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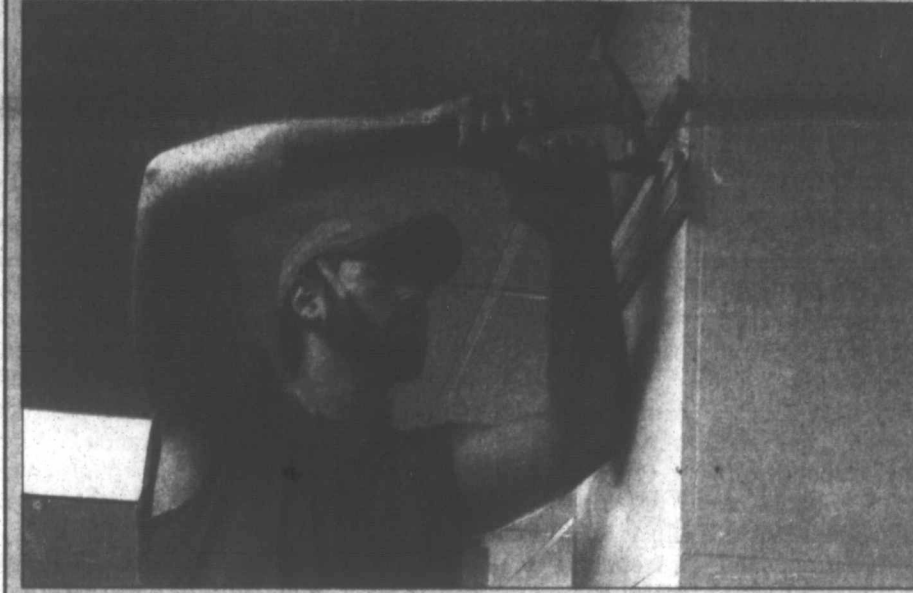
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## Renovation

Andrew Lutz (above) with L&R Concrete checks his level as he frames a window into the sanctuary of Faith Bible Church at Culyer and Kingsmill during a construction project there. Left - Luke Raver, also with L&R Concrete, removes some molding.

## Student conduct, band trip topics on agenda

By Marilyn Powers  
 The Pampa News

The 2008-2009 student code of conduct, sportsmanship guidelines for extracurricular activities, the 2008-2009 Pampa High School band trip and the Pampa Independent School District golf program are among the items included on the agenda for the district's board of trustees meeting which will begin at 5:30 p.m. Thursday in the Carver Center administration office at 321 W. Albert.

Policies concerning commencement, TASB policy update 83, assignment and schedules and local revenue sources/ad valorem taxes will be discussed, along with the district's goals for the upcoming academic year.

A stipend schedule for the year will be adopted, and a construction update will be heard.

Trade bids and a contract with Cetramedia will be presented for approval. Security concerns regarding PISD assets will be discussed. Also up for discussion will be concerns regarding consulting services provided to the district.

Board members will hear monthly financial reports, a quarterly investment report and reports on curriculum and staff development, PISD staffing and targeted expenditures.

Public comments may be made at 7 p.m. during the meeting.

## Chamber's city-wide garage sale cancelled

There will be no city-wide garage sale sponsored by the Pampa Chamber of Commerce this year, according to Keith Pitner, interim executive director of the Chamber.

The city-wide garage sale has traditionally been held on a Saturday in August, with each participant holding their sale at the location of their choosing. Participants completed forms and paid an entry fee to the Chamber in exchange for

having their location, featured items and placement on a map included by the Chamber in notices in The Pampa News and in flyers distributed at various locations in the city.

In previous years, the city-wide garage sale has drawn 62 participants in 2004, 88 in 2005 and 71 in 2006. Totals for 2007 were not available.

## Lefors board to meet

Ten action items are on the agenda for Lefors Independent School District's school board meeting which will begin at 7 p.m. today in the Lefors High School library at 209 East Fifth.

Personnel matters to be presented for action include hiring of professional personnel, a financial auditor, professional and auxiliary salary schedules for 2008-2009 and the district's annualized compensation policy.

Also on the action portion of the agenda are the student code of conduct, a property/casualty insurance provider, the annual investment policy, a bid for a copier

contract, Legislative Update 83 affecting LOCAL policies and a superintendent formative evaluation.

An executive session will be held during the meeting to consider a student transfer request, personnel and real property issues. Action on the executive session items will follow upon resumption of open session.

Board members will hear a report on the budget workshop for the 2008-2009 academic year, progress on construction and remodeling, and principal's and superintendent's reports. A report of the district's financial condition will also be presented.



Pampa News photo by Marilyn Powers

A two-vehicle accident on Highway 152 just west of Price Road occurred at 12:30 p.m. Monday and resulted in damage to both vehicles, one of which was the Ford pickup shown above which was pulling a horse trailer at the time of the accident. The other vehicle, a Chevrolet pickup with camper shell, was damaged along its passenger side and also sustained a flattened right rear tire. Eastbound traffic on Highway 152 at its approach to Price Road was restricted to the center turn lane for a time until the Chevrolet could be removed from the scene.

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**Wednesday**



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

Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 71. South wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 94. South-southwest wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 70. South-southwest wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 91. South-southwest wind around 10 mph.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 70. South wind between 10 and 15 mph.

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**Chafen Wayne Wilson, 21**

Chafen Wayne Wilson, 21, of Pampa, Texas, died July 19, 2008, at Lake Greenbelt. Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, July 23, 2008, at the First Baptist Church with Dr. Johnny Funderburg, pastor, officiating.



**Wilson**

Burial will be in Miami Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors.

Mr. Wilson was born Sept. 11, 1986, in Pampa. Chafen was a lifelong resident of Pampa where he graduated from Pampa High School in 2006. He was raised in the First Baptist Church and was a member of Highland Baptist Church of Pampa.

He was employed a various times at the family businesses.

Survivors include his mother, Jill Wilson of Pampa; his father, Loney Wilson and wife Melody of Mobeetie; two sisters, Chandon Portillo and husband Felipe of Pampa, and Lily Forbes of Mobeetie;

four brothers, Cade Wilson, Conor Wilson, Dillon-Forbes and Ben Wilson, all of Mobeetie; his maternal grandparents, Kaye Zachary and Dwayne Johnson, both of Elk City, Okla.; his paternal grandparents, Wayne and Zelda Wilson, and Dwight and Kathy Dennis, all of Pampa; his paternal great-grandparents, Ardelle Sirmans and Jean Orr, both of Pampa; a nephew, Ayden Portillo of Pampa; aunts and uncles, Brad and Sheri Johnson of Yukon, Okla., Chil and Stephanie Wilson of Amarillo, Judd and Sherri Wilson, Todd and Jona Little, and Michael Dennis, all of Pampa; and a host of cousins and extended family.

MEMORIALS: Students Against Destructive Decisions (S.A.D.D.) in care of Suzanne Pingel, Pampa High School, 111 E. Harvester, Pampa, TX 79065.

—Sign the on-line register book at [www.carmichael-whately.com](http://www.carmichael-whately.com).

**Services tomorrow**

**MANN, Fred Jr.** — 2 p.m., The Carpenter's Church, Pampa.  
**WILSON, Chafen Wayne** — 10 a.m., First Baptist Church, Pampa.

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**Obituaries**

**Houston 'Red' Ballard, 85**

Houston "Red" Ballard, 85, of Pampa, Texas, died July 21, 2008, at Pampa. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors.

Mr. Ballard was born Feb. 10, 1923, in Poolville. He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force, serving during World War II.

Red married Vergie Mae Smith on July 6, 1957, in McLean.

He had been a resident of Pampa since 1962. He retired in 1986 from

Southwestern Bell Telephone after 39 years of service.

Red was a member of the West Side Church of Christ.

Survivors include his wife, Vergie Ballard, of the home; four daughters, **Ballard**



**Ballard**

Marilyn Kay Miller and husband Russell of Amarillo, Dorothy Annette Plichter and husband Thomas of Bell

Flower, Calif., Martha Gail Savedra and husband Clarence of Palmdale, Calif., and Sandra Lou Grate and husband Charles of Corning, Calif.; one sister, Annie Mae Robbins of Perrin; two brothers, Virgle Ballard and Raymond Ballard, both of Poolville; seven grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Red was preceded in death by his parents, Elijah and Sarah Ballard; three brothers, Bill Ballard, Hubert Ballard and Carl Ballard; and a grandson, Chuck Grate.

MEMORIALS: American Heart Association, 2514 82nd Street, Suite B, Lubbock, TX 79423, or American Cancer Society, c/o Gerry Caylor, 2130 Charles, Pampa, TX 79065.

—Sign the on-line register book at [www.carmichael-whately.com](http://www.carmichael-whately.com).

**Vernon Frank 'Pete' Bridwell, Sr., 86**

WHITE DEER, Texas — Vernon Frank "Pete" Bridwell, Sr., 86, of White Deer, died July 22, 2008, at Pampa, Texas. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors.

Mr. Bridwell was born Jan. 13, 1922, in Mendota. He married Virginia Mae Parker on March 13, 1940, in Wheeler. She preceded him in death on Nov. 5,

1988. Pete was a veteran of the U.S. Army Air Corps, serving during World War II. He had been a resident of White Deer since 1977.

He was employed by Tejas Feeders for 13 years, and he worked for various feed yards and ranches in the area for many years.

Survivors include one daughter, Verna Smith and

husband Dave of Dumas; five sons, Frank Bridwell and wife Madonna of Pampa, John Bridwell and wife Judy of Spearman, Vick Bridwell of Wagoner, Okla., Joe Bridwell and wife Becky of Perryton, and Jim Bridwell of Borger; 15 grandchildren; and 24 great-grandchildren.

Pete was preceded in death by his parents, Geneva

Frances Purcell and Jessie Lafayette Bridwell; four brothers, Raymond, Merle, J.L. and Junior Bridwell; two sisters, Oleta Dooley and Lorene Cain; and one granddaughter, Lonna Faye.

—Sign the on-line register book at [www.carmichael-whately.com](http://www.carmichael-whately.com).

**Fred Mann, Jr., 74**

He had been a lifelong resident of Pampa. He married Edith Joann Swaney on Oct. 1, 1954, in Carlsbad, N.M. She preceded him in death on Jan. 12, 2006.

Fred was a retired veteran of the U.S. Army, serving during the Korean Conflict where he received the Purple Heart.

He was a member of the Gold Panners Association of



**Mann**

America, and the NRA. He was a great father and grandfather and will be missed by family and friends. Fred enjoyed gold panning, camping and was a gun enthusiast.

Survivors include one daughter, Linda Shouse and husband, Chris of Pampa; one son, Harold Mann and wife Trudy of Bulverde; his

mother, Helen Mann of San Angelo; two brothers, James Mann of Bee Cave and Jerry Mann of Kingsland; one sister, Margie Welch of San Angelo; and five grandchildren.

