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Pampa News photo by David Bowser
 Jerry Carlson, center, one of Pampa's representatives to the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority, talks with Robert Rodgers, left, of Lubbock, and Robert Clark, Roberts County rancher, during a break at the CRMWA meeting Wednesday.

Wind energy may be used to cut CRMWA electric bill

By David Bowser
 The Pampa News

SANFORD -- Benny Kirksey and Jerry Carlson, Pampa's representatives on the Canadian Municipal Water Authority board of directors, will be part of a committee studying the possibility of using wind energy to cut the water authority's electric bill.

Kent Satterwhite, general manager of the Canadian Municipal Water Authority, said the water authority has been considering using wind turbines in their Roberts County well field.

The water authority initially provided water to its 11-member cities, including Pampa, from Lake Meredith, but in the 1990s, they began buying up water rights in Roberts County in an effort to increase the quantity of water for their cities and improve the quality of the lake water.

With drought conditions now threatening the lake, more ground water is being pumped from their well field than is being pumped from the lake.

That has sent their electric bill soaring. Their electric bill for May was \$644,000, about double what it was the previous year. In June, the electric bill was just a shade under \$900,000.

Satterwhite said wind energy appears to make a lot of sense for the water authority.

Canadian Municipal Water Authority certainly has the demand for power, and it has transmission lines

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Local woman charged with 15 counts of forgery

By Marilyn Powers
 The Pampa News

Saturday on bond from Gray County Jail, according to jail records.

The 15 forgeries occurred when checks were written to local businesses, said GCSO Lt. Joe B. Hoard. The checks were written on a closed account, he said, and one victim is the source of all the forged checks.

Forgery of a financial instrument is a state jail felony.

Claudia Renate Frame, 43, was arrested at 1:22 p.m. Friday by Gray County sheriff's deputies at her home in the 1300 block of West Kentucky. She was released

County to discuss election judge shortage

By Marilyn Powers
 The Pampa News

County Courthouse, 205 N. Russell.

The voting precinct first caught commissioners' attention at their July 1 meeting when they voted for election

Voting Precinct 3 will be discussed by Gray County commissioners at their 9 a.m. meeting Tuesday in the second-floor courtroom at Gray

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Management plan on agenda

WHITE DEER -- The White Deer. The hearing will begin at 1:30 p.m., July 22, in the Windmill Room of the district's offices.

C.E. Williams, general manager of the district, will give an overview of the plan prior to a public comment period.

Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District will hold a public hearing on its proposed management plan on Tuesday, July 22.

The plan is available at the Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District offices at 201 W. Third Street in

A few friends, some good music...and some calf fries

By David Bowser
 The Pampa News

Keyen Romines and Gerald Rasco had a few friends over Saturday night.

Almost 100 people showed up for Romines' first annual calf fry.

"He keeps talking about doing this annually," Romines wife, Janet, said as guests streamed into the Quonset hut that serves as a barn-turned-party-room at their place just north of Pampa.

Romines started cooking about 4 p.m. Saturday. By 6 p.m., more than 80 people had showed up, and they were still arriving.

The pasture in front of their house was filled with Lincolns, Cadillacs, Buicks, sport utility vehicles, at least one Toyota Prius, a feed truck and a bob-tailed truck with a welding set up on the back.

"I've probably met most of them," Romines said. "They're my friends, Gerald's friends, Lodge brothers and kinfolk."

Romines fixed 40 pounds of calf fries and 16 slabs of ribs. There were beans, potato salad, green salad, cake, cobbler and Romines' famous cinnamon rolls.

By 8 p.m., the band started playing. Keith Riemer, Bill Pickering played their guitars.

Romines got out his washtub bass. Lucille Covart lit up the piano.

"She 83," Romines said. "She can make that piano sing."

Riemer plays in Berger on Fridays and at the Red River Steakhouse in McLean on Saturday nights.

Riemer said he took Saturday night off from of his Red River Steakhouse gig so he could come up to Romines' party.

"I'm not working tonight," he

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Pampa News photo by David Bowser
 Keven Romines stands behind his ribs and calf fries in his party barn north of Pampa.



Pampa News photo by David Bowser
 Lance Lafferty, 3, waits for dinner at Keven Romines Calf Fry Festival Saturday night.

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Wednesday: Partly sunny, with a high near 91. South wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 70. South wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

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Obituaries

George Anton Bichsel, 77

PERRYTON — George Anton Bichsel, 77, a former Pampa resident, died July 11, 2008. Services are scheduled at 10 a.m. Tuesday in Perryton First Baptist Church with the Rev. Richard Laverty officiating. Burial will be in Ochiltree Cemetery under the direc-

tion of Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home, Inc., in Perryton.

Mr. Bichsel was born April 24, 1931, at White Deer. He married Bonnie Coley on Feb. 19, 1957, at Pampa. He was self-employed in home construction for 50 years and

belonged to First Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Bonnie of Perryton; a son, Kenneth Bichsel of Oklahoma City, Okla.; a daughter, Katherine Bichsel of Seattle, Wash.; a sister, Lorraine Albus of Pampa; and four brothers, Marion

Bichsel of Houston, James Bichsel of Pampa, Gerald Bichsel of Dallas and Robert Bichsel of White Deer.

The family requests memorials be to Ochiltree General Hospital Auxiliary, 3101 Garrett Dr., Perryton, TX 79070 or to a favorite charity.

James Arthur 'Jim' McKinney, 76

James Arthur "Jim" McKinney, 76, of Pampa, Texas, died Sunday, July 13, 2008, at Pampa. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mr. McKinney was born Sept. 19, 1931, in Polk County, N.C. He had been a resident of Pampa since 1949.

He married Ruth Northrip on Nov. 9, 1957, in Tucumcari, N.M. Jim had been a heavy equipment operator for the City of Pampa, Carter Sand and Gravel, and B & B Solvent for many years.

He was a member of the First Baptist Church.

Survivors include his

wife, Ruth McKinney, of the home; two daughters, Suzanne Presson and husband Kim, and Sandra McKinney, all of Pampa; two sons, James I. McKinney, and Stephen McKinney and wife Denise, all of Pampa; one sister, Mary Peggy McKinney of Polk County, N.C.; eight

grandchildren, Tiffany and Lori Presson, Kelby, Logan, Aaron, Ashton, and Lauren and Colton McKinney; and three stepgrandchildren, Payton, Norman and Austin Rodgers.

