freightliner with 692,000 miles, and \$57,040 for a 2004 Freightliner with 232,000 miles. Roberts Truck Center's bid was \$61,500 on a 2005 International with 290,000 miles.

A bid by Sherri Worthington of \$140 for tax-delinquent property of a house and lot at 435 Crest was accepted.

Transfer of a hangar lease of Numbers 32, 33 and 34 at Perry LeFors Airport from White House Lumber to Steve Fischer was approved.

Commissioners agreed to seek requests for proposals for an external audit of the county's finances, and approved the 2008 and 2009 budgets for Gray County Community Supervision and Corrections Department. The department is funded by the state, but is required to have their budget approved by county commissioners and entered into minutes of the commissioners' meeting, Peet said.

An amendment to the tax abatement agreement between the county and the former CPV Wind Ventures clarified language which had been contradictory due to one phrase. The wind company from Massachusetts has been bought by a company in Spain, Peet said, but the proposed wind farm for Donley and Gray counties will still be installed.

Teresa Davis' name was deleted from the district clerk's checking account, and payment of bills and salaries was approved.

Commissioners will begin their work sessions for the county's fiscal year 2008 budget on Aug. 15, following their regular meeting.

Planning

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gral part, according to a news release by the NRCS. The planning enables clients and planners to analyze and work with complex natural processes in definable and measurable terms, according to the release.

Conservation planning can also help identify programs which could poten-

tially help defray some of the cost of implementing the plan.

The NRCS's objective in conservation planning is the sound use and management of soil, water, air, plant and animal resources to prevent their degradation and ensure their sustained use and productivity while also considering related human social and economic needs, according to the release.

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Viewpoints

The Hollywood culture takes over debates

The Kennedy definition of politics was that it "ain't beanball," but as the Democratic debates on CNN recently showed, politics ain't even politics anymore — it's show business a la Hollywood.

Among the Democrats, the culture of American politics has succumbed to the culture of the coke-snorting, booze-soaked Hollywood of Paris Hilton and Lindsay Lohan and the rest of Tinseltown's decadent and far-left celebrities.

Things in Hollywood have changed drastically since my parents' day. Nowadays we have bizarre incidents involving pampered, out-of-control blondes routinely exposing their private parts, commuting back and forth

from rehab center to rehab center or the L.A. slammer, all while the media celebrates their antics.

Back when my mom and dad were acting, we also had blondes such as Jayne Mansfield and Marilyn Monroe, and even though they were hardly role models for decent behavior, they managed to show restraint, even when cavorting with a president of the United States, as in Monroe's case.

The current lack of restraint was on display the other night when CNN abandoned any pretense of seriousness and turned the question-asking function of the debate moderator over to a weird conglomeration of clownish inquisitors via YouTube.Com.

Instead of walking off the stage at this degradation of a process allegedly designed to help voters decide who should carry their party's banner into the 2008 presidential election campaign, the candidates went along with this sham of a debate, dutifully playing the role of straight men to a cast recruited from Looney Tunes.

On display was the culture of Hollywood — the culture of Paris Hilton and Lindsay Lohan, the Hollywood that marches in lockstep with the militant Marxists who dominate the Democratic party

today.

Think about it. In an era when the very survival of civilization is threatened by terrorism organized on a global scale, there was not a single mention of the ongoing war on terrorism, which is costing lives every day.

I don't blame the debaters for this debacle as much as I blame CNN for allowing what was meant to be a

debate to become a venue for Hollywood-style show business. I am surprised that they didn't include among the questioners Miss Hilton or Miss Lohan or at the very least, Rosie O'Donnell.

CNN also managed to include a question about gun rights from what they would like the audience to believe was a typical supporter of Second Amendment rights to gun ownership — an AK47-toting fanatic who resembled an average American National Rifle Association member about as much as Cindy Sheehan resembles an average Gold Star Mother.

When the culture of Hollywood dominates politics, the real issues are stifled — the public is denied an opportunity to understand

that the real underlying issue is the struggle between a party that wishes to impose their Marxist policies and programs on the nation and the Republicans who don't. Democrats want big government and Republicans insist that the best government is the government that governs the least.

When spectacle edges substance aside, you get such aberrations being taken seriously as one candidate's proposal to give free medical care to illegal aliens or another's idea of giving sex education to 5-year-olds.

When the culture of Hollywood dominates the political discourse, you end up having debates that tell the American people nothing

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Michael Reagan
Columnist



Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Aug. 1, the 213th day of 2007. There are 152 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

One hundred years ago, on Aug. 1, 1907, the U.S. Air Force had its beginnings as the U.S. Army Signal Corps established an aeronautical division in charge of "all matters pertaining to military ballooning, air machines and all kindred subjects."

On this date:

In 1774, British scientist Joseph Priestley succeeded in isolating oxygen from air.

