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Medien Fund

A fund to help with medical expenses for Merry Jenkins and to benefit her family has been set up at Cabot & NOI Employees' Credit Union, 320 W. Francis.

By **MARILYN POWERS**
Staff Writer

There is "no evidence of anything other than a tragic accident" as the cause of an explosion at Titan Specialties which killed one employee and injured two others at about 7:30 a.m., Tuesday, according to Gray County Sheriff's Department Chief

Deputy Kelly Rushing.

The explosion occurred in a laboratory in the rear of the Titan office building which is part of the company's perforating division, west of Pampa on Texas Highway 152.

Karen Standefer, 41, was killed in the blast. Merry Jenkins was transported by Rural Metro Ambulance to a rendezvous with a LifeStar medical trans-

port helicopter, then flown to a Lubbock burn center. She remains in critical but stable condition as of this morning, according to Rushing.

A third victim, Ron Hurst, suffered injuries to his right hand. Hurst remained at the scene with his hand bandaged.

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By **DAVID BOWSER**
Staff Writer

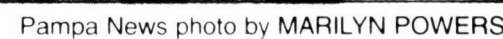
The City of Pampa took another step this week toward billing insurance carriers for non-residential fire services.

Pampa City Commission Tuesday approved on second and final reading a fee schedule for fire and emergency services that will pave the way for a contract with Revenue Rescue, a private collection company that will bill insurance companies covering commercial fires, vehicle accidents and hazardous material incidents in which the Pampa Fire Department is called.

The commission met in special session Tuesday afternoon and canceled their regularly scheduled meeting next Tuesday, July 13. Mayor Lomny Robbins explained that several of the commissioners would be out of town next week and there would not be enough for a quorum.

Pampa Fire Chief Kim Powell told the commission in June that the city now bills insurance companies in accidents involving

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Harlan Rhoades of Midland entertains a roomful of youngsters in Lovett Memorial Library's Auditorium this morning as part of the library's summer reading program. Rhoades, a magician, used sleight-of-hand to make items appear, disappear and change into other things, sometimes with the help of the audience.

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — The Iraqi government issued a long-anticipated package of security laws Wednesday to help crush insurgents, including a provision allowing interim Prime Minister Iyad Allawi to impose martial law.

"The lives of the Iraqi people are in danger, they are in danger from evil forces, from gangs of terrorists," said Human Rights Minister Bakhityar Amin, who compared the new law to the U.S. Patriot Act.

As the plan was announced,

masked gunmen battled Iraqi forces in central Baghdad, and at least four people were killed. Mortars landed near a residence used by Allawi, and Iraqi police also defused a massive car bomb

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By **DAVID BOWSER**
Staff Writer

Recent storms in Pampa have caused extensive damage to M.K. Brown Auditorium and Civic Center. That's both good and bad, according to city officials.

The Pampa City Commission voted in June to spend \$137,000 to

repair the roof on the building, but damage from this summer's storms may be covered by the city's insurance. City officials said they think the insurance coverage will help extend city finances and allow other work to be done on the building.

Heavy rains and leaks in the auditorium roof have caused ceiling tiles to fall. City Secretary Phyllis Jeffers

told the Pampa City Commission Tuesday.

The city had delayed repairs to the building for the past several years due to decreasing budgets.

Jeffers also presented a plan to the commission calling for increased damage deposits for use of the auditorium in connection with events held there that involved

alcoholic beverages.

She said the \$600 deposit, which the city presently requires, is not adequate to cover damage done to the facility during recent events. Jeffers said that when people who have used the facility have failed to clean up, the city has to call in a crew to do the job.

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Emergency Services

Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department today reported the following incidents and arrests.

Monday, July 5

A bicycle was found in the 2100 block of Coffee. Estimated value of the property is less than \$50.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 2100 block of Coffee. A car window valued at approximately \$200 was broken.

Tuesday, July 6

A domestic disturbance between two siblings was reported in the 900 block of Varnon. No injuries were reported.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1200 block of Hobart. The incident involved vehicle parts valued at approximately \$190.

Criminal mischief was reported at Mc's Car Wash, 1901 N. Hobart. An estimated \$10 worth of damage was done to an operator box.