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

Neoma Pace, 82

SKELLYTOWN — Neoma Pace, 82, of Skellytown, died Sunday, July 13, 2008, in Skellytown.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Pace was born Feb. 13, 1926, in Floydada, to Lee and Jennie Burgett, and attended Floydada schools.

She married Merle Mercer on Oct. 20, 1946, in Pampa. He preceded her in death on March 23, 1971. She later married E.W. "Gene" Pace on May 8, 1973. She had been a resident of Skellytown since 1946.

Neoma was a member of the First Baptist Church of Skellytown and taught the "70 to Heaven" Ladies Sunday School Class. Her hobby was to minister to her Sunday school class as well as the citizens of Skellytown.

She was a regular visitor to all of the residents at St. Ann's Nursing Home in Panhandle. She was known to write her family consistently, and was known for

sharing her good cooking with others. She always had an encouraging word for her family and friends.

Survivors include her husband, E.W. "Gene" Pace of Panhandle; two daughters, Vicki Brown of Midland and Nancy Mercer of Alto, N.M.; a son, Larry Mercer and wife Susie of Midland; a stepson, Tom Pace of Amarillo; seven grandchildren; one step-granddaughter; four great-grandchild-

dren; two step-great grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews; and a host of friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; five brothers; three sisters; and a son-in-law, Kelley Brown.

SPECIAL NOTICE: The family will receive friends from 6-7:30 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

MEMORIALS: First Baptist Church of Skellytown.

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



Pace

Emergency Services

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

Saturday, July 12
 Kaleb Logan Hart, 19, of Pampa was arrested in the 500 block of West Florida by Pampa Police Department on capias pro fines for theft under \$50 and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Leslie Glenn Tibbets, 66, of Lefors was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety for driving while intoxicated.

Aaron Lee Hink, 18, of Pampa was arrested in the 1000 block of Terry Road by Pampa PD for robbery.

Ira Don Hicks, 37, of Pampa was arrested in the 500 block of Barnes by Pampa PD for public intoxication, no valid driver's license and no insurance.

Sunday, July 13
 Payton Bradford Reagan, 18, of Pampa was arrested at Pampa Mall, 2545 Perryton Parkway, by Pampa PD for burglary of a building.
 Joshua Daniel Humphrey,

18, of Pampa was arrested at Pampa Mall by Pampa PD for burglary of a building.

Curtis Ray Smith, 20, of Pampa was arrested in the 100 block of East Craven by Pampa PD for evading arrest or detention, escape and theft under \$50.

Aaron Andrew Heiskell, 25, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO for interference with railroad property.

Stacy Earl Lamm, 40, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO for interference with railroad property.

Bobby Lyn Swanson, 42, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO for interference with railroad property.

Willie Lee Downhour III, 33, of Pampa was arrested in the 300 block of East Kentucky by Pampa PD for two counts of issuing a bad check.

Guardian EMS ambulance reported the following calls between 7 a.m. Saturday and 7 a.m. today.

Saturday, July 12
 8:49 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 8000 block of

Highway 70 and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

11:05 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Top O' Texas Rodeo Arena. No transport.

11:47 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2000 block of Coffee. No transport.

4:09 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transferred a patient(s) to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

5:25 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Highway 273 and Gray County Road 9. Call canceled en route.

7:16 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transferred a patient to BSA Hospital in Amarillo.

Sunday, July 13

State schools hired 10 despite past abuse

AUSTIN (AP) — An audit says state schools for people with disabilities hired 10 workers despite a history of abuse that should have made them unemployable.

The Department of Aging and Disability Services has

2:07 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC. Call canceled en route.

9:38 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of Barnes and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

10:03 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to a local nursing facility and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

5:02 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1900 block of North Hobart. No transport.

11:02 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1700 block of Duncan and transported a patient to PRMC.

5:45 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transferred a patient(s) to Nwth.

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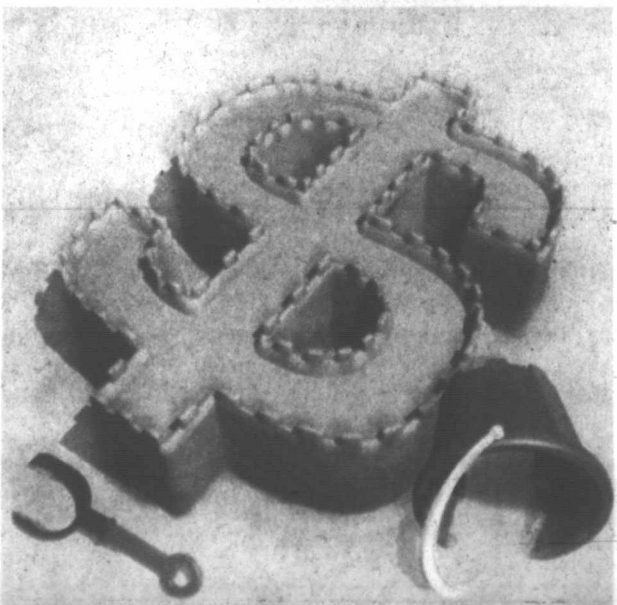
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Chamber

Top O' Texas Goldcoats



Courtesy Photo

The Top O' Texans Goldcoats welcomed S&P Bookkeeping to the Pampa Chamber of Commerce on June 26, 2008. In the front row, from left are Shelia Webb, Sherri Pollock and J'Nell Stiles (owners). Lyndon Field, Mike Keagy and Gladys Vanderpool. In the back row, from left are Scott Hahn, Jack Reeve, John Horst, Pat Bagley, Bob Marx, Darville Orr and Bill Bridges.

CHAMBER LETTER

By Keith Pitner
Executive Director
The Greater Pampa Area
Chamber of Commerce

This month I want to recognize three of the most memorable, older (measured only by years — not by their looks and behavior) gentlemen in Pampa. I know there are probably many similar gentlemen living in Pampa, but Dr. Joe Donaldson, Bob Curry and E.E. (Shelly) Shelhamer are three of the most amazing people I have ever had the opportunity to know.