In 1876, Colorado was admitted as the 38th state.

In 1894, the First Sino-Japanese War erupted, the result of a dispute over control of Korea; Japan's army routed the Chinese.

In 1914, Germany declared war on Russia at the onset of World War I.

In 1936, the Olympic games opened in Berlin with a ceremony presided over by Adolf Hitler.

In 1944, an uprising broke out in Warsaw, Poland, against Nazi occupation, a revolt that lasted two months before

'As scarce as truth is, the supply is always greater than the demand.'

— Josh Billings
nom de plume of
Henry Wheeler Shaw,
American author
(1818-1885)

collapsing.

In 1946, President Harry S. Truman signed the Fulbright Program into law, establishing the scholarships named for Sen. William J. Fulbright.

In 1946, America's Atomic Energy Commission was established.

In 1957, the United States and Canada agreed to create the North American Air Defense Command (NORAD).

In 1966, 25-year-old Charles Joseph Whitman went on a shooting rampage at the University of Texas in Austin, killing 14 people. Whitman, who had also murdered his wife and mother hours earlier, was gunned down by police.

Ten years ago: The National Cancer Institute reported that fallout from 1950s nuclear bomb tests had exposed millions of children across the country to radioactive iodine. President Bill Clinton lifted a 20-year-old ban on the sale of high-performance aircraft and other advanced weapons to Latin America.

Five years ago: Two former WorldCom executives were arrested on charges of falsifying the books at the now-bankrupt long-distance company. Two teenage girls were abducted from their dates at a lovers' lane outside Lancaster, Calif.; they were rescued 100 miles away after their kidnapper crashed his getaway car and was shot to death by sheriff's deputies.



"EVERYONE ELSE IN THE RACE WAS DISQUALIFIED FOR DOPING."

Government widens gap between classes

When it's time to think about our country as a whole, it is more important to look at the general population than to concentrate on the very rich. What one wants in a country is a population that is reasonably prosperous, meaning people with enough income to provide for all the necessities and also have something extra left over.

The rich, after all, can take care of themselves. It's people who lose their incomes or whose incomes are inadequate for a decent standard of living that present problems. It is unrealistic to imagine everyone can be rich; it is entirely plausible to visualize a country where no one is homeless or hungry or suffering from a curable disease.

Income for the majority of people comes from jobs. It follows that we must create

lots of jobs, ones that pay an adequate amount of compensation. The government's policy must be to do whatever will create adequately paying jobs and do whatever is necessary to prevent the loss of adequately paying jobs.

It is an axiom of nature that a surplus of labor will cause the price of labor to be bid down. Hence, a government that cares for its people will limit immigration.

It is an axiom of capitalism that capital will seek out cheap labor. Hence, a government that cares for its people will take steps to prevent capital from eliminating jobs here and employing cheap labor in overseas markets. One way to do that is to

impose tariffs on products made in cheap-labor countries so that they cannot compete unfairly with products made in our country.

It's obvious our government is doing neither of these things and, in fact, is doing the exact opposite. With its insane immigration policy, it is creating a surplus of labor, importing not only day laborers, but engineers and other professionals who undercut Americans.

It's phony free-trade policy that is allowing cheap-labor countries, principally China, to virtually destroy our manufacturing base. Try to find something not made in China. It's not easy.

Furthermore, the U.S.

government, with its reckless fiscal policy, is devaluing the dollar and fueling inflation, which it tries to hide by jiggling around the definition. However the government defines it, it now takes almost \$4 to buy what you could buy for 25 cents in 1967. The euro, once valued at less than \$1, is now valued at \$1.30, give or take a pence or two.

What does this tell us? It tells us that the U.S. government is not on the side of the American people. Rather, it's not on the side of a majority of Americans. It is on the side of that narrow elite of the very rich. The gap between the rich and everyone else grows daily. The very rich get the tax cuts, the trade policy they want and the immigration policy they want, and we get to supply the cheap labor

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Charley Reese
Columnist



Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

■ July 23

Austin American-Statesman on border law and order:

One of the odder controversies swirling these days is the bitter criticism being flung at Johnny Sutton, the U.S. attorney for the Western District of Texas, which is based in San Antonio and includes Austin. Sutton's shortcoming, it appears, is his strict enforcement of the law even when the law-breakers are Border Patrol agents.

Sutton, appointed by President Bush, prosecuted the two agents for shooting at and wounding a fleeing but unarmed drug suspect and then lying about it in

2005. However, it wasn't Sutton who convicted them; a West Texas jury did that after a 2 1/2-week trial laying out all evidence. The agents are Jose Alonso Compean, who is serving a 12-year prison sentence, and Ignacio Ramos, who is serving an 11-year sentence.