Fred was preceded in death by his father, Fred Mann, Sr., in 1976; a son, Freddy Mann in 1984; a brother, L.H. Mann; and a sister, Doris Ireland.

—Sign the on-line register book at [www.carmichael-whately.com](http://www.carmichael-whately.com).

One building check was made. A gas drive-off was reported at Allsup's, 140 S. Starkweather.

Theft was reported at Allsup's, 140 S. Starkweather. A 30-pack of beer valued at \$17 was taken.

Two suicide attempts were reported. One attempt to serve papers was made and resulted in at least one arrest.

Civil matters were reported in the 1000 block of East Browning, the 1100 block of Barnes, and the intersection of Wilcox and Spear streets.

Suspicious person calls were received from the 400 block of West Brown, and the intersection of Alcock and Nelson streets.

A suspicious vehicle call was received from the intersection of Tyng and Starkweather streets.

A silent/abusive 911 call was received from the 1000 block of Sirroco.

Violation of a city ordinance was reported in the 100 block of South Wynne.

Disorderly conduct was reported at the intersection of Barnes and Albert streets, the 800 block of South Barnes and the 2300 block of Alcock.

Telephone harassment was reported in the police department lobby.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 200 block of Tignor. Graffiti was placed on a garage wall. Estimated cost of damage is \$100.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1800 block of Beech. Silly String was sprayed on a vehicle. Estimated cost of damage is \$100.

Domestic disturbances were reported in the 1300 block of North Starkweather, the 1600 block of North Sumner and the 1100 block of South Wells.

Two open doors were checked.

Eleven traffic stops were made. Stops in the 800 block of South Hobart and the 600 block of Plains resulted in arrests.

A traffic complaint was received from the intersection of Juniper and Rosewood streets.

Calls and stops concerning animals occurred in the 1200 block of Farley, the 300 block of Sunset, the 2500 block of Evergreen, the 1200 block of Darby, the 1700 block of Aspen, the 400 block of

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**Emergency Services**

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

**Monday, July 21**  
 9:44 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 2800 block of Charles on a call for medical assistance.

9:59 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 800 block of South Barnes on a call for medical assistance.

12:13 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to a hazardous material cleanup at 23rd and Perryton Parkway.

12:34 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to a motor vehicle accident in the 11000 block of Highway 152 West. No injuries were reported.

2:21 p.m. — Four units and seven personnel responded to a grass fire in the 500 block of Maple. No structures were damaged in the fire that burned a reported acre and a half.

5:22 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to a motor vehicle accident at Duncan and Harvester. No injuries were reported.

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

**Saturday, July 19**  
 8:08 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1000 block of Fisher and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

11:30 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo and transferred a patient(s) to PRMC.

2:01 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1000 block of South Christy and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

2:40 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1000 block of Farley and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

4:14 p.m. — A mobile ICU

responded to the 800 block of West 25th and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

5:55 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1800 block of North Banks. No transport.

11:23 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1100 block of South Wells and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

**Sunday, July 20**  
 12 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transferred a patient(s) to N.W.T.H.

5:59 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1900 block of Lea and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

9:19 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 100 block of South Russell. No transport.

10:23 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 100 block of South Russell and transported a patient to PRMC.

10:43 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 200 block of Ward and transported a patient to PRMC.

12 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1900 block of Helton Road and transported a patient to PRMC.

3:36 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2200 block of Dogwood and transported a patient to PRMC.

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the period from 12:01 a.m. Saturday to 7 a.m. today.

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## Horse sales slow, in part because of fuel prices

HOUSTON (AP) — Mounting fuel, feed and hay prices are driving up the costs of horse ownership and making it harder to sell colts, yearlings, wild stallions and other horses.

That, combined with last year's ban on slaughtering horses, is causing prices to tumble and making horse trading less profitable.

Like houses, horses are becoming harder to sell.

"I've seen it rough before, but I don't ever think I've ever seen it this bad," said Mark Riley, who has worked as an auctioneer for three decades. "To most people, horses are a hobby or a plaything or a toy. When the economy gets tough, the plaything is the first thing to go."

Hay that three years ago sold for \$3 a square bale can now cost up to \$7, according to state agriculture officials, and Riley said horses that once sold for \$3,000 are now going for \$1,000 at auctions.

Horse trading is getting so tough that some auction barns in the state have shuttered and others have reduced the number of sale days.

"Some people bought those horses when times were so great. Feed was cheaper," said Raymond Havard, owner of Havard Sales Management Co. in Lufkin, which reduced its horse sales to two days from three days every two months.

He said he doesn't see any change until fuel prices go down.

Despite the rough patch,

horses remain big business in Texas, contributing \$5.2 billion to the state's economy and providing jobs for 32,200 people, according to the American Horse Council.

"The one thing that one realizes here is that horses are deeply woven into the social fabric of the Lone Star State," said Pete Gibbs, Texas AgriLife Extension Service horse specialist.

No matter how important they are to Texans, horses with the exception of those used in competitions and some used for trail rides are fetching less money.

"I'll never get what I paid for them," said Mary Aguilar, who recently advertised three horses for sale.

Aguilar and her husband forked over about \$5,500 for three horses four years ago. After polling ranchers on how much she should ask for her horses, she posted an online advertisement for Charlie, Princess and Skippy for just \$3,700.

"I was very upset to let my horse go today," said Aguilar, who did manage to sell 12-year-old Charlie, a brown quarter horse, for close to her \$700 asking price within a day after posting the ad.

A busy travel schedule visiting their grandchildren now keeps the Katy residents from spending as much time riding, bathing and brushing their horses.

Although she's not selling for financial reasons, Aguilar and her horse-owning neighbors have noticed escalating hay and alfalfa prices.

Finding hay last fall also posed a challenge, she said. During the summer, horses can graze on green grass.

"It all relates to food. It all relates to the high price of hay," said Steven Long, editor of the trade publication Texas Horse Talk, who said Houston has the largest concentration of horses of any urban area in the nation.

Too much rain last year kept hay from being cut and baled, while this summer, a drought has caused a shortage of hay.

That, coupled with increasing diesel and fertilizer costs, also caused a surge in prices.

With fertilizer and fuel prices so high, some farmers aren't raising hay, said John Elick, who owns Texas Ranch Life, a dude ranch and bed and breakfast operation in Chappell Hill. That shortage will further worsen the horse market, he said.

"It won't be a question of having less production off of them, it will be a question of having no production," said Elick. "I think we're fixing to have a huge wreck. You've got horses that there's no way to get rid of them."

Soaring gasoline prices also make it more expensive for horse buyers and sellers to haul horse trailers to auctions.

"With having to spend so much in gas, they don't come as regular as they used to," said Don Edwards, owner of Great Western Auctions in Magnolia. Some auction houses have decided to shun horses.

"The market just got so bad," said Billy Schwertner, who owns the Wharton Livestock Auction. His barn stopped selling horses more than a year ago.

Auction barns that still sell horses every weekend are earning less. At the Huffman Auction Barn's cafe, sales of snacks have declined on auction days.

"This is the very first time I have seen the drop in everything," said Irma Alsaro, who manages the Huffman Auction Barn.

Crosby resident Donnie Short has noticed the slowdown in business, too.

"I think people are just scared to spend any money," said Short.

Short said the situation has forced him to cut back on his side business of raising mares.

"I enjoy the aspect of raising the babies and watching them grow up," he said. "But there's just no money in it anymore."



Submitted photo by Della Moyer

This "fairy ring" is located on Highway 70 North of Pampa across the road from the Booster Station. According to Brandon Duke with Roberts County Agriculture Extension Office, it is very unusual for the fungus circles to be on rangeland. They are found mostly forest areas, yards and landscaped grounds.



## Texas National Guard mobilized as Tropical Storm Dolly strengthens

McALLEN, Texas (AP) — Texas mobilized National Guard troops and residents along the Gulf Coast near the Mexican border were buying plywood, flashlights and gasoline as Tropical Storm Dolly gained strength Tuesday over the Gulf on its way to becoming a hurricane before it hits land.

Hurricane warnings were in effect for parts of the Texas and Mexico coasts, meaning hurricane conditions were expected in those areas by the end of Tuesday.

Forecasters at the National Hurricane Center in Miami said Dolly's winds were expected to strengthen before landfall to hurricane force, which would mean at least 74 mph.

At 11 a.m. EDT, data from a NOAA plane indicated maximum sustained winds had increased to near 70 mph with higher gusts.

Dolly was expected to make landfall later this week and bring with it high winds and up to 15 inches of rain and coastal storm surge flooding of 4 to 6 feet above normal high tide levels.

Emergency officials feared major flooding problems and urged coastal residents to prepare. Gov. Rick Perry activated 1,200 National Guard troops and other emergency crews and Shell Oil said it was evacuating workers from oil rigs in the western Gulf of Mexico. Shell said it didn't expect its production to be affected by the storm.

Business was brisk Tuesday morning at a Wal-Mart in Edinburg, 15 miles from the Mexican border, but didn't have the wall-to-wall shoppers like the night before. Kerri Urdaz, 31, of McAllen loaded ice, water and batteries into her car, while her 2-year-old daughter Claire watched from the

shopping cart.

"It wasn't too bad," Urdaz said of the last-minute shopping. "That's why we woke up and came in early before the rush."

Urdaz said they're clearing everything that's loose out of the yard at home.

"We're just expecting lots of rain."

Jesus Gil was lifting large coolers into the back of his pickup truck and had bought flashlights and batteries, bracing for the storm at both work and home.

"I'm just trying to be prepared," said Gil, who was in Houston for the Hurricane Rita evacuation. He doesn't plan to leave this time, but bought extra gas just in case.

In Hidalgo County, the call went out for volunteers to man shelters that were scheduled to open Tuesday afternoon for residents of neighboring coastal counties.

Even as far up the coast as the Houston area, Harris County officials told residents to be ready in case the storm changes course and heads their way.

The National Hurricane Center issued a hurricane warning from Brownsville north to Port O'Connor. Meanwhile, a tropical storm warning was issued from the north of Port O'Connor to the San Luis Pass, a strait south of Galveston.

Mexico also announced a hurricane warning from Rio San Fernando north to the U.S. border. A tropical storm warning and a hurricane watch were also in effect from La Pesca to Rio San Fernando.

Forecasters said Dolly was expected to make landfall late Tuesday or early Wednesday as a Category 1 hurricane, which has with sustained winds of 74 mph to 95 mph.

Texas officials said they

wouldn't order evacuations along the coast unless Dolly strengthens to a Category 3, with sustained winds of at least 111 mph.