Dr. Donaldson has delivered hundreds of babies (many of which are now grown men and women) and served as a medical doctor for years and years here in Pampa. Even after these many years of serving Pampa as a medical doctor, he still has the "vim, vigor and vitality" of a much, much younger man. You will still see him out on the golf course — even if he has to wrap a knee with an elastic bandage. And, for the past year or so, Dr. Joe has been relentlessly pursuing a Habitat for Humanity Chapter in Pampa — which is about to become a reality.

Next, Bob Curry has been a successful businessman and community leader for years in Pampa. If you have ever

had the opportunity to sit down with him at one of our community meetings or dinners, you will enjoy talking to him no matter what the subject is. He comes across as a man 30 or 40 years younger than his actual age. He is knowledgeable, educated and articulate — a real joy to be around.

The third gentleman I have had the pleasure to know since being in Pampa is E.E. Shelhamer, known to most as "Shelly." He is a fellow Rotarian and is always a pleasure to visit with. Besides being a retired Pampa businessman, he should be in the Guinness Book of World Records, having a record of perfect attendance for the past 57 years at Rotary Club. Simply amazing! That is longer than most Pampa residents have been on this earth.

Now, (as Paul Harvey would say) "the rest of the story." All three of these gentlemen are in their 90s. In fact, Shelly will be celebrating his 96th birthday next month. Happy Birthday, Shelly!

Pampa has been getting some great national publicity — thanks to Boone Pickens and



Keith Pitner

Mesa Power Pampa, LLC. The Chamber, City, and the Pampa EDC are answering inquiries from all over the U.S. regarding housing, jobs, new businesses and sometimes just curiosity. I have even been contacted by friends and acquaintances as far away as New York and Pennsylvania.

I am sticking to my convictions and predictions that Pampa will see sustained growth and activity for a couple of years — then see a noticeable upward spike in our economy. Like possibly many others in Pampa and vicinity, I have experienced the too rapid growth of an

oil boom town. In my case, it was in my native hometown of Snyder. Unlike those "too rapid" changes that sometimes created many, many problems, we have the opportunity to plan ahead and make Pampa a fantastic place to shop, live, educate our children and retire.

Upcoming happenings include Pampa and Gray County night at the July 23rd performance of "TEXAS" in Palo Duro Canyon. We will have several tables set up in the patio area that night and there will be several of us there to give out information, pamphlets and the like to those in attendance.

Then on Thursday evening, July 24th, we will be hosting a "Business After Hours" reception 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. All newcomers — both individuals and businesses — are cordially invited to attend this come-and-go event

(stay the entire time if you will). Of course, our Chamber members and prospective Chamber members are all invited to attend. It will be an

opportunity to meet, greet and network. This will be held in the Chamber's M.K. Brown room at 200 N. Ballard.

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Viewpoints

Texas tales: 'Cuttings' make for lazy summer reading

Remember way back before the advent of the internet when people clipped newspapers instead of downloading stories?

Way back, newspaper clippings weren't even called clippings. People referred to them as "cuttings."

So, for some lazy summer reading, here are some early-day "cuttings" from various Texas newspapers:

"Latest date from Texas state that the commissioners have located the seat of government on the Colorado River at a point called Waterloo, 30 miles above Bastrop, and 10 miles below the mountains...The name of the place is to be changed to Austin, which the capital of Texas will hereafter bear in honor of its illustrious founder." — *Maine Farmer, Winthrop, Me., May 4, 1839*

"A company of about 180 volunteers and 10 or 12 Indian spies went out with Captain Lewis some six weeks since in pursuit of Comanches, and for sport generally. A determination was expressed at that time to remain out during the whole summer unless a respectable body of Indians could be found

sooner." — *Houston Morning Star, June 2, 1841*

"The Lockhart Clarion says that a drove of 350 Beeves passed through that town on the 25th ultimo, for markets in Missouri. If we are not mistaken, this is a new direction the stock trade of Texas is taking." — *Texas State Gazette, May 6, 1854*

"Robbing An Editor. — There are ungodly people in San Antonio — the robbery of editor of the Texan furnishes incontestable evidence of the fact. Under what strange hallucination did the person or persons labor who committed the unreasonable act — searching an editor's trunk for money, and packing off his worn clothes." — *Texas State Gazette, June 14, 1855*

"Fort Town's men hanged an abolitionist in the early morning of July 17 on a pecan tree near the bank of the Clear Fork, three-fourths of a mile west of Fort Worth. They

left him hanging there. All through the day people thronged to gaze upon an abolitionist." — *Fort Worth Whig Chief, July 25, 1860*

"A Galveston man, who had a mule for sale, hearing that a friend in Houston wanted to buy a mule, telegraphed him: 'Dear Friend: If you are looking for an A No. 1 mule don't forget me.'" — *Galveston News, reprinted in Wit and Wisdom, Jan. 20, 1881*

"At Baird, Texas, on the 3d instant Thos. Jones and George L. Franks, of Cotton Springs, getting into a dispute, met on the street, Franks with a shotgun and Jones with a revolver. Both fired and both were instantly killed." — *Silver City, N.M. Jan. 11, 1883*

"Vote for the Confederate home amendment to the constitution. Surely the great state of Texas which has paid millions in pensions to Union soldiers, can afford \$100,000 for the brave defenders of the Lone Star, in their old age." — *Eagle Pass Guide,*

Nov. 3, 1894

"The Beaumont gushes have lost their force and the Lone Acre Oil Co., has filed a petition asking the court to modify the regulations so as to permit the construction of setting tanks near the wells. The conditions have changed so that pumps will have to be used to obtain the oil." — *Texas State Democrat, Farm and Home, June 5, 1902*

"A Triple Hanging
Smith, Brown and Jones hang their hopes of recovery upon Cheatom's Laxative Chili Tablets. They will be around soon shaking hands with friends. 25 cts. No cure, no pay. A.M. Gilmer & Son." — *Rocksprings Rustler, Jan. 31, 1903*

"Early Sunday morning Johnson Bird was passing the Arsenal block school when he was fired at twice, but was not hit. Mr. Bird states that he knows no reason why any one would wish to kill him, unless it was for some small affair he had at Lytton Springs several years ago." — *Texas State Democrat, Farm and Home, June 5, 1905*

Mike Cox
Columnist



Several roosting chicks at bottom of crisis

Once again, I suspect we are stuck with \$4-a-gallon gasoline for the foreseeable future. That's \$4 and more, I should say. I see nothing on the horizon that would lower the price. Certainly the political rhetoric coming from both Democrats and Republicans will not do it.