Among many Americans alarmed about the nation's porous border with Mexico, Compean and Ramos are seen as martyrs, unjustly prosecuted and imprisoned by an over-zealous prosecutor while trying to protect the country from drug runners.

Sutton, though, told the Senate Judiciary Committee in Washington this week that Compean and Ramos "are not heroes. They deliberately shot an unarmed man in the back without

justification, destroyed evidence to cover it up and lied about it."

The agents contended that they saw an object in the suspect's hand that looked like a gun. But they first made that claim a month after the shooting, Sutton said.

The suspect, Osvaldo Aldrete Davila, entered the United States illegally in a van with more than 700 pounds of marijuana. When the van was stopped, he got out and fled. Compean fired at him 14 times and Ramos once, and Davila was hit once as he ran away to Mexico.

On one point, Sutton seemed grudgingly to agree that it "probably wasn't a very wise move" to grant Aldrete a

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Events calendar

• **Clarendon College-Pampa Center** is currently taking enrollment for an upcoming CPR Basoc Life Support class. The class will be conducted from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Sept. 15 in Pampa Center Room 106. Participants completing the one-day course will receive an AHA card valid for two years. For more information, call the college at 665-8801.

• **Carson County Square House Museum** in Panhandle will host an exhibition with Jim Jordan, an area photographer, in the Hazlewood Gallery of the museum throughout August. The name of the exhibit is "Rarely Seen, Never Seen." A reception is planned from 2:30-4 p.m. Sunday at the museum.

• **Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum** in Canyon will conduct a free storytelling workshop from 10:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday in Hazlewood Lecture Hall of the museum. Volunteers

who attend the workshop will learn how to incorporate storytelling into guided tours. From 10:30-11:30 a.m.,

Education Coordinator Millie Vanover will deliver a presentation on volunteer opportunities at the museum. Eldrena Douma McMenemy, a Hopi storyteller of Canyon, and Dr. Trudy Hanson, a speech communication professor, will present an additional workshop from 1-4 p.m.

• **Pease River Playhouse** will be the site of a production of "Steel Magnolias" Aug. 10-12 at the auditorium in Goodlett. For show times and ticket information, call (940) 674-2477.

• **The 19th Annual Harmon County Blackeyed Pea Festival** will be Aug. 11 at Hollis, Okla. The event will kick-off at 9 a.m. with a parade. The festival will also include food, free watermelon, Harmon County Opry, arts & crafts booths,

a quilt drawing, Hollis Ranch Rodeo, a tractor pull and show, bingo, train rides, buggy rides, silent auction, children's games and more.

• **The 82nd Airborne Division Association, Inc.**, upcoming schedule of activities include the following events: 61st National Convention, Aug. 13-19, Harrisburg, Pa.; National Airborne Day, Aug. 16; and 45th All Ohio Day's, Oct. 19-20, Clearwater, Ohio. For more information and membership details, call (937) 898-5977.

• **Amarillo Botanical Gardens** will offer the "Art of Science and Flowers" with art instructor Cynthia Padilla from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Aug. 15-16 at the gardens. The two-day workshop/seminar will teach participants how to draw, paint and understand floral structure. A certificate of attendance will be awarded to those who complete the course.

Tuition is \$175. Advance registration is required. For more information, call (806) 352-6513.

• **The Red Hat Dollies Society** of Pampa will meet at 11 a.m. Aug. 16 at Pampa Senior Citizens Center. For more information, call 669-9916, 669-9297 or 669-3580.

• **Veterans of Foreign Wars and Auxiliary Post 1475** in Amarillo will stage a craft show from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Aug. 18 at the post home, 1401 W. 8th. An all-you-can-eat breakfast will be served from 8-10 a.m. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be served from 12-4 p.m. Cost of either meal is \$5. To find out more or to rent a 8x10 booth space, call (806) 679-7520.

• **The 61st annual Top O' Texas Rodeo and Kid Pony Show** is scheduled at the Top O' Texas Rodeo grounds in Pampa Aug. 23-25 and Aug. 19-21, respectively. In case of inclement weather, Aug. 22 will serve as a make-up

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of substance.

Politics becomes a spectacle some-

thing like the Academy Awards where the participants show up in their most glamorous attire, mutter a lot of meaningless dialogue, celebrate each other's celebrity, while the media ogles from the sidelines.

The Hollywood-ized debates are stupid. The other night, CNN went a

step further and made them asinine.

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

Reese

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and the cannon fodder in wars designed to enrich the already rich.

It's difficult for Americans to face the fact that their government, in its present composition, is hostile to

them. Americans are naturally patriotic and trusting. But a cold look at hard facts will tell you that the affection for the government is not returned.

Democracy is dangerous, because idiots and villains can be elected just as easily as honest and good men and women. The means of mass manipulation are at their peak. Just watch the salesmen and touts on MSNBC act as

if the average price of 30 stocks (Dow Jones) were the whole economy and all one had to worry about. Watch the so-called political reporters gossip endlessly about tweedledee and tweedledum while issues are ignored.