At 11 a.m. EDT Tuesday, the center of Tropical Storm Dolly was located over the Gulf about 230 miles southeast of Brownsville. It was moving west-northwest at about 12 mph. Tropical storm-force winds extended up to 160 miles.

There are about 2 million people in the Rio Grande Valley, which includes popular summer beach resort South Padre Island. Officials readied to evacuate residents in flood-prone areas and urged RV owners on South Padre to head for higher ground.

"That amount of rain will present a big flooding problem for us," said Cameron County Emergency Management Coordinator Johnny Cavazos.

Mindful of the disastrous evacuation before Hurricane Rita hit the Texas Gulf Coast in 2005 — when far more people died from heat-related injuries and auto accidents fleeing the storm than from the severe weather — Perry also ordered 250 buses to be staged in San Antonio. He also ordered fuel teams to be ready to keep gas stations supplied and to help stranded motorists.

Mexican border towns near the Gulf coast were setting up shelters for those who want to leave areas that flood easily. Soldiers were also being sent into Matamoros to protect against looting, in case the storm does strike the Mexican border town on the Gulf Coast, forcing many residents to flee.

Even as far up the coast as around Houston, Harris County officials told residents to be ready in case the storm changes course and

heads their way. Harris County Judge Ed Emmett asked residents of the state's most populous county to keep their gas tanks full, stock up on supplies and make sure they have plans ready to either evacuate or ride out a storm.

The federal government was trying to decide whether they could begin construction on a new border fence, which was to be combined with levee improvements along the Rio Grande in Hidalgo County. While project supervisors met with emergency officials about the storm, large cranes unloaded steel beams and other supplies at a staging area near the levee Monday. Concrete walls will be incorporated into the river side of the levees to keep floodwaters, illegal immigrants and smugglers out.

The county is upgrading other levees and informed contractors Monday they should activate plans to prevent flooding, said Godfrey Garza, head of Hidalgo County Drainage District 1.

Meanwhile, Tropical Storm Cristobal was moving toward the northeast at about 21 mph, away from the U.S. Cristobal was located about 485 miles northeast of Cape Hatteras, N.C., with maximum sustained winds near 60 mph. Forecasters said the storm, which dumped rain on the coast of the Carolinas, was no longer an immediate threat to the U.S.

In the Pacific, Tropical Storm Genevieve strengthened slightly off Mexico's coast, but forecasters said the storm was not expected to threaten land. Tropical Storm Fausto, which had been a hurricane, also was weakening and moving out to sea.

## Appraisal District set to meet tomorrow

Scheduled protests will be heard at Gray County Appraisal District's appraisal review board meeting which begins at 2 p.m. Wednesday in the appraisal district's conference room at 815 N.

Sumner.

Board members will vote on whether to approve any changes following hearing of the protests, and will also hear a report from Chief Appraiser Pat Bagley.

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# Viewpoints

## I have two issues concerning food supply ...

The current salmonella outbreak is sickening in more ways than one.

It began in April and since then has caused 1,251 people to become ill.

Meanwhile, government inspectors have found jalapenos that have tested positive for the same strain of the bacteria that has been found to be causing the illness. They have now issued a warning not to eat fresh jalapenos because of the risk of ingesting a contaminated one. This warning includes anything made with fresh peppers, such as salsa.

Case solved, right?

Wrong.

The inspectors don't know where along the route from field to consumer that the peppers picked up the bacte-

ria. They are also not sure what other fresh produce might be contaminated. The contamination could have come from the grower, the processing plant or anywhere along the chain from farm to market.

For example, the Texas processing plant where the tainted jalapenos, which were grown in Mexico, were handled also processes tomatoes, onions and tomatillos.

Tomatoes, you may remember, were the first crop to be blamed for the salmonella outbreak, and consumers had been warned not to eat them until last week, when they were supposedly "cleared".

The jalapeno connection, according to MSNBC,

appeared in June. This raises two questions: Were the peppers tainted before June and the connection not found until then? Why did it take another month for someone to blow the whistle on jalapenos?

According to several online health sources, the salmonella bacteria is spread by food and drinks that are contaminated by animal or human feces. An enormous amount of the bacteria has to be present in or on the food or drink in order for it to cause a human to fall ill.

I have two issues concern-

ing our current food supply. First of all, why do we continue to buy food from places where we have gotten contaminated food in the past? You may remember that this is not the first time tainted food has been imported to the U.S. from Mexico.

Secondly, I feel that the Food and Drug Administration's performance in their duty to ensure public safety regarding food and drugs is unacceptable. It has taken far too long and resulted in far too many deaths. It's time to consider what the conveniences of lower cost and increased availabil-

ity are truly costing us. I have lost track of the number of warnings issued in recent years concerning contaminated food and unsafe merchandise, much of it originating outside our country. I have diligently thrown out suspected contaminated food and avoided merchandise loaded with lead or with some condition that is unsafe.

Right now, I'm avoiding all fresh produce, because until the FDA is absolutely sure of the cause of the salmonella outbreak, I really don't feel like suffering through my summer.

My advice is, don't pick that peck of peppers, pickled or not.



**Marilyn Powers**  
Staff Writer

## Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, July 22, the 204th day of 2008. There are 162 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 22, 1933, American aviator Wiley Post completed the first solo flight around the world as he returned to New York's Floyd Bennett Field after traveling for 7 days, 18 3/4 hours.

On this date:

In 1587, an English colony fated to vanish under mysterious circumstances was established on Roanoke Island off North Carolina.

In 1796, Cleveland was founded by Gen. Moses Cleaveland.

In 1908, American etiquette expert Amy Vanderbilt was born in New York City.

In 1934, a man identified as bank robber John Dillinger was shot to death by federal agents outside Chicago's Biograph Theater.

In 1937, the Senate rejected President Roosevelt's proposal to add more justices to the Supreme Court.

In 1942, the Nazis began transporting Jews from the Warsaw Ghetto to the Treblinka concentration camp.

In 1943, American forces led by Gen. George S. Patton captured Palermo, Sicily, during World War II.

In 1946, Jewish extremists blew up a wing of the King David Hotel in Jerusalem, killing 90 people.

In 1975, the House of Representatives joined the Senate in voting to restore the American citizenship of Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee.

In 1983, Samantha Smith and her parents returned home to Manchester, Maine, after completing a whirlwind tour of the Soviet Union.

Ten years ago: The Senate Armed Services Committee rejected, on a 9-9 vote, Daryl Jones' bid to become Air Force secretary. President Clinton, with Republican lawmakers at his side, signed a bill designed to mold the Internal Revenue Service into a friendlier, fairer tax collector.

Five years ago: Saddam Hussein's sons Oday and Qusai were killed when U.S. forces stormed a villa in Mosul, Iraq. Months after her prisoner-of-war ordeal, Pfc. Jessica Lynch returned home to a hero's welcome in Elizabeth, W.Va.

One year ago: A bus carrying Polish Catholic pilgrims from a holy site in the French Alps plunged off a steep mountain road, killing 26 people. Padraig Harrington survived a calamitous finish in regulation and a tense putt for bogey on the final hole of a playoff to win the British Open. Cinematographer Laszlo Kovacs died in Beverly Hills, Calif., at age 74.

*'Somehow a bachelor never quite gets over the idea that he is a thing of beauty and a boy forever.'*

— Helen Rowland  
American writer and humorist (1875-1950)



## Oklahoma strikes out for state's rights

One of the unappreciated casualties of the War of 1861, erroneously called a Civil War, was its contribution to the erosion of constitutional guarantees of state sovereignty. It settled the issue of secession, making it possible for the federal government to increasingly run roughshod over Ninth and 10th Amendment guarantees. A civil war, by the way, is a struggle where two or more parties try to take over the central government. Confederate President Jefferson Davis no more wanted to take over Washington, D.C., than George Washington wanted to take over London. Both wars are more properly described as wars of independence.

Oklahomans are trying to recover some of their lost state sovereignty by House

Joint Resolution 1089, introduced by State Rep. Charles Key.

The resolution's language, in part, reads: "Whereas, the Tenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States reads as follows: 'The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people.'; and Whereas, the Tenth Amendment defines the total scope of federal power as being that specifically granted by the Constitution of the United States and no more; and whereas, the scope of power defined by the Tenth

Amendment means that the federal government was created by the states specifically to be an agent of the states; and Whereas, today, in 2008, the states are demonstrably treated as agents of the federal government. ... Now, therefore, be it resolved by the House of Representatives and the Senate of the 51st Oklahoma Legislature: that the State of Oklahoma hereby claims sovereignty under the Tenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States over all powers not otherwise enumerated and granted to the federal government by the Constitution of the United States. That

this serve as Notice and Demand to the federal government, as our agent, to cease and desist, effective immediately, mandates that are beyond the scope of these constitutionally delegated powers."

Key's resolution passed in the Oklahoma House of Representatives with a 92 to 3 vote, but it reached a bottleneck in the Senate where it languished until adjournment. However, Key plans to reintroduce the measure when the legislature reconvenes.

Federal usurpation goes beyond anything the Constitution's framers would have imagined. James Madison, explaining the constitution, in Federalist Paper 45, said, "The powers delegated ... to the federal

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## Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

■ July 14  
Houston Chronicle on indicting Sudan's president:

The desperate civilians in Darfur need bold action from the outside world. But the course announced this week by the International Criminal Court may be the wrong one.

Darfur's catastrophe is, if possible, worsening this summer. Janjaweed militias and troops dispatched by the Arab-dominated government still rape, bomb and slaughter. Foreign aid routinely is stolen by government and rebels both. Two Doctors Without Borders staffers were recently expelled,

and seven peacekeepers were murdered in an ambush. Government and rebels blame each other.

In other words, the destruction of Darfur's civilians of African descent continues, with the dead numbering as many as 300,000 and internal refugees spiking to 2.5 million.

This is the context in which the prosecutor of the U.N.-backed ICC last week said he would request an arrest warrant for the mayhem's architect: President Omar Hassan-Bashir. At first glance it might seem like a good step. The move is not unprecedented: Another U.N. criminal court indicted then-president of Serbia—Slobodan Milosevic for crimes against humanity, and the Special Court for Sierra Leone unsealed an arrest warrant for then-

president Charles Taylor in 2003.

It is a certainty, though, that Bashir, who remains in firm control of his government, can lash out immediately and directly against Darfur's civilians.

There is an argument that justice and accountability need to exist before peace. But risky measures such as this indictment can only be justified when more pragmatic approaches have been exhausted. In the case of Darfur, international actors haven't come close.

The United Nations itself has only assembled 9,000 of the 26,000 peacekeepers promised for Darfur. The United Nations, whose raison d'être is peaceful persuasion, couldn't even talk member countries into loaning the

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## TV at the gas pumps?

MIAMI (AP) — In the midst of a cruel summer for America's drivers, there's a diversion: TV at the gas station.