There are several roosting chickens that are the cause of the high price. First, there is the devalued U.S. dollar. Our dollar is just piece of paper, backed by or tied to nothing. Therefore, its purchasing power depends in a large part on how many dollars are in circulation. When lots of dollars chase relatively fewer goods, prices go up. We call that inflation. When there are more goods than dollars to buy them, prices go down. We call that deflation.

For many years now, Congress has been spending more than it takes in. That excess is borrowed from the Federal Reserve, which creates its money out of thin air with a keystroke. The borrowed dollars are then spent

into the economy, along with all the borrowed dollars spent by the private sector. While the money supply can be increased with a keystroke and a vote in Congress, goods and services have to be created by labor and capital. It's no surprise that there is soon more money than there are goods and services.

People with oil to sell want to compensate for the lost purchasing power of the dollar, so that's part of the price increase. That's chicken No. 1.

Demand is chicken No. 2. When demand exceeds supply, the price will be bid up. Right now, supply meets demand, but not by a large margin. This makes buyers of oil nervous. When American and Israeli war nuts yak about bombing Iran, the price of oil tends to be bid up. Ditto when rebels in Nigeria sabotage or

attempt to sabotage oil production in that country. With the narrow margin between supply and demand, any political instability that threatens to disrupt supply will affect the price.

Also pressuring the demand side is the growing industrialization of countries like India, China, Brazil and Russia.

Chicken No. 3 is a shortage of refining capacity. This is due mainly to environmental laws, especially those

that encourage lawsuits, and to the not-in-my-backyard mind-set. It is such an expensive hassle to build a refinery that not enough have been built.

In my childhood, I lived a short walk from the world's largest refineries. The air stunk, but we got used to it. People in Port Arthur, Texas, used to say it was just the smell of money. A basic fact is that you cannot have both a pristine environment and an industrialized economy. A compromise has to be struck. When America was largely a pristine wilderness, it was a dirt-poor country.

The final chicken is a concept called peak oil. Peak oil is when you've found all the oil there is to find, and production begins an inevitable decline. That's when the bidding war will really get hot — possibly hot enough to ignite real wars. Nobody knows for sure when the world will reach peak oil, but more and more people are beginning to see it in the relatively near future. That's probably the true reason for the U.S.'s heavy military presence in the Middle East.

I call all these factors chickens that have come home to roost because they have all been known for decades. For you young folks, let me tell you that politicians in Washington have been talking about the energy crisis, energy independence, etc., since the 1970s, and their talk has produced nothing. Vibrating one's vocal chords does not turn a shovel of dirt or drill a half-inch.

So I will make one prediction: As the cost of energy continues to rise, the influence of extreme environmentalists will decline. If Americans can't have both, they'll choose the smell of money over fresh air.

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

Charley Reese
Columnist



China, Brazil and Russia. Chicken No. 3 is a shortage of refining capacity. This is due mainly to environmental laws, especially those

TODAY IN HISTORY

By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, July 14, the 196th day of 2008. There are 170 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

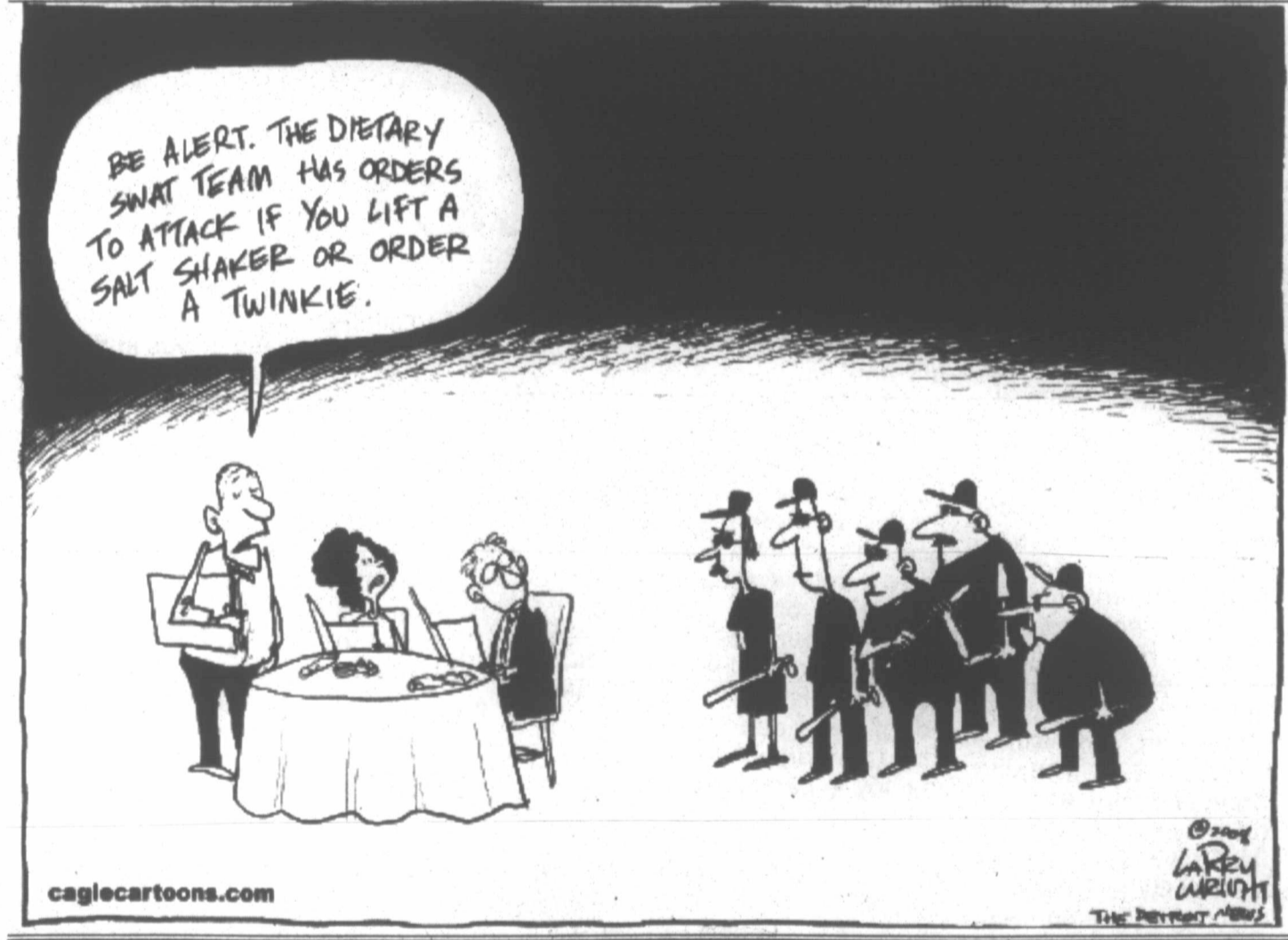
On July 14, 1789, during the French Revolution, citizens of Paris stormed the Bastille prison and released the seven prisoners inside.