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

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humanitarian visa to get him back to the United States to testify, under immunity, against the two agents. Critics don't like his grant of immunity from prosecution in the case, either.

Among the critics of the lengthy sentences are Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas, and Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Texas. Cornyn and a Democratic senator from California,

Dianne Feinstein, have sent a letter to President Bush asking him to commute the sentences.

The senators are using the word "excessive" to describe the sentence the same word the president used to justify his recent decision to commute the sentence of former vice presidential aide Lewis "Scooter" Libby, who was convicted of lying to a grand jury and investigators.

Some reduction in the sentences of the agents but not a pardon might be justified. The man who was shot recuperated well enough to be arrested several months later in a separate

drug smuggling case.

But Sutton was right to prosecute. Law enforcement officers have every right to defend themselves but no right to start shooting suspects who have posed no threat to them or others and flee and then lie about it.

As Sutton told the committee, "If we let our agents just open fire, shooting to kill some innocent person is going to get gunned down execution-style by a cop, and there's going to be an outcry."

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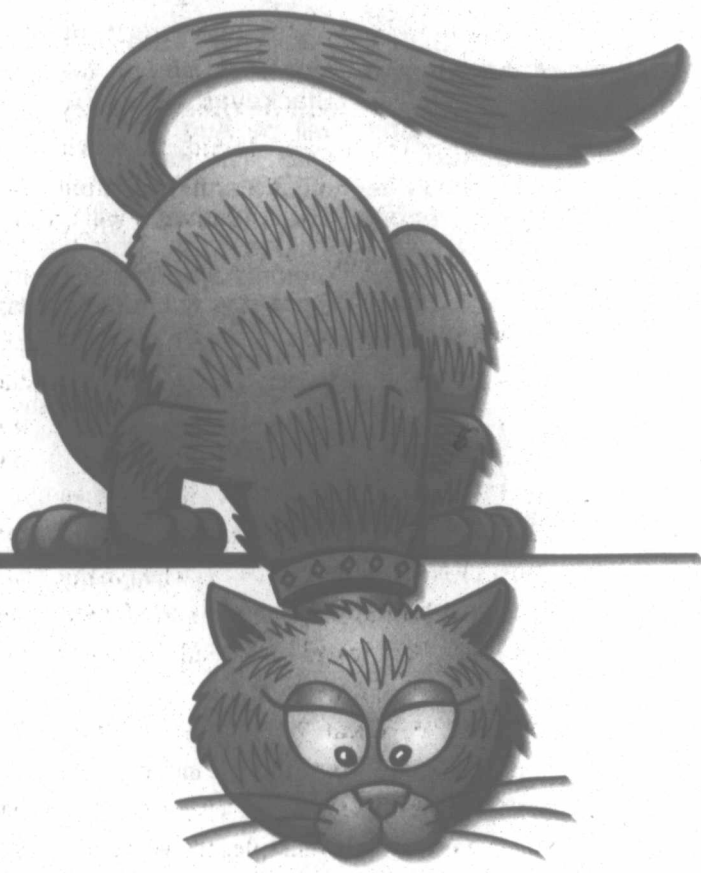
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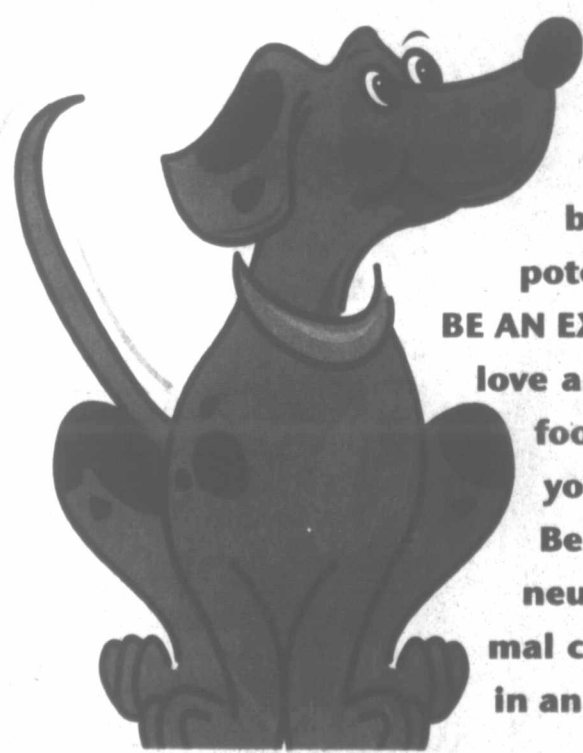
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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My little girl, "Angela," is 3 and has never seen her father. We were engaged to be married, but he left me three weeks before I had her. She is now asking lots of questions about who he is and where he is. People who are "educated" in this sort of thing have instructed me to talk about it, keep it simple and not to lie. I have explained to Angela that "you have a daddy, his name is Jeff, and that he lives too far away to see." This was acceptable for a while, but she continues to ask about him. What is hard to explain to my child is that her father abandoned us with no explanation. The guy didn't even give me a phone call to let me know he wasn't going to be around. He just disappeared. It has been four years of grieving, and I still cry over the loss of my best friend, the father of my beautiful little girl -- not to mention the many issues that go with being a single mother. Please help me answer questions that are painful for me to explain, so it won't leave a permanent scar on my daughter. — **DEVASTATED IN ST. CHARLES, MO.**