The number of televisions atop gas pumps have skyrocketed since their introduction at a handful of stations in 2006. Now, three privately held companies have placed more than 20,000 screens at thousands of stations from the Massachusetts Pike to Southern California.

"We try to bring some fun to the pump," says Roy Reeves, vice president of sales and marketing for PumpTop TV, an Irvine, Calif., company that provides screens and content at nearly 600 stations nationwide.

Fun at the pump. When was the last time you heard someone say that?

The TVs are also bringing in added revenue for gas retailers, who have recently seen their margins shrink because of an increase in fuel load costs and credit card fees. When the owners advertise anything from candy bars to car washes on the TVs, they say in-store sales rise compared to other stations without the screens.

Gas Station TV says that in tracking its retailers' sales, stores with screens installed on pumps report selling 75 percent more car washes and 69 percent more snacks if those items are advertised. The other two pump TV companies report similar sales increases.

"I actually have several customers a day saying, 'Hey, I saw your ad on TV as I was pumping gas,'" said David Yegenian, who has eight screens at his Tustin, Calif., service station. "In this difficult time, we have to make ends meet however possible."

TV programming at the pumps varies by location and provider. PumpTop TV, for instance, provides real-time traffic maps, local sports scores, headlines and weather. FuelCast carries trivia and NBC content. Gas Station TV broadcasts ABC programming and carried an American Idol-type search earlier this year for a host who will anchor some segments.

All offer heavy rotations of 15-second ads — oil companies are staple advertisers

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Courtesy Photo

## Music festival

The musical group Star Canyon, above, performed at last year's Old Mobeetie Music Festival. This year's festival will be staged Friday, July 25-Sunday, July 27 at Mobeetie. The event will kick-off Friday evening. The festival will include music, concessions, used book sale, booths and more. For further details, contact the Old Mobeetie Texas Jail Museum.

## Military assault victims face tough up-hill battle

EDITORS NOTE — With troops fighting on foreign soil since late 2001, the United States is learning about the long-term toll of modern war on the home front. The last of a three-part series looks at victims of sexual assault in the military.

By KIMBERLY HEFLING  
Associated Press Writer

YORK, Pa. (AP) — It took Diane Pickel Plappert six months to tell a counselor that she had been raped while on duty in Iraq. While time passed, the former Navy nurse disconnected from her children and her life slowly unraveled.

Carolyn Schapper says she was harassed in Iraq by a fellow Army National Guard soldier to the extent that she began changing clothes in the shower for fear he'd barge into her room unannounced — as he already had on several occasions.

Even as women distinguish themselves in battle alongside men, they're fighting off sexual assault and harassment. It's not

a new consequence of war. But the sheer number of women serving today — more than 190,000 so far in Iraq and Afghanistan — is forcing the military and Department of Veterans Affairs to more aggressively address it.

The data that exists — incomplete and not up-to-date — offers no proof that women in the war zones are more vulnerable to sexual assault than other female service members, or American women in general. But in an era when the military relies on women for invaluable and difficult front-line duties, the threat to their morale, performance and long-term well-being is starkly clear.

Of the women veterans from Iraq and Afghanistan who have walked into a VA facility, 15 percent have screened positive for military sexual trauma. The Associated Press has learned. That means they indicated that while on active duty they were sexually assaulted, raped, or were sexually harassed, receiving repeated unsolicited verbal or physical contact

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## Events calendar

• **Amarillo Botanical Gardens** will conduct its "Music in the Gardens" featuring various musicians and vocal artists from 7:30-8:30 p.m. every Monday now through August. Gates will open at 7 p.m. Performances will last from 7:30-8:30 p.m. Visitors must provide their own lawn chairs, blankets and sunscreen.

Admission will be \$4 for adults, \$3 for seniors and \$2 for children 2-12. Children under 2 are free. Membership Card holders also get in free. For more information, call the gardens at (806) 352-6513. Summer hours for the gardens are 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, and 9 a.m.-5 p.m. week days.

• **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.

• **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](http://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.

• **The Greater Amarillo Affiliate** of Susan G. Komen for the Cure will stage its 2008 "pink luncheon" at 12 p.m. Sept. 9 in the Heritage Room of Amarillo Civic Center in Amarillo. Reservations are required. Tickets are \$35 a piece. For more information, call (806) 354-9706 or visit [www.komenamarillo.org](http://www.komenamarillo.org) on the Internet.

• **Texas Medical Board** will host a town hall meeting Sept. 9-10 at Texas Tech University Health Science Center in Amarillo.

## Williams

**Continued from Page 4** government are few and defined. Those which are to remain in the State governments are numerous and indefinite. The former will be exercised principally on external objects, [such] as war, peace, negotiation, and foreign commerce. ... The powers reserved to the several States will extend to all the objects which, in the ordinary course of affairs, concern the lives, liberties, and properties of the people."

Thomas Jefferson emphasized that the states are not "subordinate" to the

national government, but rather the two are "coordinate departments of one simple and integral whole. ... The one is the domestic, the other the foreign branch of the same government."

Both parties and all branches of the federal government have made a mockery of the checks and balances, separation of powers and the republican form of government envisioned by the founders. One of the more disgusting sights for me to is to watch a president, congressman or federal judge take an oath to uphold and defend the United States Constitution, when in reality

they either hold constitutional principles in contempt or they are ignorant of those principles.

State efforts, such as Oklahoma's, create a glimmer of hope that one day Americans and their elected representatives will realize that the federal government is the creation of the states. A bit of rebellion by officials in other states will speed that process along.

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

## Sudan

**Continued from Page 4** handful of helicopters fundamental to the peacekeepers' mission.

The Islamic world has been even more culpable, closing its eyes to the genocide of Muslims who are black, African and not regionally powerful. "Can't the Muslim world muster one-hundredth as much indignation," New York Times columnist Nicholas Kristof asked aptly, "for the genocidal slaughter of hundreds of thousands of Muslims as it does for a few Danish

cartoons?" China, now preparing its debut into the community of superpowers, directly supplies arms and money to Sudan's bloody government. True, Chinese diplomats politely suggest that Khartoum strive for peace. But many of the bombs with which Sudan's government has crushed families, homes, animals and crops were bought from Beijing.

Finally, President Bush, who has followed and reportedly agonized about Darfur's genocide, does very little.

Bush has given no major address on the crisis and exerted no substantive pressure on China, despite the historic forum provided by the Olympics. China's obvious sensitivity to world opinion makes Bush's squandered opportunity even more tragic.

Indicting Bashir is the right act at the wrong time. But it occurs because of a vacuum because too many international players who could have done better instead have done nil. URL: <http://www.chron.com>

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# Sports

## Pampa takes third at West Texas State Tourney

The 13-15 year old Pampa All-Stars just returned from Seminole, Texas where they competed in the West Texas State Tournament held July 12 - July 17. Pampa faced teams from Dumas (North Plains), Hereford, Brownfield, Canyon, Snyder,

Seminole and Littlefield and completed the tournament with a 3-2 record and a third-place finish.

Pampa was able to defeat Brownfield in the first round 12-6 then dropped to the loser's bracket after a 9-7 loss to Canyon. The team

rebounded from the loss to Canyon to defeat Hereford 7-0, then it revenged earlier losses to Dumas, who were the District Champs, by defeating them 12-10. Pampa's final game of the tournament would be a loss on Wednesday night to

Snyder the defending state champion by a score of 19-2.

Pampa was the first team to step to the plate in the state tournament as Brownfield won the toss and elected to take the home dugout. Doug Smith led off for Pampa and went one for five with a single, two walks, he reached on an error, had one RBI and scored three times. Cole Engle batted 2nd and went four for six with two singles, two doubles, he reached on a fielders choice, had five RBI's and scored two times. Reid Miller batted 3rd and went one for five with a single, a walk and one run scored. Chase Ferguson went 0 for four, he walked twice, reached base on an error and scored once. Collin Killgo batted fifth and went two for six with two singles and one RBI. Gavin Jimenez batted 6th and went one for four with a single and one walk. Devin Coleman batted 7th going one for two with a single. Coleman was replaced by Trevor Morgan in the 5th inning and Morgan went two for three with a single, a double, one RBI and two runs scored. Michael Fisher batted in the eighth hole and went 0 for three. Ryan Smith replaced Fisher in the 7th inning and went 0 for one, Ryan was put on base in the eighth after being hit by a pitch and he scored 1 run. Mitch Simon finished things up for Pampa in the ninth hole going 0 for four, he walked once, reached base once on a fielders choice and two more times on fielding errors. Mitch also scored twice.

For Pampa, Collin Killgo got the start, but it was Cole Engle who got the win. Killgo started and went three innings giving up five runs on four hits, he walked two and hit two while striking out two. Collin was relieved in the 4th inning by Gavin Jimenez who pitched 1 1/3 innings giving up one run on one hit, Gavin walked three and struck out one. Jimenez was relieved by Cole Engle in the 5th with one out and trailing 6-3. Engle went on to pitch 3 2/3 innings giving up no runs on one hit. Cole struck out five and walked one. He threw 13 pitches in the eighth inning fanning all three batters he faced. Other defensive highlights in the game included a very unusual 6-3-6 double play between shortstop Reid Miller and first baseman Chase Ferguson. Pampa's final tally for the game was a 12-6 win.

Next up for Pampa was Canyon who also won the toss and elected to take home. Doug Smith lead off the inning and was walked after being hit by a pitch. Smith worked his way to third but was left stranded after Engle, Miller and Killgo each grounded out. Chase Ferguson was able to single when he lead off in the top of the second for Pampa and he later scored on a Trevor Morgan single. Jimenez reached after being hit by a pitch but was thrown out after Fisher hit into a 4-6-3 double play and Simon ended the second by grounding out to the pitcher. The third inning went about the same as the first for Pampa when Doug Smith lead off the inning with a single and later scored on a Killgo single. Engle grounded out but moved Smith to second then Miller went down swinging. Ferguson reached after being hit but was left stranded when Morgan grounded out to the shortstop to end the Pampa threat in the third.

Pampa began the fourth inning with two runs on the board and ended the inning the same way they started. Jimenez reached base after being hit by a pitch then Devin Coleman grounded into a fielders choice forcing Jimenez at second. Simon grounded out to shortstop and Doug Smith singled but both Coleman and Smith were left stranded when Engle went down swinging. The fifth inning held a little more promise when Reid Miller lead off the inning with a single and went to 2nd when Killgo was put on base after ball four. Ferguson grounded out to 1st but moved the runners to 2nd and 3rd then Morgan took a seat after striking out. With two outs Gavin Jimenez came thru for Pampa with a long single that plated both Miller and Killgo before Coleman flew out to right field. Pampa could not get anything going in the sixth as both Simon and Smith went down swinging. Engle worked a two out walk but Miller left him stranded on a long fly ball to right field.