On this date:

In 1798, Congress passed the Sedition Act, making it a federal crime to publish false, scandalous or malicious writing about the United States government.

In 1853, Commodore Matthew Perry relayed to Japanese officials a letter from President Fillmore, requesting trade relations. (Fillmore's term of office had already expired by the time the letter was delivered.)

In 1858, British suffragist Emmeline Pankhurst was born in Manchester, England.



Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

July 1

Austin American-Statesman on the expanded GI bill:

Forced by Congress, President Bush signed a bill this week that includes a landmark and long overdue expansion of educational benefits for the nation's newest generation of military veterans. It will be expensive, about \$62.8 billion over the next 11 years, but the veterans earned every nickel of it and more.

The bill, whose lead author is a Marine Corps veteran and Democrat from Virginia, Sen. James Webb, applies to all members of the military including National Guard and reserve units who have been on active duty for at least three and up to 36 months since Sept. 11, 2001. Veterans would have up to 15 years to make use of however much of the benefits they have earned.

The principal virtue of the Webb bill is that it goes much further than its predecessor, the Montgomery GI Bill,

in covering the cost of higher education for veterans. The new bill will compensate a veteran in college for an amount up to the total of tuition and fees at the most expensive in-state public university in his or her state plus a monthly stipend for housing.

In addition, the bill has an incentive for private universities to trim their higher tuition bills for veterans. And the bill would provide payments for tutors and license and certification tests. A provision backed vigorously by Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas, and others will allow a veteran to transfer his or her educational benefits to a spouse or children.

President Bush and many in the Pentagon resisted the generosity of these benefits. There is worry that the expanded benefits will give active duty troops a powerful incentive to leave when their enlistments are up rather than re-enlist and the Army, especially, is already stretched tight because of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. But the House and Senate rightly overrode that retention concern. The greater benefits

might attract more qualified recruits to the armed services. Even if they don't, troops who already have volunteered and served shouldn't be played for suckers and told, "Sorry, we can't offer to fully compensate you for your devotion and sacrifice because you might actually want to collect."

The president backed off his administration's resistance to the expanded benefits when Congress, in decisive bipartisan votes, included them in a larger, \$257.5 billion bill to finance the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Webb has argued that the education of our veterans is a cost of war, and he's absolutely right. All sorts of corporations, including some in Texas, have reaped billions of dollars from the war. The small number of Americans willing to actually fight in that war deserve a few billion of their own and the best part is that, in the long run, the nation will benefit from their higher education, too. URL: <http://www.statesman.com>

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I recently lost my loyal companion of 12 years, my dog Buddy. His death has been difficult for me, although with each passing day the hurt eases a little. My 3-year-old niece, "Tamara," adored Buddy. Her first words during any conversation usually were, "Where's Buddy?" or, "How is Buddy?" Tamara lives in another state, so she was able to see him only during visits to my home. I asked my sister to explain that Buddy had died and gone to heaven, hoping Tamara would understand why Buddy is no longer here with me. Sadly, she didn't do as I asked. The last time we talked Tamara said, "Maybe he'll be back from heaven when we come see you." They're coming next month, and when they do I know I'll have to deal with Buddy's loss all over again. What's the best way to handle this with the least amount of hurt for all concerned? When her fish died, they flushed it down the toilet, and Tamara still thinks it will come swimming back one day. — "AUNT LALA" IN RHODE ISLAND

DEAR AUNT LALA: Please accept my sympathy for the loss of your beloved Buddy. The way to handle this is, when your niece arrives and asks where Buddy is, tell her again that he died. And when she asks when he's coming back, tell her that when creatures die, they do not come back. It's the truth, and it may stop her from continually checking the toilet.

DEAR ABBY: Can you give me a light-hearted, polite response when someone says, "Shame on you!" for not doing something he thinks everyone should be doing — like watching "Star Wars" movies and inconsequential things like that? My husband has a colleague who says this constantly. We find it rude, but don't want to match his rudeness with our own. — STUMPED IN ST. CLOUD, MINN.

DEAR STUMPED: You husband's colleague is not being rude. He's being asinine — and for you and your husband to buy into it is a waste of your time and emotion. The next time he says, "Shame on you" for something so trivial, just laugh and agree with him. "Yes, ha-ha. It's shameful." Then change the subject. No one has the right to dictate how you should spend your time, so take it with a grain of salt.

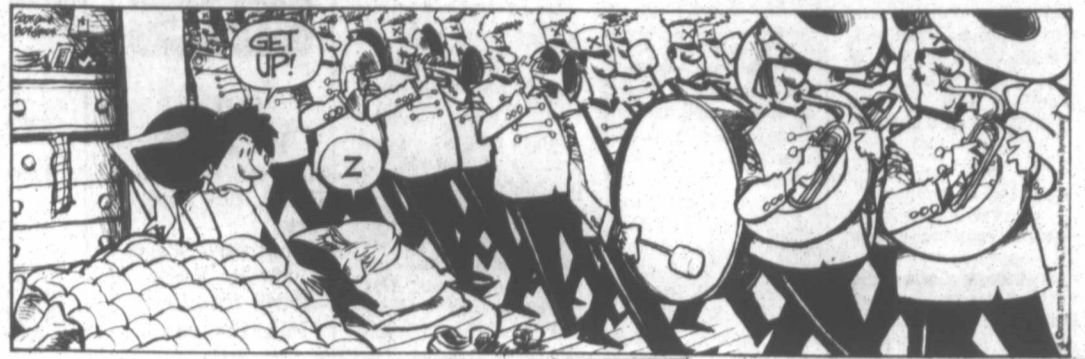
DEAR ABBY: I read an article in our local paper a while ago that said good employees who leave a company usually do so because of their boss. With that in mind, I would like to bring closure to my recent resignation with the following open letter to my former boss: "Thanks for asking me to stay on, but I respectfully decline. I will be self-employed from now on. However, if in the future I ever feel the need to be publicly humiliated, blind-sided, ostracized and called a spy, be distrusted and disciplined by superiors for no good reason, fight for wages that are rightfully mine, stabbed in the back by fellow employees, used as a pawn in executive rivalries, or (especially) chewed out when you're having a bad day, I'll get back to you!" — MOVING ON IN NEW MEXICO

DEAR MOVING ON: I'm printing your letter. I hope that seeing it in print will be cathartic. I wish you good luck in your new career, where someday you may be a boss yourself. And if you are, I'm sure you will create a healthier office environment than the one you left.