DEAR DEVASTATED: I have often thought how unfortunate it is that boys can father children at the age of 11, when many of them don't grow up until they're in their 30s. The "best friend" who fathered your little girl is a prime example. This is the "mantra" to repeat when your daughter asks about him: "Your father's name is Jeff. I don't know where he is. He left before you were born." It's simple, it's no reflection on her -- or you, for that matter -- and it's the truth. Of course, as your daughter grows older and asks for more information, she should be given more details. But for now, this should be, enough. A final thought. Because four years into the griev-

ing process you are still crying, please consider some sessions with a psychologist. You deserve more happiness and satisfaction than you appear to be getting. You can't change the facts, but you can change the way you react to life's challenges.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I were recently asked to join another couple, "Johnny" and "Brooke," at an upscale restaurant that we would not ordinarily frequent. We decided to join them and had a lovely, if extremely expensive, dinner. When the check came, Johnny took several gift cards out of his pocket and applied them to their half of the bill. (They covered the majority of it.) We had no idea that this was the reason Johnny and Brooke wanted to eat there and were shocked that they had not said something earlier. We might have declined. Of course, we paid our portion of the bill, but when we discussed it later, we both felt that we had been duped. Had the tables been turned, we would have applied the gift cards to the entire bill. Were we duped, and were they cheap? — **AM I STUPID IN POMONA, N.Y.?**

DEAR AM I: If you went to the restaurant under the impression that you were being treated to dinner, then you were duped. If you went there planning to split the check -- as many couples do -- then you would have paid for your half of the bill anyway. Whether the money they applied to their half was earned or gifted should not be your concern. As to whether they were "cheap" -- well, they could have been more generous. But they were under no obligation to be.

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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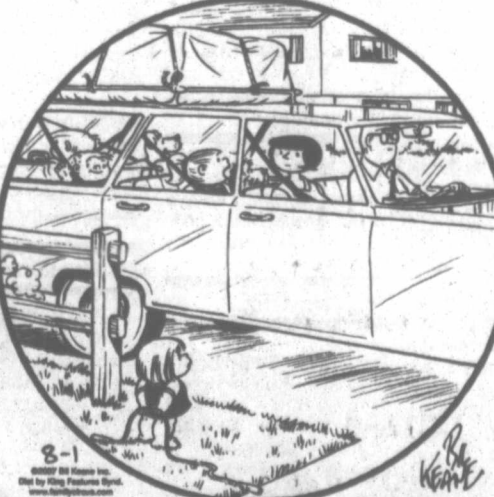
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The Family Circus

By Bil Keane



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Sports Day



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Miami's Colt Quisenberry took third place in Class II Calf Riding Saturday at the XIT Junior Rodeo in Dalhart.

Miami's 6 year-old cowboy competes with 7-9 year-olds at Junior Rodeo

Six year-old Colt Quisenberry competed in the XIT Junior Rodeo held Saturday in Dalhart.

He moved up from the Class I: 0-6 years into the Class II: 7-9 years age group where he competed in Barrels, Flag Race, Poles, and Calf Riding.

There were a total of 16 boys in Class II, and Colt walked away with a 3rd Place trophy in Calf Riding.

Colt, the son of Dustie Quisenberry and grandson of Larry and Mary Quisenberry, all of Miami, will be a first grader in Miami starting this fall.

At last, Browns' Hickerson pushes way into Hall of Fame

CLEVELAND (AP) — Long before entourages became fashionable, Jim Brown had his own personal bodyguard.

Gene Hickerson protected the Hall of Fame running back from harm.

Next time you watch any old black-and-white NFL footage of Brown, Cleveland's great No. 32 weaving his way toward the end zone on a long touchdown run, there's a good chance No. 66 — Hickerson — was out front or alongside.

"Gene was the leader of a great line," Brown said, "and the greatest downfield blocker in the history of pro football."

And finally, years, if not decades after he probably should have been inducted, the 72-year-old Hickerson

will be enshrined in Canton, Ohio, an overdue tribute to the Browns' pulling right guard who blocked for three Hall of Fame backs.