The Pampa team began the seventh inning down 9-4 and did its best to make Canyon sweat when Killgo worked a walk and was replaced on first base by Ryan Smith. Ferguson then flew out to left field and Trevor Morgan reached after being hit by a pitch. A strike out by Jimenez left Pampa in need of a hit and Coleman came through with a double that plated both Ryan Smith and Morgan to give Pampa some hope but that quickly faded when Simon went down on strikes to end the game Canyon 9, Pampa 7.

Defensively for Pampa Chase Ferguson started on the mound and got the loss after giving up 6 runs on 4 hits, he hit 2 batters, did not record a strike out and gave way to Killgo with one out in the first. Killgo took the mound in the first and pitched a total of four innings, he gave up one run on three hits, struck out one and walked one. Engle took the mound in the fifth and sixth innings giving up two runs on two hits, he struck out one and hit one. Pampa's defense struggled in the first inning with three errors but only committed one error the final five innings. Defensive highlights included a 4-6-3 double play by Simon, Miller and Ferguson.

Pampa finally won a toss in the third game against Hereford and took the home dugout. Pitching set the tone for Pampa in this game as Killgo and Engle combined to shut out Hereford in a 7-0 win. Killgo started and got credit for the win after pitching three innings, he gave up no runs on 1 hit with two strike outs and one walk. Engle pitched the fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh inning's with no runs scored on for hits. He fanned nine Hereford batters while walking three.

Offensively for Pampa Doug Smith was one for three with a double, a walk and 2 runs scored. Engle batted second and went 2-4 with a single, a double, one RBI and one run scored. Miller went two for two with a single, a double, he walked twice and had one RBI. Killgo went one for four with a single. Morgan went one for one with a double and he walked once. Jimenez went 0 for two, but reached base after being hit by a pitch for the third time in three days. Fisher was one for three with a single, he did reach base twice on a fielders choice allowing him to touch them all twice. Simon reached base twice on a fielders choice and touched home once.

Pampa's stellar play in this game allowed them to advance to the next night and play a team that had beat Pampa twice at District. Next up for Pampa is a rematch against North Plains (Dumas) which Pampa won 12-10 after two consecutive losses at the District level. Doug Smith lead off the top of the 1st for Pampa and went 0-3 but Doug did work two walks out of the North Plains pitching staff and scored on both occasions. Engle batted second with three singles, he scored twice and had one RBI. Reid Miller batted third and went 0 for four but did work a walk and scored with that opportunity. Collin Killgo cleaned things up for Pampa by going 2 for 5 with a single, a double, two RBI's and one run scored. Chase Ferguson occupied the five hole and went one for five with a double, two RBI and 1 run scored. Trevor Morgan went four for three with a single, he reached on an error, he was walked once and scored 1 run. Devin Colman went one for two with a single and one run scored. Gavin Jimenez was 0 for one with two walks, he was hit again and scored twice. Michael Fisher went two for three with a single, a double, he reached on an error, walked one time, had one RBI and scored twice. Mitch Simon went two for three with two singles. He walked once and had two RBI's.

Gavin Jimenez started on the mound for Pampa and lasted two innings giving up seven runs on three hits, he struck out two and did not walk anyone. Chase Ferguson relieved Jimenez and went four innings giving up two runs on four hits, Chase struck out five and walked one. Collin Killgo got the save by pitching part of the fifth and all of the sixth and seventh. Collin did not allow any hits and did not give up a run, he struck out three and walked four.

Pampa's final game of the state tournament was against a very good Snyder club that downed Pampa by a score of 19-2. Killgo got the loss for Pampa and was replaced midway thru the 1st inning by Engle who did not get out of the first inning either. Engle was replaced on the mound by Douglass Smith who did an outstanding job for Pampa. Defensive highlights for Pampa were few but there were some. Engle hustled after a ball hit to the fence and relayed to Miller at shortstop who turned and threw to Killgo at third base to catch a Snyder runner trying to turn a double into a triple. Center-fielder Gavin Jimenez caught a deep fly and threw to Michael Fisher at the plate to catch a runner trying to tag up and score.

Offensively for Pampa Doug Smith went one for three with a single. Engle went one for two and worked a walk. Killgo was 0 for 1 with a walk. Chase Ferguson was one for two with a double and a run scored. Jimenez was one for two with a single and a run scored. Mitch Simon finished things up for Pampa by going one for two with a single.

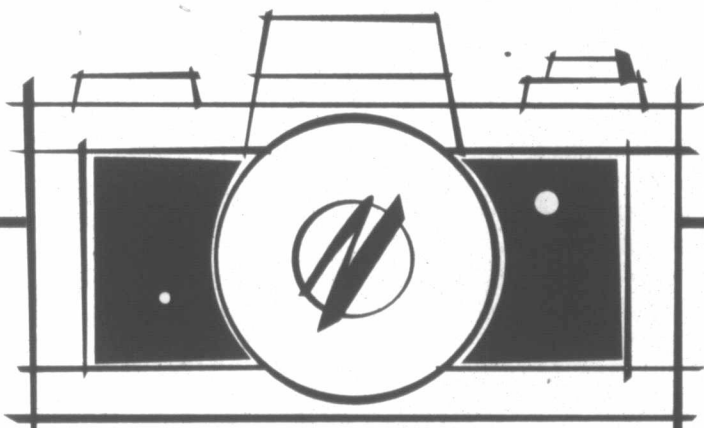
Pampa finished their All-Star season with a 5-4 record and second place honors at District and a third place finish at State. Pampa was coached by Mike Killgo and Bill Simon.

The 13-15 Pampa All-Stars are supported by the Pampa Optimist Youth Club which is a United Way Organization.



Submitted photo

The annual Tri-State Senior Tourney is under way at the Pampa Country Club. On hand for the registration duties were (front row, front left) Elnora Haynes, Johni Marx, (back row, from left) JoAnna Bass, Roy Morris (secretary of the association) and Virginia Stavonhagan.



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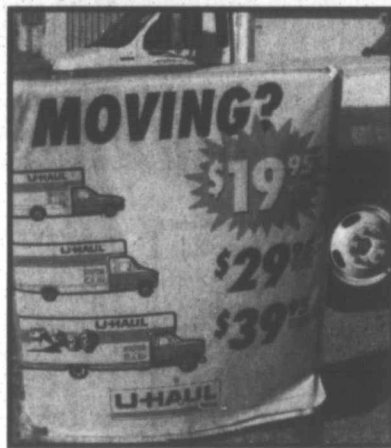
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# Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

**DEAR ABBY:** The letter from "No Dogs in the Car" you printed last year (Aug. 6) appeared one day too late for me. I pulled into a supermarket parking lot on a hot afternoon and, as I was getting out of my car, I heard a dog barking and whining. It was a sweet little Yorkshire terrier that had been locked in a brand-new luxury vehicle with the windows barely cracked open. I couldn't tell how long he had been there, but his barking suggested he was not comfortable. I walked over to see if I could open the door. A well-dressed woman came out of the store, saw me and shrieked, "Why are you standing next to my car?" I explained that because of the heat, her dog should not have been left in the enclosed vehicle. Her response? "Mind your own business, you dumb (rhymes-with-witch)!" she screamed and then stormed off. I read the letter in your column from "No Dogs" the following day and made a copy. I hope I run into that "charming" woman again so I can hand her one. -- **BONNIE'S MOM IN BEVERLY HILLS**

**DEAR BONNIE'S MOM:** Your letter is timely because in parts of the country the temperature is soaring. And people frequently forget how quickly the temperature rises in an enclosed vehicle. Every summer we hear sad stories about pets perishing in parked cars. But I digress. For your own safety, please don't hand that ill-mannered woman anything. Instead, leave it under her windshield wiper. Read on for what other readers say on this important subject:

**DEAR ABBY:** My animal services' phone number is programmed into my cell phone, and I used it recently when I saw a small dog locked in a hot car one afternoon. I called animal services and gave the location and description of the vehicle. An animal control officer arrived within five minutes and stuck a thermometer in the window. Determining that the dog wasn't in immediate danger, he left a one-hour notice on the vehicle. If the owner returned within the hour, he would get a warning. If, however, the officer returned in an hour and the owner still had not appeared, the officer would break in and release the poor animal. It's a useful number for animal lovers to keep on hand. -- **READER IN RENO, NEV.**

**DEAR ABBY:** According to the Arizona Humane Society, NEVER leave your pet in a parked car. Leaving a pet in a car on a hot day is not only against the law, it would lead to charges of animal cruelty. If you see an animal in a locked car, call your Humane Society Rescue Unit. They can respond more quickly than the police. But if the police are called, they can legally break a window. -- **P.V.S. IN PHOENIX**

**DEAR ABBY:** While attending the 1994 Gator National Drag Race in Gainesville, Fla., an announcement was made for the owners of an '89 Buick station wagon to please get their dog out of the car. Fifteen minutes later, a new announcement: "For the owners of the '89 Buick station wagon, we have good news and bad news. The good news is, your dog is fine. The bad news is, your passenger side window is now broken." Everyone in the stands cheered! -- **MITCH IN ROXBORO, N.C.**

**DEAR MITCH:** Thanks for writing. I love a happy ending.

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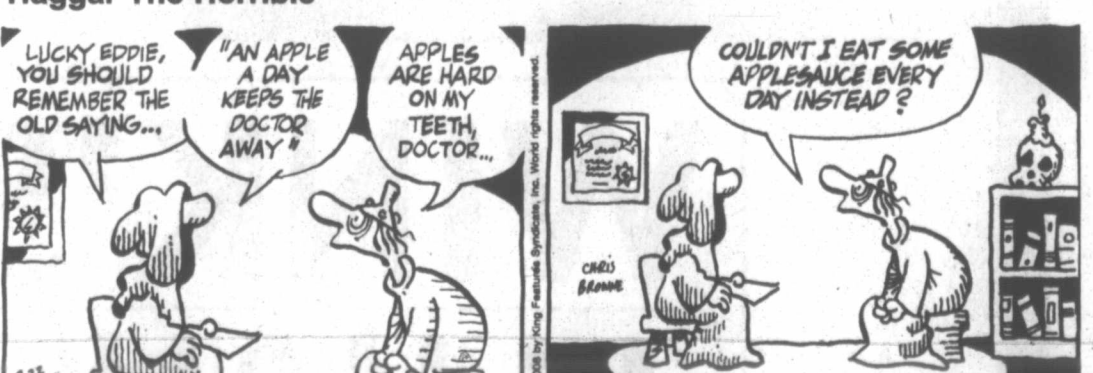
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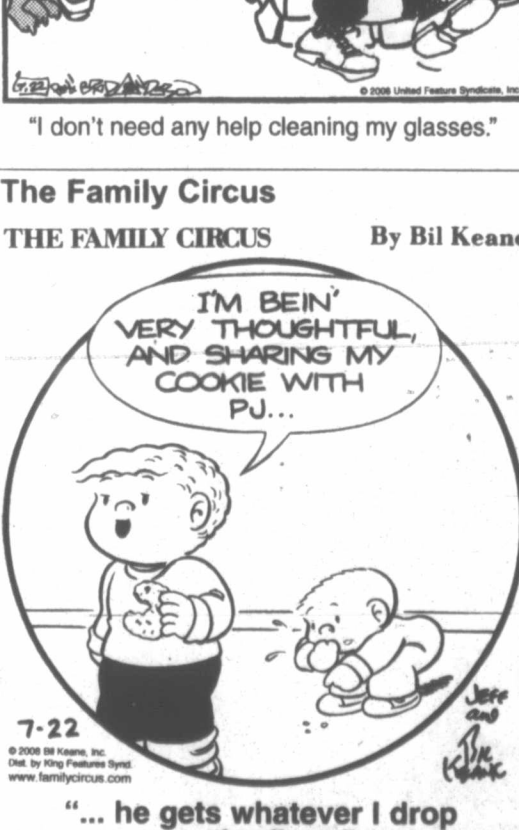
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# Mortgage giant rescue could cost \$25b

WASHINGTON (AP) — A federal rescue of troubled mortgage giants Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac could cost taxpayers as much as \$25 billion, Congress' top budget analyst said Tuesday.