Roger Juan Pineda, 22, 408 N. Hill, was arrested in the 1300 block of Rham for probation violation on a charge of assault causing bodily injury to a family member.

Wednesday, July 7

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 1000 block of East Kingsmill. An hand-held two-way radio valued at approximately \$1,500 was taken.

Sheriff

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

Tuesday, July 6

Joshua Allen Brown, 19, 423 Carr, was arrested for simple assault and failure to appear.

Fire

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

Tuesday, July 6

7:34 a.m. — Six units and 12 firefighters responded to an explosion at Titan Specialties, west of Pampa on Texas Highway 152. Firefighters secured the scene and stood by while officials investigated.

9:55 a.m. — One unit and two firefighters responded to a double motor vehicle collision in the 200 block of South Hobart. Firefighters cleaned up a small amount of gasoline from a two vehicle collision. Another unit and three firefighters were called to the scene to clean up hydraulic fluid from a back hoe on a trailer striking the overpass.

9:29 p.m. — Two units and six firefighters responded to a report of smoke odor in the 1200 block of Mary Ellen. No fire was found.

Ambulance

Rural/Metro Ambulance reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Tuesday, July 6

7:33 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Highway 152 with a patient(s) for transport by LifeStar helicopter.

7:39 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Highway 152 on a standby.

9:57 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 100 block of Hobart.

10:03 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 100 block of Hobart. No transport.

11:07 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 500 block of Doucette on a call for lifting assistance.

1:28 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2100 block of North Coffee and transported a patient(s) to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

2:43 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient(s) to Borger.

5 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1400 block of Somerville on a call for lifting assistance.

7:36 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 500 block of Doucette and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

10:05 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1800 block of Hamilton and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

Federal prosecutors get new directives for criminal cases

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Justice Department is adding significantly to the workload for federal prosecutors, telling them they must include far more information in criminal indictments and seek additional indictments in thousands of pending cases to comply with a Supreme Court decision.

The Bush administration is fashioning a legal defense to that ruling, which has led several judges to declare federal sentencing guidelines unconstitutional.

In a memo to federal prosecutors, Deputy Attorney General James

Comey spelled out changes to be followed while the government defends the guidelines.

The nearly 20-year-old system of sentencing people convicted in federal court was called into question by the Supreme Court's ruling late last month in a state sentencing case.

Justices said only juries, not judges, can decide factors that lengthen prison terms beyond maximums spelled out in state sentencing guidelines.

The ruling also appears to give defendants a right to demand that every factor that could lengthen a sentence be put to a jury and proved beyond reasonable doubt.

Comey said the government does not believe that ruling should apply to federal judges, who often make factual determinations that add years to prison sentences.

To be on the safe side, however, he said prosecutors should include aggravating factors in indictments that could add time to prison sentences, to be decided by a jury. Comey said that new indictments should be sought with that information in pending cases.

"In light of the unpredictable future path of court rulings, it is prudent for the government to protect against the possibility that such allegations in indictments will be held necessary," Comey wrote in the memo dated Friday.

He also said defendants pleading guilty should sign waivers that agree to let a judge decide their fates.

Kent Scheidegger, legal director of the Criminal Justice Legal Foundation, said Tuesday that the directives mean more work for prosecutors but the changes are smart.

"I think any prosecuting agency that doesn't protect itself would be foolish," he said.

In addition, Comey said that judges should be encouraged to give two sentences, one under the old system and one to be used if federal sentencing guidelines are declared unconstitutional by the Supreme Court.

"I don't think there are any answers to anything," said Susan Klein, a former federal prosecutor who teaches law at the University of Texas at Austin.

She said despite the government's position, judges around the country disagree and the ultimate authority will be the Supreme Court. "Things are going to be a mess until that happens," she said.

In the Blakely v. Washington decision, the court said a wealthy Washington state rancher was wrongly given a longer sentence for kidnapping his estranged wife in 1998. Ralph Howard Blakely II pleaded guilty in a deal with prosecutors and expected a sentence of about four years as set in state sentencing guidelines.