Unusually quick for his size, Hickerson, a country boy from Mississippi, anchored Cleveland's offensive line for 15 seasons. Throughout the 1960s and into the early 1970s, Hickerson opened holes for Brown, Leroy Kelly and Bobby Mitchell — all Hall of Famers — who would have never amassed as many yards or as much acclaim if not for Hickerson's bone-jarring blocks.

"As far as I'm concerned he should have been in 20 or 30 years ago," said Browns teammate Jim Houston. "He had the ability. Gene was always low key except when it came time to protect Jim

Brown or Leroy Kelly. Brother, he did that."

At 6-foot-3, 248 pounds, Hickerson was small by today's gargantuan standards for an NFL lineman, but his athleticism, balance and speed allowed the Browns to utilize the former high school running back on plays toward the sidelines.

"The Browns ran a lot of sweeps with Gene," said former Browns offensive tackle Doug Dieken, a close friend and former teammate of Hickerson. "Gene could run with any running back, they didn't have to slow down for him to set up his block. He could also pass block, but when he got out there on the corner or down the field, it was like one of those smart bombs."

"That defensive back was toast."

Glavine's next milestone chance comes Sunday, Bonds could hit 755 much sooner

By The Associated Press

History was put on hold as Tom Glavine failed in his first chance to win No. 300 and Barry Bonds remained one homer behind Hank Aaron.

Glavine was pretty close Tuesday night in Milwaukee, handing a one-run lead to the Mets' usually reliable bullpen, which blew it, and New York went on to lose 4-2 in 13 innings. Bonds remained one home run away from tying Aaron's all-time record in San Francisco's 3-1 win over Los Angeles.

"It's a disappointing night," said Glavine, whose next chance at the mark is on

Sunday in Chicago. "I don't know if it's easier to have it go away right away, or when you've got to sit there and watch."

But Glavine didn't blame his teammates.

"They've helped me more than they've hurt me," Glavine said.

In other NL games, it was Atlanta 12, Houston 4; Chicago 7, Philadelphia 3; Arizona 4, San Diego 0; Colorado 6, Florida 3; St. Louis 6, Pittsburgh 4; and Washington 6, Cincinnati 3.

Glavine's wife, Christine, cheered when David Wright scored on a sacrifice fly by Moises Alou to give the Mets a 2-1 lead in the sixth.

But in the eighth, Aaron

Heilman allowed a leadoff single to J.J. Hardy and, after Ryan Braun flied out, Pedro Feliciano came in and hit Prince Fielder with a pitch.

Guillermo Mota relieved, and Glavine's wife was on her feet cheering for an end to the rally.

But Bill Hall greeted Mota with a ground-rule double to left that scored Hardy with the tying run. She slumped in her seat as Brewers' fans applauded, and she then put her chin on her right wrist and stared angrily.

Now Glavine will have to haul his friends and family to Wrigley Field this weekend for another shot at one of baseball's most cherished milestones.

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NOTICE SMOKE TESTING SEWERLINES
The City of Pampa Wastewater Collection Dept. is conducting a smoke test of its sanitary sewer system. Starting: 8/01/2007
Work crews will be in the following area: WARD 1 A "SMOKE TEST" survey will assist our inspection crews in locating breaks and defects in our sewer system. The smoke you see coming from the vent stacks on houses or holes in the ground is NON-TOXIC, NON-STAINING, HAS NO ODOR, WHITE TO GRAY IN COLOR AND CREATES NO FIRE HAZARD.
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IMPORTANT! If there is any individual in your home or business who has respiratory problems and is immobile, please notify us at: 669-5706 / 898-8072 prior to testing.
City of Pampa Wastewater Collection Superintendent: Wayne Terry
11-10 July 31, Aug. 1, 2007

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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND INTENT TO OBTAIN WATER QUALITY PERMIT AMENDMENT
PERMIT NO. WQ0010354001
APPLICATION. City of McLean, P.O. Box 9, McLean, Texas 79057, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to amend wastewater disposal permit No. WQ0010354001 to authorize a modification to the disposal method, relocation of the irrigation site, and a reduction of the irrigation site acreage to 36 acres. The domestic wastewater treatment facility approximately 0.25 mile southeast of the city limits and one mile south of Interstate Highway 40. The disposal area is located at the southeast corner of the intersection of Old Interstate Highway 40 and Farm-to-Market Road 3143 in Gray County, Texas. TCEQ received this application on June 11, 2007. The permit application is available for viewing and copying at McLean City Hall, 220 North Main Street, McLean, Texas.
ADDITIONAL NOTICE. TCEQ's Executive Director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application. After technical review of the application is complete, the Executive Director may prepare a draft permit and will issue a preliminary decision on the application. **Notice of the Application and Intent to Amend will be published and**