For Better Or Worse



Zits



Garfield



Beetle Bailey



Marvin



Crossword Puzzle

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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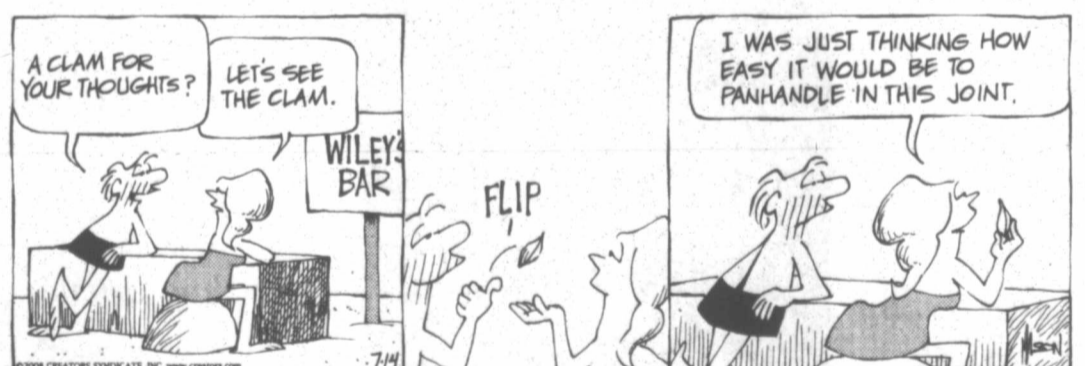


The Family Circus

By Bil Keane



B.C.



Haggar The Horrible



Peanuts



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Flo & Friends



The Pampa News Classifieds

10 Lost/Found

MISSING Male Pug from 1400 bl. Dwight area. Reward. 665-2683 or 663-2796

REWARD. Lost old Female Red Dachshund from 300 block N. Banks over the 4th weekend. 665-8751, 440-2833.

REWARD for information leading to the safe return of the dog that was taken from Garage Sale at 2531 Mary Ellen, Sat., June 28th, 2008. Call 806-688-0024

FOUND Male great Pyrenees Call 898-2230.

13 Bus. Opp.

GREAT investment opp. Pampa motel. Retired couple or individual. 665-1875, 806-383-1985.

14d Carpentry

Carpentry, Roofing, Re-placement Windows, steel siding & trim. Continuous gutters. Jerry Nicholas 669-9991, 662-8169

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19 Situations

CHILD CARE Available In my home. Mon.-Sat. Night time care also available. Call 806-663-2214

21 Help Wanted

Petroleum Bulk Drivers Eastex Crude Co. is taking applications in Pampa, TX. Applicants must have a Class "A" CDL with Hazmat & Tanker Endorsements. Home Daily. Full Benefit Package. (903)856-2401 x 137 (800)443-8580 Clint

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NOTICE Readers are urged to fully investigate advertisements which require payment in advance for information, services or goods.

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BABYSITTER needed (in your home) for 3 yr. old boy. References required. Call 806-662-8591.

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Tim Daniel and **Glen** Mauney, two consultants from Wind Energy Consulting and Contracting, a Jacksonville, Fla., firm, appeared at the water authority's quarterly meeting here last week proposing a feasibility study for \$7,500 per site.

Canadian Municipal Water Authority is considering two to three sites to power their pumping stations.

The initial figures that the duo put together compared what the Canadian Municipal Water Authority would be paying over the next 30 years with wind turbines and without.

Mauney said he thought the water authority could easily offset 80 percent of their retail electric use through wind turbines, and that is without selling any energy back to the grid.

"Wind turbines with the right economics and the right sized turbines," said Daniel, "basically pay for themselves over a period of time."

He said it's like having a piece of equipment that is being depreciated although it costs something every day to operate.

"When you get into the energy business," Daniel told the board, "you're producing energy. You're not already coming into the well field."

Tentatively, Daniel said he would think they would need 2.5-megawatt turbines at a cost of about \$3.25 million per turbine.

He said that would be the major cost of the project. The consulting fees, he said, should amount to less than one percent of the project.

Daniel estimated that it would take two to three years from when they launch their feasibility study to completion of the final construction.

The committee studying the issue is expected to report back to the board of directors at their next meeting in October.

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Keith Riemer on guitar, left, **Keven** Romines on washtub bass, **Lucille** Covart on piano and **Bill** Pickering strike up a tune at Romines' calf fry festival.

Friends and fries

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said, strumming his guitar. "I'm having fun."

Janet Romines explained that for the past several years they have had a holiday party between Thanksgiving and Christmas.

"It's always nice," she said. "The lights are so pretty."