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Criminal Justice Legal Foundation

Church groups lead protest mission to Cuba

SAN JUAN, Texas (AP)

Old school buses emblazoned with pro-Cuba slogans were assembled at the U.S.-Mexico border for the 14th annual delivery of goods to the communist island in violation of U.S. embargo.

Pastors for Peace this year filled nine buses with donations including medical, sports, and office equipment gathered by church and other groups in 127 cities. The buses were to cross the Mexican border Wednesday.

More than 100 volunteers from around the nation and several foreign countries planned to ride in the caravan from the border to Tampico, Mexico, where they will load the goods, including the buses, onto boats bound for Cuba.

The volunteers planned to fly to Cuba to help church groups there distribute the aid.

The U.S. embargo with Cuba is now in its fourth decade. President Bush last week stepped up the embargo with more stringent restrictions on U.S. residents' travel to visit family there.

"It's a policy that has no redeeming value," said the Rev. Lucas Walker, a New Jersey pastor who founded Pastors for Peace. "What we're doing is an act of civil disobedience to a higher power that says you should love your neighbor."

The group violates the embargo by refusing to apply for documentation to export to Cuba and by using Mexico to bypass U.S. restrictions to Cuba.

Abelardo Ateaga, 82, arrived in Texas on Tuesday on one of three buses from Florida.

He clutched a picture of his 92-year-old sister and said the people he had grown up with on the island were suffering from the continued embargo.

The group's inaugural "Friendship Caravan" in 1992 drew attention when news cameras filmed federal border officials trying to wrest a load of Bibles from a Catholic priest.

In 1993, 13 members of the group staged a 23-day hunger fast on one of the buses to protest border officials' attempt to seize their vehicle.

There was a 32-day fast in 1996, after the government seized computers they were delivering.

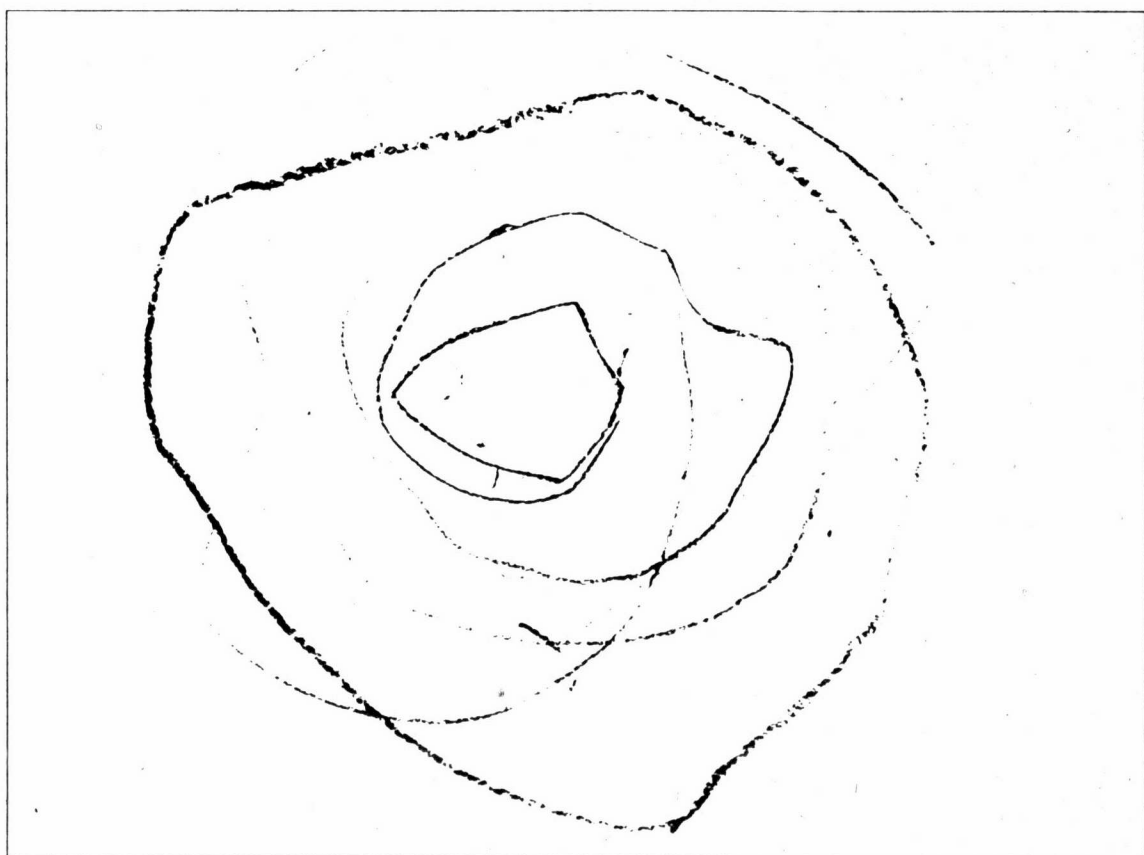
The caravans have in recent years passed through the border without much incident.