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mailed to those who are on the county-wide mailing list and to those who are on the mailing list for this application. That notice will contain the deadline for submitting public comments, PUBLIC COMMENT / PUBLIC MEETING. You may submit public comments or request a public meeting on this application. The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or to ask questions about the application. TCEQ will hold a public meeting if the Executive Director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.
OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING. After the deadline for submitting public comments, the Executive Director will consider all timely comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. Unless the application is directly referred for a contested case hearing, the response to comments, and the Executive Director's decision on the application, will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments and to those persons who are on the mailing list for this application. If comments are received, the mailing will also provide instructions for requesting reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision and for requesting a contested case hearing. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court.
TO REQUEST A CONTESTED CASE HEAR-

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ING, YOU MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS IN YOUR REQUEST: your name, address, phone number; applicant's name and proposed permit number; the location and distance of your property / activities relative to the proposed facility; a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the facility in a way not common to the general public; and, the statement "[I / we] request a contested case hearing." If the request for contested case hearing is filed on behalf of a group or association, the request must designate the group's representative for receiving future correspondence; identify an individual member of the group who would be adversely affected by the proposed facility or activity; provide the information discussed above regarding the affected member's location and distance from the facility or activity; explain how and why the member would be affected; and explain how the interests the group seeks to protect are relevant to the group's purpose.
Following the close of all applicable comment and request periods, the Executive Director will forward the application and any requests for reconsideration or for a contested case hearing to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting.
The Commission will only grant a contested case hearing on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decision on the application. Further, the Commission will only grant a hearing on

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issues that were raised in timely filed comments that were not subsequently withdrawn.
MAILING LIST. If you submit public comments, a request for a contested case hearing or a reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision, you will be added to the mailing list for this specific application to receive future public notices mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk. In addition, you may request to be placed on: (1) the permanent mailing list for a specific applicant name and permit number; and / or (2) the mailing list for a specific county. If you wish to be placed on the permanent and / or the county mailing list, clearly specify which list(s) and send your request to TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.
AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION. All written public comments and requests must be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, TCEQ, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, TX 78711-3087. If you need more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call TCEQ Office of Public Assistance, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040. Si desea informacion en Espanol, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040. General information about TCEQ can be found at our web site at www.tceq.state.tx.us. Further information may also be obtained from the City of McLean at the address stated above or by calling Ms. Toni Bohlar at 806-779-2481. Issuance Date: July 18, 2007
H-9 Aug. 1, 2007

5 Special Notices

ADVERTISING Material to be placed in the Pampa News, MUST be placed through the Pampa News Office Only.

10 Lost/Found

REWARD leading to the return of 4 rodeo gear bags, containing vest, chaps, spurs, etc. from bed of a 2004 bl. 4 dr. Dodge truck, Sat., July 28, aft. White Deer rodeo, near a residence, outside of White Deer, on Hwy. 294. No questions asked. Call w/ info. 806-865-3812 or 806-674-1658.

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Rotary



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At a recent Rotary Club meeting, area leaders posed for a picture. From left, District Governor Dr. Michael Graves from Plainview, Sitting Assistant District Governor Kathy Cota and Pampa Rotary President Clay Rice.

Investigators must determine mother of infant remains

OCEAN CITY, Md. (AP) — Investigators working on the case of a mother who allegedly hid several tiny bodies around her home have a daunting task ahead of them, both forensic and legal.

Even as FBI and local searchers prepared today to finish a three-day search of 37-year-old Christy Freeman's home, the four sets of pre-term remains already recovered pose dilemmas.

Investigators must first determine whether all four bodies were the offspring of Freeman, who has four living children. She has been charged in the death of one of the pre-term infants, a 26-week-old fetus discovered under her

bathroom sink last week.

Then investigators need to find out how old the other pre-term infants were when they died, when they died — and whether Freeman or someone else was responsible for their dying before birth.

The timing in Freeman's case is critical. If the pre-term infants were too young to be considered viable outside the womb, Freeman can't be charged with murder. And if they were old enough to live outside the womb, but died before Maryland passed its 2005 fetal homicide law, it may not be a crime even if Freeman caused their deaths.

The law, designed to penalize those

who kill a pregnant woman or her viable fetus, includes a provision shielding pregnant women from prosecution for actions that result in their own fetus's death.

The exemption, meant to preserve the right to an abortion, hasn't been challenged in the courts, said Denise Burke, vice president and legal director of Americans United for Life, a Chicago-based group that seeks common ground on abortion issues.

Cindy Boersma, legislative director of the American Civil Liberties Union of Maryland, said there is nothing ambiguous about the exemption.

Cuba to purchase seed potatoes from U.S. growers for first time in years

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — North Dakota will ship 100 tons of seed potatoes to Cuba, marking the first time the communist country has bought U.S. seed potatoes in decades.