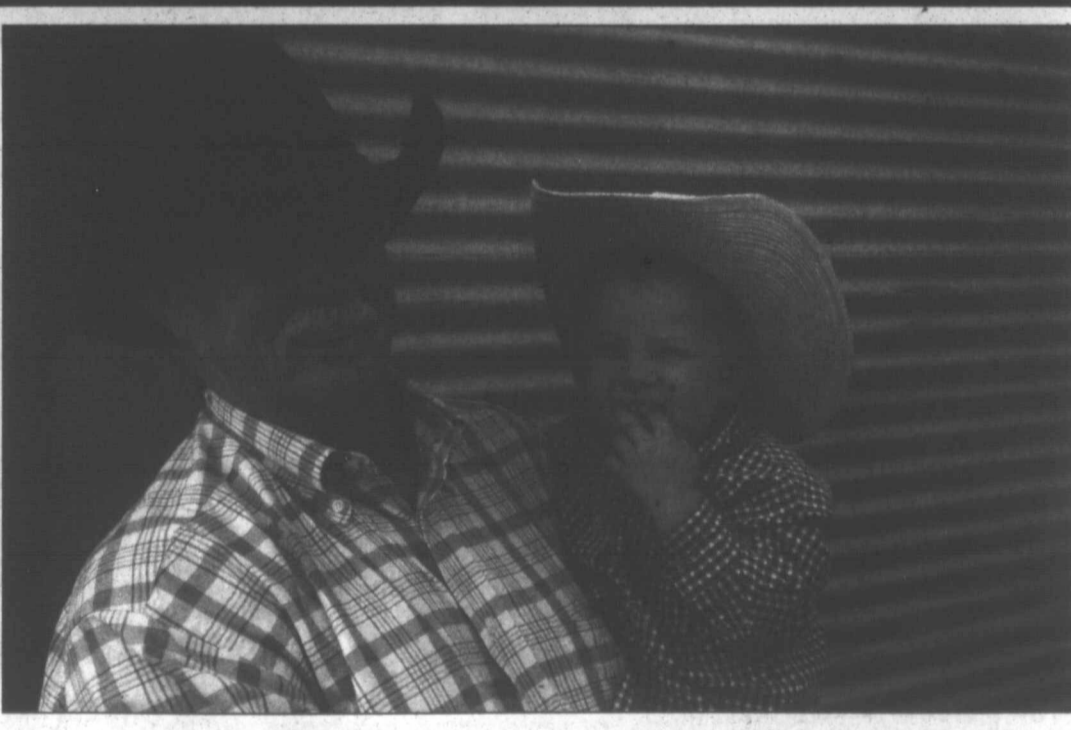
This was their first summer party.

"He was afraid no one would come," Janet Romines said, looking out the crowd.

The weather was perfect. Rains earlier in the week had greened up the grass. The Romines got a quarter inch. A cool evening breeze blew.

"It's the coolest day of the summer," Janet Romines said.

Lucille Covart was at the rag time piano with a hot rendition of 'Your Cheatin' Heart.'



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A proud grandfather, **Keven** Romines holds **Jake** Tolbert, who is almost 3, one of Romines' five grandchildren.

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judges and other election workers for the November elections.

Elections Administrator **Linda** Lewis presented the slate of judges, alternates and workers for commissioners' approval, and no one was listed for Voting Precinct 3.

Lewis reported that the precinct had not had its own election judge, alternate judge or worker for the past five elections, and that in the most recent election, on May 10 concerning a maintenance tax for Clarendon College Pampa Center, only one vote was cast at the Voting Precinct 3 polling place, which is Grandview-

Hopkins School.

"The cost to the county for that one vote was about \$1,400, including fees for the election workers and providing the voting machinery," Lewis said. She said election workers from other precincts had been provided to the voting precinct during each of the elections in which no one from the precinct volunteered to serve on the election staff.

There are currently 102 eligible voters in Voting Precinct 3, Lewis said. Low turnouts at the precinct's polling place do not necessarily mean that voters in that precinct are not casting ballots. They may be participating in early voting at the

courthouse, she said.

"We're going to talk about consolidating Voting Precinct 3 with Voting Precinct 7," County Judge **Richard** Peet said of Tuesday's meeting. "I don't plan on proposing that we actually do that at this time. We will just be looking at it. I've asked our elections administrator to give us some information regarding it."

Commissioners will consider a contract with West Texas Regional Public Defender's Office. The topic was on the agenda for commissioners' July 1 meeting, but action was deferred until Peet and 223rd District Judge **Lee** Waters could

address commissioners about the subject.

Commissioners will vote on whether to continue the county's road and bridge fee, a \$10 fee charged whenever a vehicle is registered or the registration is renewed in the county.

A contract with the Gray County Child Welfare Service Board is on Tuesday's agenda. The county includes the organization in annual budget considerations and provides funds via the county budget which can be used in situations such as emergency removal of children from their homes.

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Meat safety

Researchers: It all works out in the wash

By Laura McGinnis
ARS News

When it comes to the safety of the U.S. beef supply, everything works out in the wash — the hide wash, that is.

Scientists with the Agricultural Research Service (ARS) developed a hide-washing tool that has significantly improved the safety of U.S. beef while saving the beef industry millions of dollars each year. An estimated 50 percent of U.S. feedlot-raised beef cattle undergo the washing treatment, which has reduced the national incidence of pathogenic *Escherichia coli* in ground beef samples by about 43 percent.

The tool was developed by ARS scientists at the Roman L. Hruska U.S. Meat Animal Research Center (USMARC) in Clay Center, Neb. The research team included microbiologists Terry Arthur and Joseph Bosilevac, food technologists Steven Shackelford and Tommy Wheeler, and center director Mohammad Koohmaraie, formerly with ARS.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control



Photo by Peggy Greb

While acting research leader Tommy Wheeler records a cow's identification number, food technologist Steven Shackelford uses a moist sponge to obtain a microbe sample from the cow's hide.

and Prevention estimate that *E. coli* O157:H7 causes nearly 73,000 illnesses every year in the United States. Following a 1993 outbreak, the USMARC scientists launched a massive investigation into the pathogen. Their work was the first to show that the principle source of *E. coli* O157:H7 in ground beef is fecal contamination on cowhides.

Before, most intervention efforts had focused on eliminating the pathogenic bacteria from feces. The new findings led to a paradigm shift and the development of improved, hide-targeted intervention techniques to reduce and eliminate pathogenic *E. coli* O157:H7 and other dangerous microorganisms.

The hide-washing system works by using a high-pressure-water wash that removes excess organic matter from the cattle's hides, which are then sprayed with an antibacterial compound.

The scientists also have demonstrated that several chemical compounds can be effectively used for pathogen removal.

ARS is a scientific research agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Federal Reserve, Treasury Department spell out backstop plan

WASHINGTON (AP) — Scrambling to bolster eroding investor confidence, the Federal Reserve and the Treasury Department announced unprecedented steps to brace slumping mortgage giants Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac.

The companies' shares, which have plunged as losses from their mortgage holdings threatened their financial survival, opened higher Monday. Fannie Mae rose 27 cents to \$10.53, while Freddie Mac climbed 34 cents to \$8.08.