U.S. Customs and Border Protection spokesman Rick Pauza said Monday that the group had been given license as a peace organization to pass through Customs.

Molly Millerwise of the Office of Foreign Assets Control, which regulates U.S. travel in Cuba, said the Bush administration stood by its decision to keep wealth from entering Cuba and strengthening the Fidel Castro regime.

U.S. family members were spending too much money during visits to Cuba, she said, and the money was being funneled to Castro.

Gray County Weather



Payton Hicks, 3, of For Heaven's Sake Daycare & Preschool, draws a "Tornado."

Today: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms.

Partly cloudy, with a high around 90. South wind between 5 and 15 mph.

Tonight: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms.

Partly cloudy, with a low around 65. South wind between 15 and 20 mph.

Thursday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before 7 a.m.

Partly cloudy, with a high around 93.

Windy, with a south southwest wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 67.

Windy, with a south wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.



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Titan

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In other business City Manager reported to the that the city is with its plans web site on the

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Pampa News photo by DEE DEE LARAMORE

The line forms to the back

Cars and trucks form a long line in the southbound lane of South Hobart Street as firefighters and city street department employees work to clean up fluids and debris from a double-collision at the overpass shortly before 10 a.m., Tuesday. Details of the two collisions were not available from the Pampa Police Department at press time. According to Pampa Fire Department reports, hydraulic fluid was spilled when a back hoe on a trailer struck the top of the overpass and a small amount of gasoline was spilled when two vehicles collided. Both calls came in to the fire department at 9:55 a.m. Two units and five firefighters responded.

Titan

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"At approximately 7:30 this morning, an explosion occurred at Titan's Pampa facility which resulted in the tragic loss to our company and community. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family and friends of Karen, Standefer. We also extend to Merry Jenkins our concern and prayers for her speedy recovery," said William J. Berry, president of Titan Specialties, Ltd., in a news release distributed last night.

"Titan is cooperating fully with investigators at this time to determine the exact cause of this tragic accident. Because the investigation is ongoing, the company does not wish to speculate or comment further at this time," Berry said in the release.

The northwest corner of the building in which the explosion occurred was blown out. Bystanders said they had heard a single large explosion, possibly followed

by a smaller one.

Emergency personnel rushed to the scene, including Gray County Sheriff's Department, Pampa Fire Department, Texas Department of Public Safety and Pampa Police Department, along with Titan's own employees.

"They had emergency people out there immediately," said Sheriff Don Copeland.

Atmos Energy and Xcel Energy were called to stop natural gas and electric service, respectively, to the explosion site. Atmos was to return to the site this morning to test a line in connection with the incident, Rushing said.

Emergency personnel outside the immediate Pampa area also responded, offering their services to assist Rural/Metro Ambulance.

Lefors Volunteer Ambulance and Panhandle

Volunteer Ambulance sent one ambulance and crew, and White Deer Volunteer EMS sent two ambulances with crews, said Peggy Coleman of Rural/Metro. The Panhandle ambulance was "halfway here" from Panhandle when it became

evident that only three victims were involved in the blast, Coleman said, and were told they could return to Panhandle.

"We want to acknowledge their help even if they didn't get here," she said.

"We know that if something bad happens, Pampa has some excellent assistance out there that's wonderful," Coleman said.