The deal, announced Monday, calls for the seed potatoes to be sent to the island in time for farmers there to plant this year, North Dakota Agriculture Commissioner Roger Johnson said.

"It's a very small amount — only about \$15,000 worth — but it is significant in testing the waters," Johnson said.

The United States established a trade embargo with Cuba in 1962, but Congress passed a law in 2001 allowing cash sales of U.S. agricultural goods and medicine to Cuba.

Johnson said he has traveled to Cuba six times in the last six years to push North Dakota farm products. He said the state has sold about \$30 million worth of peas and lentils to Cuba since 2001.

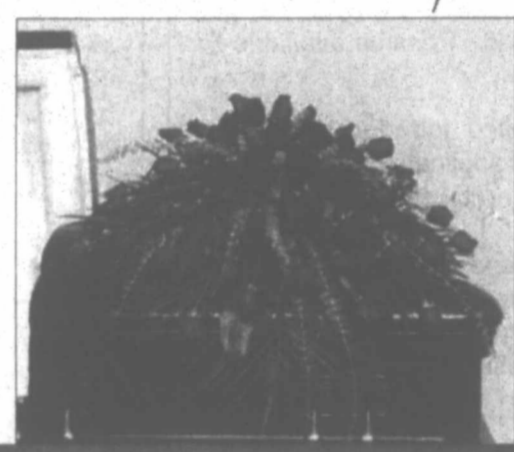
"Every single time I've been to Cuba they've asked about potatoes," Johnson said.

Two Cuban inspectors toured seed potato fields in the state's Red River Valley last week and will return in the autumn when the potatoes are ready to be shipped, Johnson said.

Cuba officials have said the country imports up to 40,000 tons of seed potatoes annually from Canada and Holland, but the country wants to find other sources.

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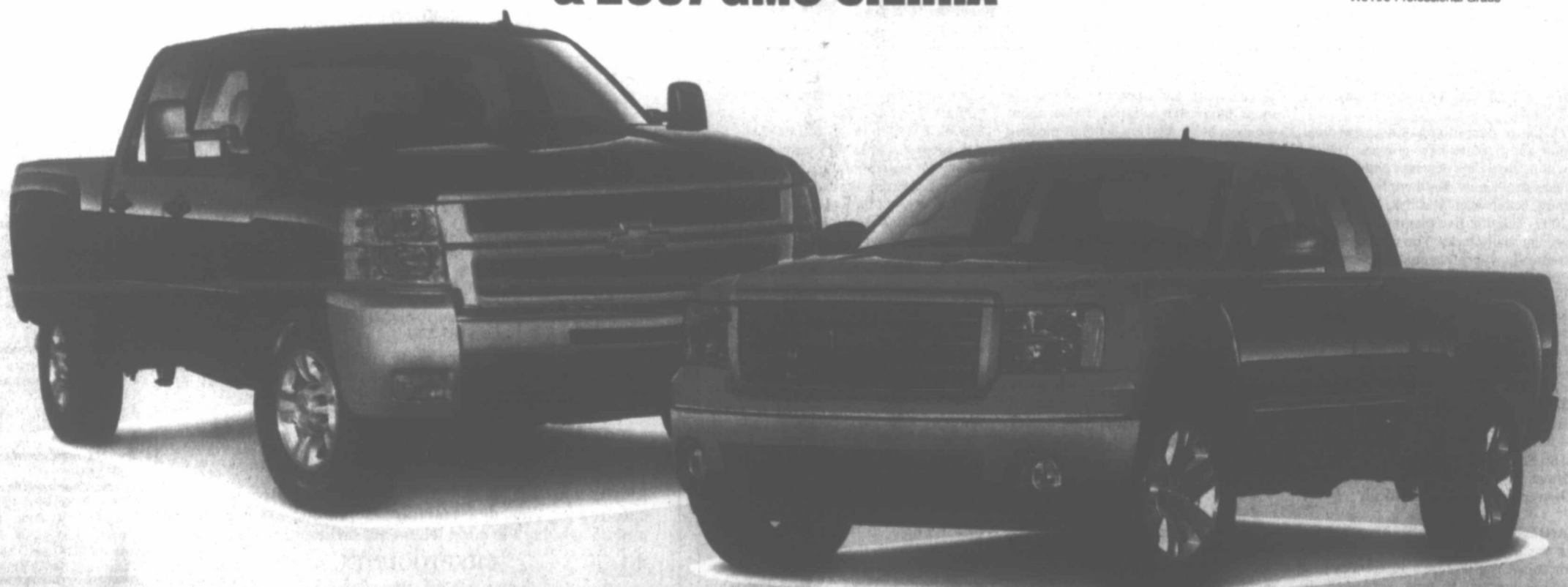
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