The plan, unveiled Sunday, is intended to signal the government is prepared to take all necessary steps to prevent the credit market troubles that

erupted last year with losses from subprime mortgages from engulfing financial markets.

The Fed said it granted the Federal Reserve Bank of New York authority to lend to the two companies "should such lending prove necessary." They would pay 2.25 percent for any borrowed funds — the same rate given to commercial banks and big Wall Street firms.

The Fed said this should help the companies' ability to "promote the availability of home mortgage credit during a period of stress in financial markets."

Secretary Henry Paulson said the Treasury is seeking

expedited authority from Congress to expand its current line of credit to the two companies and buy shares of the companies — if needed.

"Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac play a central role in our housing finance system and must continue to do so in their current form as shareholder-owned companies," Paulson said Sunday. "Their support for the housing market is particularly important as we work through the current housing correction."

The Treasury's plan also seeks a "consultative role" for the Fed in any new regulatory framework eventually decided by Congress for Fannie and Freddie. The Fed's role would

be to weigh in on setting capital requirements for the companies.

Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass., the Financial Services Committee chairman, said the House would move by the end of the week to fold "the essence" of Treasury's proposal into a sweeping housing package, with the goal of clearing it for President Bush by the end of next week.

That package includes a foreclosure rescue to help strapped homeowners get new, more affordable government-backed mortgages through the Federal Housing Administration, and creates a new regulator and tighter controls for Fannie Mae and

Freddie Mac.

Frank said he expected only minor changes, if any, to Treasury's proposal, and said Congress would not seek to impose monetary limits on the government's line of credit.

Sen. Christopher Dodd, chairman of the Senate Banking Committee, on Monday called the Bush administration's actions Sunday "probably the right steps" and said he will summon Paulson, Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke and Securities and Exchange Commission chairman Christopher Cox to a committee hearing to answer questions.

"What's important here as well is to calm people's fears,"

Dodd said in an interview on CBS' "The Early Show."

He also drew a distinction between last week's failure of IndyMac — which engaged in originating riskier mortgages than traditional community and regional banks — and the two mortgage giants.

"There's a big difference between IndyMac and Fannie and Freddie," Dodd said. "IndyMac engaged in very bad mortgages, luring people into deals they could never afford. That's not the case with Fannie and Freddie." Dodd said that while there may be more bank failures, "I'm more optimistic about Fannie and Freddie than I am about these banks."

Events calendar

- **The Texas Department of State Health Services** will be offering immunization clinics for vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases including polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, rubella, mumps, HIB (haemophilus influenzae Type B) and chickenpox (varicella). The TDH will charge money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability to pay. The following clinic(s) will be offered: 9:30-11:30 a.m. and 1-3 p.m., July 16, TDH, 736 S. Cuyler, Pampa.

- **The deadline to register for a Texas Alliance for Water Conservation field day** is July 15. The field day will be conducted July 31 at the Floyd County Unity Center in Muncy. The program will highlight current and future production and water management project activities and what has been discovered from past production practices and research efforts. The event will include on-farm demos and a commodity leader panel discussion. For more information, visit <http://depts.ttu.edu/tawc> on the Internet.

- **The reunion committee for the PHS Class of 1969** will meet at 7:30 p.m. July 17 at Innovative Staffing Solutions, 1327 N. Hobart, in Pampa.

- **Copper Breaks State Park** at Quanah will host a Summer Art Exhibition July 19-Aug. 17 at park headquarters. For more information or to enter, contact the park during normal

business hours at (940) 839-4331.

- **Timeless Treasures Quilt Guild** will meet at 10 a.m. July 19 at Nazarene Church in Guymon, Okla. The quilt program will be presented by Donna Meyer of Sunray. An afternoon workshop will focus on quilting options and tools. All visitors are welcome. For more information call (806) 338-6488.

- **The deadline to enter a Golden Poets Guild free poetry contest** is July 26. A grand-prize will be awarded. To enter, send one poem of 21 lines or less to Free Poetry Contest, 601 16th St # C-115 Golden, CO 80401, or enter via the Internet at www.freecontest.com.

- **The deadline for local businesses** to purchase a rodeo banner in lieu of the upcoming Top O' Texas Rodeo is July 30. The 62nd annual rodeo is scheduled Aug. 14-16 at Top O' Texas Rodeo Arena in Pampa. For more information, contact the rodeo office at 669-0434.

- **The deadline to enter the Name the Mascot Contest** being sponsored by Amarillo Botanical Gardens is Aug. 20. The name will be applied to a new statue erected at the gardens of a six-foot "frog musician." The winner will be announced at the season finale of "Music in the Gardens" on Aug. 25. If more than one entry supplies the winning name, the first to submit the name will be considered the winner. To enter, choose a name for the mascot and submit the name to Amarillo Botanical Gardens, Name the Mascot Contest, 1400 Streit Dr., Amarillo, TX 79106.

Knox, Vivienne make 8 for Jolie-Pitt family

NICE, France (AP) — Brad Pitt was emotional but calm, Angelina Jolie laughed and chatted. The world's most famous celebrity couple were joined in emotion during the birth of their twins — a boy and a girl — and all "are doing marvelously well," the doctor who delivered the babies in a seaside hospital on the French Riviera said Sunday.

The newborns — Knox Leon and Vivienne Marcheline, born one minute apart Saturday evening — are the ultimate million-dollar babies, with experts estimating their first photos will fetch a fortune.

"In the celebrity world, it seems to be the double second coming," said Darryn Lyons, owner of Big Pictures, a photo agency in London.

For now, mother, father and newborns are

resting out of the public eye on the fifth floor of the Lenval hospital, behind blue mirrored windows that provide sweeping views of Nice's sun-drenched beaches, but specially treated to deflect the prying lenses of paparazzi.

Jolie's obstetrician, Dr. Michel Sussmann, said the 44-year-old Pitt was at Jolie's side during the delivery, looking on as the doctor performed a Caesarean section to deliver Knox, weighing in at slightly over 5 pounds, and Vivienne, who weighed 5 pounds.

"He was my assistant," Sussmann joked. "He was very happy. ... The emotion was very strong for him," Sussmann told reporters on the hospital steps. "I felt the emotion of both the mother and the father. Angelina Jolie was speaking, was laughing with her husband. They were happy."



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