But Peter R. Orszag, director of the Congressional Budget Office, predicted in a letter to lawmakers that there's a better than 50 percent chance the government will not have to step in to prop up the companies by lending them money or buying stock.

Congress is expected to vote this week on a housing measure that would give the Treasury Department authority to throw Fannie and Freddie a temporary lifeline.

Treasury Secretary Henry M. Paulson, who has been pressing for the power, says it's intended as a backup plan to help calm investors and stabilize financial markets.

Paulson said in a New York speech Tuesday that Congress needs to quickly approve a support package for Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac — which guarantee or own almost half of the home mortgages in the country — to make sure they maintain their critically important role in housing finance. He said their continued operations were "central to the speed with which we emerge from this housing correction."

Treasury officials confirmed that bank examiners from both the Federal Reserve and the Office of the Comptroller are currently inspecting the books at both Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. Paulson said in an interview published Tuesday in the New York Times that he believed the results of those examinations would provide an important signal of confidence for the markets.

After a period of market turbulence in which fears grew about the fiscal soundness of both institutions, the administration on July 13 unveiled a plan to provide unlimited government loans to the two mortgage giants and also to purchase stock in the two companies if needed. Paulson has stressed that the proposal is a backup effort that would be in effect for 18 months as a way to calm investor fears.

Critics have charged that the open-ended offer of support exposes taxpayers to billions of dollars of losses.

Paulson said that Fannie and Freddie have issued \$5 trillion in debt and mortgage backed securities. Of that amount more than \$3 trillion is held by U.S. financial institutions and over \$1.5 trillion is held by foreign institutions, making the stabilization of the two companies essential to the global

economy.

"Because of their size and scope, Fannie and Freddie's stability is critical to financial market stability," Paulson told an audience at the New York Public Library. "Investors in our nation and around the world need to know that we understand how important these institutions are to our capital markets broadly and to the U.S. economy."

During a question and answer period, Paulson said that housing was at the "heart of our nation's economy." He added that a key to turning the housing market around was bringing home buyers back into the market, an area where he

said Fannie and Freddie needed to play a critical role to provide mortgage financing.

The effort to provide support to the two mortgage giants follows the government's involvement in dealing with the near-collapse of Bear Stearns in March when the Federal Reserve provided a \$30 billion loan to facilitate the sale of Bear Stearns to JPMorgan.

AP reporters Candice Choi in New York and Jeannine Aversa in Washington contributed to this report.

## SHIITAKES

### Supporting small farm success

By Ann Perry  
ARS News

Shiitake (*Lentinula edodes*) mushrooms are good for you — and shiitake byproducts can be good for other crops.

These mushrooms contain high-molecular-weight polysaccharides (HMWP), which some studies suggest may improve human immune function. Other research indicates that the shiitake compound eritadenine may help lower cholesterol levels.

Agricultural Research Service (ARS) agronomist David Brauer has been studying shiitake production at the agency's Dale Bumpers Small Farm Research Center, Booneville, Ark. Working in collaboration with producers at the Shiitake Mushroom Center in Shirley, Ark., Brauer evaluated whether shiitakes grown on logs have higher levels of HMWP than shiitakes grown on commercial substrates.

The group inoculated logs with spores from three different shiitake varieties and compared the yield with shiitake yields grown on commercial substrates. They found that the log-grown shiitakes had HMWP levels as much as 70 percent higher than the substrate-grown shiitakes. The team also observed that shiitakes grown on red and white oak logs had higher levels of HMWP than shiitakes grown on sweet gum logs.

Logs used in shiitake production generally provide good yields for around two to three years. Larger shiitake farms may have 3,000 or more logs on the premises, and retire around 1,000 of them every year.

Not to let those used logs go to waste, Brauer's team chipped a selection of spent logs, added urea and green grass cuttings to the chips and then composted the mixture. They found that the nitrogen levels in the resulting compost were comparable to nitrogen levels in other purchased soil amendment materials.

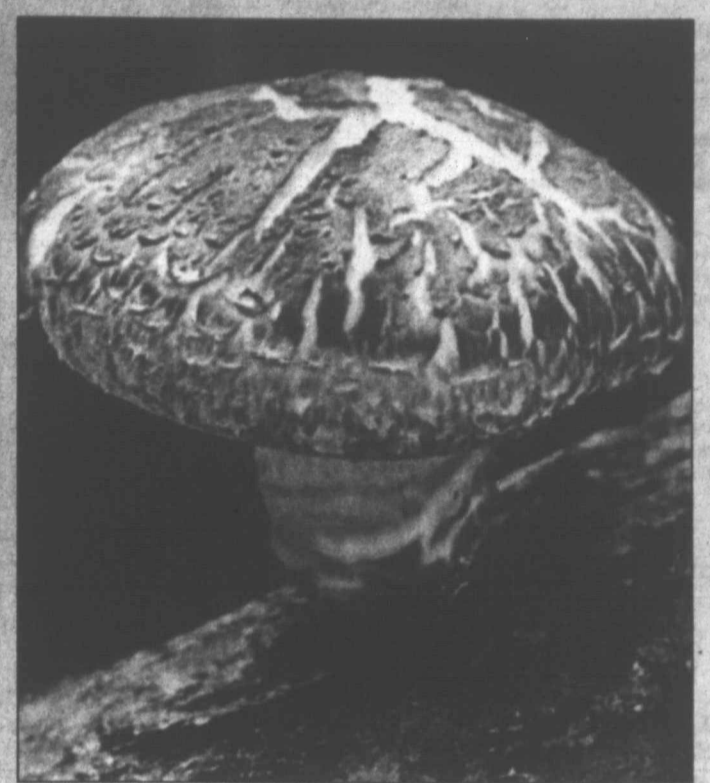


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Shiitake mushrooms grown on logs can have significantly higher levels of compounds that may improve human immune function than shiitakes grown on commercial substrate. Click the image for more information about it.

The researchers used the log compost to amend soil in a greenhouse spinach production system and found that the seedlings exhibited greater growth rates than seedlings cultivated in soil that had not been amended. Using recycled log compost provides another way for shiitake mushroom growers to increase their profits.

In 2004-2005, producers harvested approximately 9 million pounds of shiitake mushrooms, which sold for an average price of \$3.21 per pound. Brauer's findings lend a range of support to farmers interested in starting — or boosting profits from — log-grown shiitake production.

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

## Gas

Continued from Page 5 — and all pump "networks" say they will roll out more screens in new markets later this summer. None have released revenue figures, but all say they are growing.

These companies pay gas station owners "rent" in exchange for placing the flat screens above the pumps, and the retailers also can advertise specials or products inside the convenience store.

Once a customer starts the pump, the TV comes on — and stays on. There's no way to change the channel or mute the volume. So people usually tune in.

"It's a natural pause point in people's day," said David Leider of Gas Station TV, which is based in Detroit. "The customer is tied to the screen with an eight-foot rubber hose for five minutes."

It also appears that people remember what they see on the pump TVs: according to a Gas Station TV and Nielsen Media Research study, 70 percent of the people who watched the ads remembered the products advertised, and 89 percent of consumers surveyed were willing to buy a product after seeing an ad atop the pump.

"You can push people into the store," says John McLean, CEO of Fuelcast, which is based in Santa Monica, Calif.

Which is good news for retailers, who often have trouble luring customers inside.

"One of the pitfalls for convenience store owners these days is that people pay at the pump," said Richard Divine, head of the marketing department at Central Michigan University. "People don't want to go inside the store anymore. But at the gas pump, you've got a captive audience."

On a recent workday at a Shell station in Miami, the FuelCast screen above the pump aired 15-second ads for fuel-efficient Chevy cars, Norwegian Cruise Lines, and, of course, Shell gasoline.

Anna DaSilva, a 59-year-old retiree from Doral, Fla., said she had never seen the screens at gas stations until this month, when she fueled up at a Shell station near her home. DaSilva said she liked the idea not because of the ads but because it distracted her from the high gas prices.

"I think that's the whole purpose of the TVs," she said.

Orlando Garcia, a Miami engineer, didn't even look at the TV screen as it broadcast a Norwegian Cruise Lines ad at the Shell station on a recent workday. He was too busy pumping \$75 into the tank of his Range Rover.

"It doesn't bother me, but I'm not really paying much attention to it," shrugged the 37-year-old Garcia, a Miami engineer. "\$4.15 gas, now that bothers me."

## Nominees: U.S. Air Force must regain public's trust

WASHINGTON (AP) — The two men nominated to replace the ousted Air Force leadership said Tuesday they'll work to restore trust and confidence in the beleaguered service, under fire for poor handling of its nuclear duties and other missteps.

Michael Donley, the nominee for secretary of the Air Force, told a Senate confirmation hearing that service's senior leaders "are ready to put the difficulties of the past few months behind them ... to learn the appropriate lessons from these experiences and to move forward."

He appeared beside Gen. Norton A. Schwartz, who has been nominated for Air

Force chief of staff.

Senators want to hear what Donley and Schwartz will do to take the Air Force in a new direction. But some are skeptical about whether the leadership change can solve systemic problems at the service, especially with only six months left in the Bush administration.

Opening the hearing before the Senate Armed Services Committee, its chairman, Sen. Carl Levin, noted this is a "very very difficult time" for the Air Force. The Michigan Democrat told the nominees that their jobs "will be to fix the underlying problems and not just the symptoms."