The Lefors and White Deer ambulances arrived at Titan within minutes after Rural/Metro and stayed "until we knew for sure no one else would need trans-

portation. White Deer left one of their units in town to assist with regular calls and stayed until 30 or 45 minutes after we released the other units," Coleman said.

Agents with the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) arrived yesterday to take part in the investigation of the Titan explosion, Rushing said. The state fire marshal was also notified of the incident, he said.

"We called in ATF because they will respond to any explosion of unknown origin, and they are explosives experts. We wanted the best people we could get in here to help us with it," Rushing said.

Gray County Sheriff's Department is continuing to investigate the explosion and the case remains open at this time, Rushing said.

A fund to help with medical expenses for Jenkins and to benefit her family has been set up at Cabot & NOI Employees' Credit Union, 320 W. Francis. For more information on the trust fund, call 655-0847.

City

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hazardous waste, but the city is not organized to follow up on such collections. Revenue Rescue, a company used by about two dozen cities and counties in Texas, specializes in such collections. In return for its services, the private collection company will keep 20 percent of what it collects.

City staff estimated that the city will gain about \$25,000 a year through such collections.

In other business, Interim City Manager John Horst reported to the commission that the city is moving ahead with its plans to establish a web site on the Internet.

He also reported that there had been interest by several people in renting a parcel of land donated to the Pampa Economic Development Corporation by Celanese, but Horst said that the city cannot do anything with the land

until the PEDC is dissolved. He said the land, which is located near the prison, is presently being leased for agricultural purposes on a yearly contract.

Horst said the matter is on the PEDC agenda for their July 12 meeting.

"This may ride another year until PEDC dissolves," Horst said.

The Texas Railroad Commission is expanding the space they lease in Pampa City Hall, Horst told the mayor and commissioners. While the Railroad Commission had expressed an interest in expanding their offices, Horst said there had been some confusion over storage and the amount of space they could lease under state guidelines. He said those problems had been resolved.

"That was cleared up today," Horst told the com-

mission at their special meeting Tuesday afternoon. "I don't see any stumbling blocks."

Horst said he expected the Railroad Commission to sign a new lease by Sept. 1. The lease, he said, has already been approved by the state.

Richard Morris, director of public works for the city, presented preliminary drawings of a planned business incubator in what is now the McCarty-Hull warehouse, 822 E. Foster.

The incubator will be run by the Small Business Center at West Texas A&M University. The center will pay the city \$25,000 to begin construction on the project

and pay another \$25,000 when the construction is complete.

Morris said the construction project will be bid out.

Horst said repair work is also being done on the former Marie Foundations building on Foster Street, across the street from the McCarty-Hull warehouse. The Pampa Industrial Foundation is paying for those repairs, he said.

The commission also heard reports on two new statues at Lovett Memorial Library, repairs to M.K. Brown Auditorium and Civic Center, proposed requirements for events with alcoholic beverages at the auditorium, fire department needs, the lack of narcotics funding, the city seal coating project, the opening of a new cell at the landfill, bridge repair, state water inspection and mosquito control.

Roof

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Jeffers said there would be a waiver for governmental groups or corporate organizations.

City officials said they have had to remove gum from the carpet and pry bottle tops out of the parquet floor, tedious and time-consuming tasks.

City staff wants to require those who use the facility to provide minimum liability insurance of not less than \$1,000 per injury, \$3,000 for accidents and \$1 million for property damage.

Under the new proposal, no alcohol could be served before police officers are at the auditorium and could not be served after midnight on Mondays through Fridays or

after 1 a.m. on Saturdays.

Jeffers said they are also recommending the facility be smoke free.

"Most major events," she said, "are non-smoking."

Commissioner Ray Boring, who works for an insurance agency, said the policy the city has now is little more than a liability policy and does not cover damage to the building.

City Manager John Horst said that the new rules would apply only to high risk events involving alcoholic beverages.

"Any time there's alcohol," Jeffers said, "we consider it a high risk event."

Mayor Lonny Robbins said they while he wanted to make sure the costs to the city were covered by anyone renting the auditorium, he also didn't want to make renting the facility cost-prohibitive.

Law

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elsewhere in the capital.