## Battle

Continued from Page 5

of a sexual nature.

In January, the VA opened its 16th inpatient ward specializing in treating victims of military sexual trauma, this one in New Jersey. In response to complaints that it is too male-focused in its care, the VA is making changes such as adding keyless entry locks on hospital room doors so women patients feel safer.

Depression, anxiety, problem drinking, sexually transmitted diseases and domestic abuse are all problems that have been linked to sexual abuse, according to the Miles Foundation, a nonprofit group that provides support to victims of violence associated with the military. Since 2002, the foundation says it has received more than 1,000 reports of assault and rape in the U.S. Central Command areas of operation, which include Iraq and Afghanistan.

In most reports to the foundation, fellow U.S. service members have been named as the perpetrator, but contractors and local nationals also have been accused.

Plappert, 47, said she was raped by Iraqi men in 2003 at a store in Hillah, when she got separated from her group.

By the time the Navy Reserves commander returned home, she felt like she was "numb."

"I didn't feel anything," she said during an interview at her town home in south-central Pennsylvania. When her kids, now ages 10 and 12, hugged her, "I felt like I was being suffocated."

Plappert's marriage eventually fell apart. She credits treatment at the VA — as well as her artwork depicting trauma and recovery — with

helping her reconnect with her children. She left the military and is studying at Drexel University to become a psychiatric nurse practitioner while continuing to work as a civilian nurse.

She said it's hard for people outside a war environment to understand how living in high-stress, primitive conditions can affect your ability to make decisions. She didn't report the attack immediately, she said, because she felt an obligation to continue the mission and not burden others. She also wondered how the report would be perceived.

"What I've got to try to think is that there's got to be some reason why this has happened," said Plappert, who first recounted the assault to a VA counselor and eventually told her story to Defense Department and VA task forces. "I try to find something positive in the event."

Schapper, 35, of Washington, served with the Georgia Army National Guard on an outpost with few other women. She worked well as part of a military intelligence team with the men around her. It was in the down time that things got uncomfortable.

She shared a house with about 20 men, some of whom posted photos of scantily clothed women on the walls. She said her team leader, who lived in the house, frequently barged into her room and stared at her. The experience was unnerving, Schapper said, and she began changing clothes in the shower. But she never filed a formal complaint.

If she complained, Schapper figured, she'd be the one moved — not the other soldier.

"In military intelligence,

you work with Iraqis on a daily basis you get to know, and to move me would disrupt the team I was working with as well as disrupt the work I'd already done," Schapper said. "I didn't want to be moved, and basically I'd be punished in a sense."

Schapper said other female troops she has spoken with described similar experiences. One had her picture posted with "Slut of Bayji" written underneath. Another endured having a more senior enlisted soldier ask her favorite sexual position over a public radio, said Schapper, who has met with members of Congress on behalf of the nonpartisan advocacy group Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America.

Since returning to the U.S. in 2006, Schapper has gotten help for post-traumatic stress disorder at the VA in Washington. Group therapy with other Iraq veterans has been helpful, she said, but she wishes there was a women-only group.

Connie Best, a clinical psychologist and professor at the Medical University of South Carolina who retired from the Navy Reserves, said people typically think of sexual harassment as someone making a comment about someone's appearance, but it goes well beyond that. In a war environment, living and working with someone exhibiting harassing behavior can potentially have long-term effects on troops' health and performance.

"There's automatically this thing that sexual harassment is not a big deal, it's not as bad as rape, and indeed it often is not as distressing as a completed sexual assault, but it still can be something that highly affects

a person," Best said. Research also has found that working and living environments where unwanted sexual behaviors take place have been associated with increased odds of rape.

After high-profile attacks in Kuwait and Iraq, then-Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld convened a 2004 task force on the treatment and care of sexual assault victims. One change that followed was the creation of a confidential component in the military's reporting system, so a victim can come forward to get help without necessarily triggering an investigation.

In the fiscal year that ended Oct. 1, 131 rapes and assaults were reported in Iraq and Afghanistan, said Kaye Whitley, director of the Defense Department's sexual assault prevention and response office. Comparing that to previous years isn't possible because of changes in the way data was collected, she said.

The actual number is likely higher than what's reported. Among members of the military surveyed in 2006 who indicated they had experienced unwanted sexual contact, about 20 percent said they had reported it to an authority or organization.

This summer, the Pentagon is bringing experts together to come up with a more aggressive prevention strategy. It also is working with the nonprofit group Men Can Stop Rape to help teach troops how to identify warning signs of problems around them.

When victims do complain, too often the perpetrator is not moved out or punished, said Colleen Mussolino, national commander of the Women Veterans of America.

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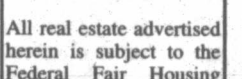
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# Services

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## Sunday, July 20

Fourteen traffic stops were made. One stop at the intersection of Atchison and Starkweather streets resulted in an arrest for possession of drug paraphernalia.

Traffic complaints were received from Highway 60 West, the intersection of Tyng and Starkweather streets, and the intersection of Crawford and Hobart streets.

Vehicle accidents were reported in the 300 block of East Brown, and the intersection of Barnes and Frederic streets.

Calls and stops concerning animals occurred in the 800 block of South Faulkner and the police department lobby.

Found property was reported in the 300 block of North Banks. A bicycle was found.

A welfare check was made in the 100 block of North Houston.

A civil matter was reported in the 1100 block of South Wells.

Suspicious person calls

were received from the 2600 block of North Hobart, the 800 block of Tyng and the 100 block of North Houston.

A suspicious vehicle call was received from the 200 block of Worrell.

Violation of a city ordinance was reported in the 1000 block of Darby.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 400 block of Pitts, the 1200 block of North Hobart, the 1500 block of Hamilton, the 100 block of North Warren and the 1700 block of Chestnut.

A narcotics violation was reported in the 2300 block of Rosewood. Threats were reported in the police department lobby and the 1400 block of North Hobart. At least one arrest was made in connection with the incident in the 1400 block of North Hobart.

Harassment was reported in the 100 block of North Sumner. A domestic disturbance was reported in the 600 block of North Sumner.

Two alarms were reported. One open door was

checked.

Theft was reported at the intersection of Hobart and Alcock streets. Fuel valued at \$79 was taken.

Theft was reported in the 900 block of Malone.

## Monday, July 21

Twelve traffic stops were made.

Traffic complaints were made in the 1800 block of North Hobart and the 1600 block of North Hobart.

Vehicle accidents were reported in the police department lobby, the 2200 block of Perryton Parkway, the intersection of Alcock Street and Price Road, the intersection of Duncan and Harvester streets, the 2800 block of Charles, the 500 block of Hazel and the 700 block of Malone.

Calls and stops concerning animals occurred in the 1100 block of Willow, the 1700 block of Aspen, the 700 block of Octavus, the 400 block of North Zimmers, the 700 block of North Wells, the 200 block of North Wells (twice), the 300 block of Jean, the 900 block of Barnard (twice), the 400 block of Williston, the 1900 block of North

Zimmers and the 300 block of North Faulkner.

Welfare checks were made in the 800 block of South Barnes, and the intersection of Duncan and Harvester streets.

Agency assistance was rendered in the 1100 block of Juniper, the 1100 block of Seneca and the 700 block of East Frederic.

Found property was reported in the 1600 block of West Somerville.

Warrant service was attempted on two occasions and resulted in at least two arrests.

Suspicious person calls were received from the 900 block of North Hobart, the 1000 block of Yeager and the 300 block of West 30th.

A suspicious vehicle call was received from the 900 block of Sierra.

A silent/abusive 911 call was received from the 1000 block of South Dwight.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 500 block of North Dwight.

Criminal trespass was reported at the intersection of Albert and Barnes streets.

Criminal mischief was

reported in the 700 block of North Sumner.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1000 block of Twiford. A vehicle was keyed. Estimated cost of damage is \$1,000.

Threats were reported in the 900 block of Osborn and the 2500 block of Perryton Parkway.

Telephone harassment was reported in the 600 block of North Zimmers and the police department lobby.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 400 block of Magnolia.

Assault was reported in the police department lobby, the 100 block of West 30th and the 2800 block of Charles.

Three alarms were reported.

Forgery was reported in the police department lobby.

Forgery was reported at United Supermarket, 1420 N. Hobart. The incident involved three occurrences with total estimated value of \$2,177.

Theft was reported at Wal-Mart Supercenter, 2801 Charles. Clothing valued at an estimated \$30 was taken.

Burglary was reported in the 2200 block of Aspen. An edger valued at \$216 was taken.

Burglary was reported in the 800 block of Beryl. Taken were a DVD player, a television, two pit bulls and an entertainment center. Estimated value of loss is \$8,400.

## Tuesday, July 22

Three traffic stops were made.

A call concerning animals was received from the 900 block of Brunow.

Suspicious person calls were received from the 300 block of North Warren, the 900 block of Alcock, the 100 block of East Harvester, the intersection of Municipal Drive and Hobart Street, and twice from the 100 block of North Hobart.

Suspicious vehicle calls were received from the 700 block of Malone and Recreation Park. The incident in the 700 block of Malone involved a stolen vehicle which was recovered. Estimated value of the vehicle is \$2,500. One open door was checked.

## Rice to press N-Korea envoy on nukes

SINGAPORE (AP) — Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice hopes to judge North Korea's seriousness about abandoning nuclear weapons when she holds the Bush administration's highest-level talks in four years with the Stalinist state this week.

The North has been given a four-page draft document laying out what the United States wants from it to prove it has told the truth about its past atomic programs. Rice expects Pyongyang's foreign minister to provide at least an initial response to the proposal at Wednesday's meeting.

"It will give some indication of the amount of effort the North Koreans have put into the completing this verification protocol," chief U.S. negotiator Christopher Hill said Tuesday.

The draft calls for intrusive inspections of North Korean nuclear facilities, soil sampling and interviews with key scientists. It was presented to the North Koreans earlier this month by Hill and representatives of the other four nations pushing the denuclearization effort.

Hill said the goal is to reach a formal agreement on the document by mid-August after negotiations on the fine points, some of which the North Koreans have already objected to.

"They made some preliminary comments and indicated some problems with it," he told reporters accompanying Rice to an Asian security forum in Singapore where she

will see North Korean Foreign Minister Pak Ui Chun and their counterparts from China, Japan, South Korea and Russia.

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After talks with Hill on Tuesday, South Korea's main nuclear envoy Kim Sook said: "The ball is actually in the North Korean court because they already received the draft of the verification protocol."

If Pyongyang agrees to the proposal, it would lead to the start of a key process of checking if the North turned in a correct account of its nuclear activity and facilities last month in a step toward their dismantlement.

Verification is expected to take months to finish and the Bush administration is eager to make quick progress in its last six months in office.

Officials, including Rice, who will be meeting a North Korean foreign minister for the first time, have played down chances of any breakthrough at Wednesday's meeting, which has been organized by China as an informal session.

But Chinese Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi said, though, that he thought the gathering "will be very good for advancing the agenda of the talks."

Rice herself said she would deliver "a very strong message" that the process "really needs to be completed, and that it has to be a verification protocol that can give us confidence."

Although Rice refused to describe the meeting as an historic or landmark event, it will be the Bush administration's highest-level contact since 2004 with North Korea, a charter member of the president's "axis of evil."

It comes amid positive developments in the six-nation effort to get the North to denuclearize. The campaign began in 2003, but then stalled and gained steam only after Pyongyang detonated an atomic device in 2006.

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## Senate moves ahead with oil speculation bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate voted Tuesday to move ahead with a Democratic plan to curb speculation in oil markets that has been blamed for some of the recent run-up in oil prices.

The 94-0 vote clears a procedural hurdle for the legislation, which would require the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, or CFTC, to set limits on trading in oil markets by investors and speculators.

Despite the big tally, however, the rival parties are bitterly divided on how to address high gasoline prices and the underlying stalemate remains in place.

The rapid increases in oil prices have coincided with big rises in trading on oil future markets and investment in oil by pension and hedge funds. Democrats say much of the recent increases in oil prices are due to speculation and investment by people who have no intention of taking possession of the commodities.

"The demand for 'paper barrels' ... has begun to swamp the price signals that are generated by the more traditional hedgers and the large producers and the consumers of petroleum products in tune to the real time dynamics of supply and demand," said Energy Committee Chairman Jeff Bingaman, D-N.M.

Republicans said the bill would have little if any effect and said Congress should instead lift a ban on offshore drilling along the Atlantic and Pacific coasts and the eastern Gulf of Mexico.

They protested that Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-NeV., appears determined to block a vote on allowing more offshore drilling, despite opinion polon — a very narrow part of the problem — is a serious approach," said Minority Leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky.

Given Democrats' refusal to permit a vote on more exploration, Republicans are likely to ultimately block the measure unless they are permitted to offer more amendments. The bickering promises to consume the Senate for several days.

The debate is being driven by more than record oil prices. Presidential politics and the looming elections for control of Congress are coloring lawmakers' every move.

To a remarkable degree, the energy debate has been dominated by the question of whether to open up more Outer Continental Shelf waters to oil exploration. Most Democrats, led by Reid and House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., oppose the idea.

But Democrats are on the defensive since voters — though not Democratic-friendly environmentalists — increasingly support more oil exploration. If the idea was allowed an up-or-down vote, enough Democrats would likely defect and side with most Republicans for it to pass.

Sen. John McCain of Arizona, the presumptive GOP presidential nominee, recently reversed his position to favor new offshore drilling leases, though he remains opposed to opening up the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to oil companies.

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<b>ASSTD MASH POTATOES OR MAC &amp; CHEESE</b> - 20-24 OZ <b>Owens Sides</b> .. 2 for \$5	<b>OSCAR MAYER ALL VARIETIES SMOKED/COOKED</b> - 6 OZ <b>Ham/Turkey Breast</b> 2 for \$4
<b>HORMEL REG OR HOT LINKS OR PATTIES</b> - 10-12 OZ <b>Little Sizzlers</b> ..... \$1	<b>OSCAR MAYER SELECT VARIETIES DELI STYLE SLICED</b> - 6 OZ <b>Ham/Turkey</b> . 2 for \$4
<b>SHURFINE QUALITY</b> - 12 OZ <b>Sliced Bacon</b> .. 2 for \$4	<b>SEA BEST BREADED JUMBO</b> - 10 OZ <b>Butterfly Shrimp</b> ... \$3
<b>PULGRIN'S PRIDE JUMBO PACK Drumsticks/Thighs</b> LB \$1	<b>FARM RAISED - PRODUCT OF USA Catfish Fillets</b> LB \$3
<b>FAMILY PACK PREFERRED TRIM BONELESS SIRLOIN CUT Pork Chops</b> ..... LB \$2	<b>FLANDERS FAMILY PACK</b> - 5 LB WITH T.V.P. <b>Beef Patties</b> ..... \$7
<b>FRESH Pork Spareribs</b> ... LB \$2	<b>TEJANO</b> - 12 OZ <b>Chub Chorizo</b> . 2 for \$3
<b>PREFERRED TRIM BONELESS BEEF "LONDON BROIL"</b> <b>Top Round Roast</b> LB \$3	<b>WHERE AVAILABLE - FAMILY PACKED 3 LB</b> <b>Tejano Hot Links</b> .... \$5
<b>PREFERRED TRIM BONELESS BEEF Top Round Steak</b> LB \$3	<b>WHERE AVAILABLE - TEJANO RED 1 LB</b> <b>Hot Links</b> ..... 2 for \$4
<b>PREFERRED TRIM BONE IN BEEF Ribeye Steak</b> .... LB \$6	<b>SEÑOR RICO ASSORTED 4 OZ CUPS 12 PACK</b> <b>Gelatin Snacks</b> ..... \$4
<b>TENDERIZED Beef Cube Steak</b> . LB \$3	<b>SEÑOR RICO - 9 OZ</b> <b>Rice Pudding</b> .. 3 for \$3

## WEEKLY SPECIALS

<b>ASSORTED FLAVORS - 12 OZ CANS - 12 PACK</b> <b>Shurfine Soda</b> . 5 for \$10	<b>TOSTADA ROUNDS, MACHO CHEESE OR RESTAURANT STYLE TORTILLA</b> - 30 OZ <b>Shurfine Chips</b> .. 2 for \$6
<b>TENDER CRUST CRACKED WHEAT</b> - 24 OZ <b>Bread</b> ..... \$1.19	<b>PRODUCTOS CALIENTES - VALENTINA HOT OR EXTRA HOT</b> - 34 OZ <b>Salsa Picante</b> ... 5 for \$5
<b>LAY'S OR WAVY LAY'S</b> - 11.5-12.5 OZ - REG \$3.79 <b>Potato Chips</b> ..... 2 for \$6	<b>SELECTED VARIETIES - 1 LITER</b> <b>Jumex</b> ..... \$1.29
<b>SPICY BROWN OR CLASSIC YELLOW</b> - 12-14 OZ <b>French's Mustard</b> 5 for \$5	<b>PRODUCTOS CALIENTES - TOTO CHICO</b> - 12 PACK <b>Mineral Water</b> .... \$6.99
<b>SELECTED VARIETIES - 5.13-6 OZ</b> <b>Pringles Potato Crisps</b> 5 for \$5	<b>PRODUCTOS CALIENTES - POWDERED DETERGENT</b> - 70.5 OZ <b>Foca or Roma</b> ..... \$2.99
<b>PAPER TOWELS - 6 ROLL</b> <b>Sparkle</b> ..... \$5.99	<b>SHURFINE SELECTED VARIETIES - 10-12 OZ</b> <b>Premium Chocolate</b> 2 for \$5
<b>ORIG BLUE, WITH VINEGAR, MULTI-SURFACE</b> 32.5 OZ <b>Windex Cleaner</b> . 2 for \$5	<b>24 OZ UPRIGHT OR 20 OZ UPSIDE DOWN</b> <b>Hunt's Ketchup</b> .. 5 for \$5
<b>ORIGINAL, MESQUITE OR HICKORY</b> 17-18 LBS <b>Kingsford Charcoal</b> \$5.99	<b>PETER PAN SELECT VARIETIES - 17.0-18 OZ</b> <b>Peanut Butter</b> .... 2 for \$4
<b>KC MASTERPIECE ASSORTED VARIETIES - 18 OZ</b> <b>Barbecue Sauce</b> 2 for \$3	<b>SELECT VARIETIES PRESERVES OR JELLY</b> 18 OZ <b>Blackburn's</b> ..... 2 for \$4
<b>SHURFINE - 32OZ</b> <b>Hamburger Dill Chips</b> ..... 4 for \$5	<b>SPAGHETTI WITH MEATBALLS OR FRANKS, OR BEEF RAVIOLI</b> - 14.7-15 OZ <b>Chef Boyadee</b> ..... \$1.19
<b>SHURFINE - 10 OZ</b> <b>Sweet Relish</b> ..... 89¢	<b>NORTHERN REGULAR OR ULTRA DOUBLE ROLL 4 ROLL</b> <b>Bath Tissue</b> ..... 2 for \$6

**REGULAR OR HOT Owens Sausage**

**2 LB ROLL \$3**

**FRESH PRODUCE**

**HONEYDEW OR LARGE CANTELOUPE Melons** 2 for \$3

**ASSORTED VARIETIES 1/2 GALSQUARE CTN Blue Bunny Ice Cream** 2 for \$6

**ORIGINAL OR LIGHT 24 OZ CTN Daisy Sour Cream** 2 for \$5

<b>CELLO PACK - 4 CT</b> <b>Tomatoes</b> ..... 2 for \$3	<b>PEELED Baby Carrots</b> ..... 2 LB \$2
<b>BREAKFAST SIZE Grapefruit</b> ..... 3 for \$1	<b>FRESH Sweet Potatoes</b> .... LB 79¢
<b>JUICY Limes</b> ..... 10 for \$1	<b>YELLOW OR ZUCCHINI Squash</b> ..... LB 99¢
<b>ROMAINE OR FIELD GREENS - 8-10 OZ</b> <b>Dole Salad Blends</b> 2 for \$5	<b>TROPICAL Coconuts</b> ..... EACH 99¢
<b>CELLO PACKED SLICED - 8 OZ</b> <b>Mushrooms</b> ..... 2 for \$4	<b>VALENCIA Oranges</b> ..... LB 69¢
<b>RED DELICIOUS OR GRANNY SMITH</b> <b>Fresh Apples</b> ..... LB \$1.29	<b>RED RIPE Strawberries</b> ... LB 2 for \$5

## FROZEN & DAIRY

<b>ASSORTED VARIETIES - 10-12 ct</b> <b>Blue Bunny Novelties</b> ..... \$3.49	<b>BIRDS EYE - 4 CT</b> <b>Corn on the Cob</b> 2 for \$4
<b>WEIGHT WATCHERS SELECTED VARIETIES - 6-10 OZ</b> <b>Smart One Entrees</b> 2 for \$5	<b>SHURFINE ORG OR PLUS CALCIUM - GAL</b> <b>Chilled Orange Juice</b> .... \$3.99
<b>RANQUET SELECTED VARIETIES - 7 OZ</b> <b>Pot Pies</b> ..... 4 for \$3	<b>SELECT VARIETIES - 4-6 OZ</b> <b>Yoplait Yogurt</b> ..... 59¢

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