The new laws give Allawi the right to impose curfews, to conduct search operations and detain individuals with weapons, once he receives unanimous approval from the Presidential Council. They also give him the right to assign governors, including military leaders, in specific areas, and they empow-

er him to freeze the assets of suspects and monitor their communications.

Allawi signed the law earlier in the day, officials said.

The Presidential Council is made up of a president and two vice presidents.

Justice Minister Malik Dohan al-Hassan said the premier would need to get warrants from an Iraqi court for each step and said martial law could only be declared for 60 days or for the duration of the specific violence.

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Viewpoints

An interesting man looks at tough problems

I would like to recommend an author. I had known something of the man for a number of years, but I'd never read any of his books. The man is George Soros, a billionaire probably best known at this point for donating \$15 million to defeat George Bush.

Even if you disagree with him or dislike him, Soros has such an interesting mind that he's worth reading. He is an unconventional thinker and is not afraid to challenge the platitudes that underlie global society.

For example, it is a given among classical economists that markets, if left alone, will always tend toward equilibrium. No, they won't, Soros says, because markets

are inherently unstable, nor does laissez-faire capitalism fairly distribute the goods and services of society.

What capitalism does, unrestrained by government or morality, is make some people very rich and most people very poor.

Soros, as he admits in one of his books, has made so much money in the markets that he can say what he pleases. Having survived two closed societies — Nazism and communism — Soros, a Hungarian Jew, has been devoting a large part of his fortune to fostering open societies. Since I am far from being a financier or a supporter of global capitalism, I figured I could learn something from this guy.

And I have.

He has developed an interesting idea he calls "reflexivity." He cites the boom-and-bust cycle as one example of it. As best I can understand him, people have both perceptions and expectations of certain outcomes. However, their expectations can affect the outcome in any human transaction. During the high-tech bubble, people expected high-tech stocks to keep going up, and because people were buying them, they did. Eventually, however, it became clear that most

of those companies couldn't sustain the value of their stock. Then expectations reversed, people dumped the stocks, and the prices went down.

He therefore makes a sharp distinction between science and what is incorrectly called social science. Science deals with natural laws, which are not and cannot be affected by human expectations or beliefs. Theories can be tested by experiment. In human interactions, however, expectations and beliefs can and do affect outcomes.

Charley Reese
Columnist



I can give you an example. In the 1950s, Americans were reconciled about the Civil War. It was generally agreed that it was a good thing the union was preserved, but that the Confederate soldiers deserved respect for their bravery and sacrifice. No one thought anything of displaying a Confederate flag. In public concerts, bands often played "Dixie," followed by "Battle Hymn of the Republic."

Beginning in the 1990s, when the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People decided to attack all Confederate images as symbols of slavery, people's thinking changed. Today,

few bands would dare play "Dixie," and displaying a Confederate flag can be an invitation to a fight. Well, the facts of history didn't change, but what changed was how people thought about it.

I might have done a poor job of stating Soros' premise, but if even Paul Volcker, former chairman of the Federal Reserve, says that Soros' "The Alchemy of Finance" is not an easy read, then who am I to argue? Soros' other books include "Open Society: Reforming Global Capitalism," "The Crisis of Global Capitalism: Open Society Endangered," "Soros on Soros: Staying

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Today in History

(AP) — Today is Wednesday, July 7, the 189th day of 2004. There are 177 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 7, 1865, four people were hanged in Washington, D.C., for conspiring with John Wilkes Booth to assassinate President Lincoln.

On this date:

In 1846, U.S. annexation of California was proclaimed at Monterey after the surrender of a Mexican garrison.

In 1896, the Democratic national convention opened in Chicago.

In 1898, the United States annexed Hawaii.

In 1930, construction began on Boulder Dam (later Hoover Dam).

In 1946, Italian-born Mother Frances Xavier Cabrini was canonized as the first American saint.

In 1954, 50 years ago, Elvis Presley made his radio debut as Memphis, Tennessee, station WHBO played his first recording for Sun Records, "That's All Right (Mama)."

In 1958, President Eisenhower signed the Alaska statehood bill.

In 1969, Canada's House of Commons gave final approval to a measure making the French language equal to English throughout the national government.

Our readers write

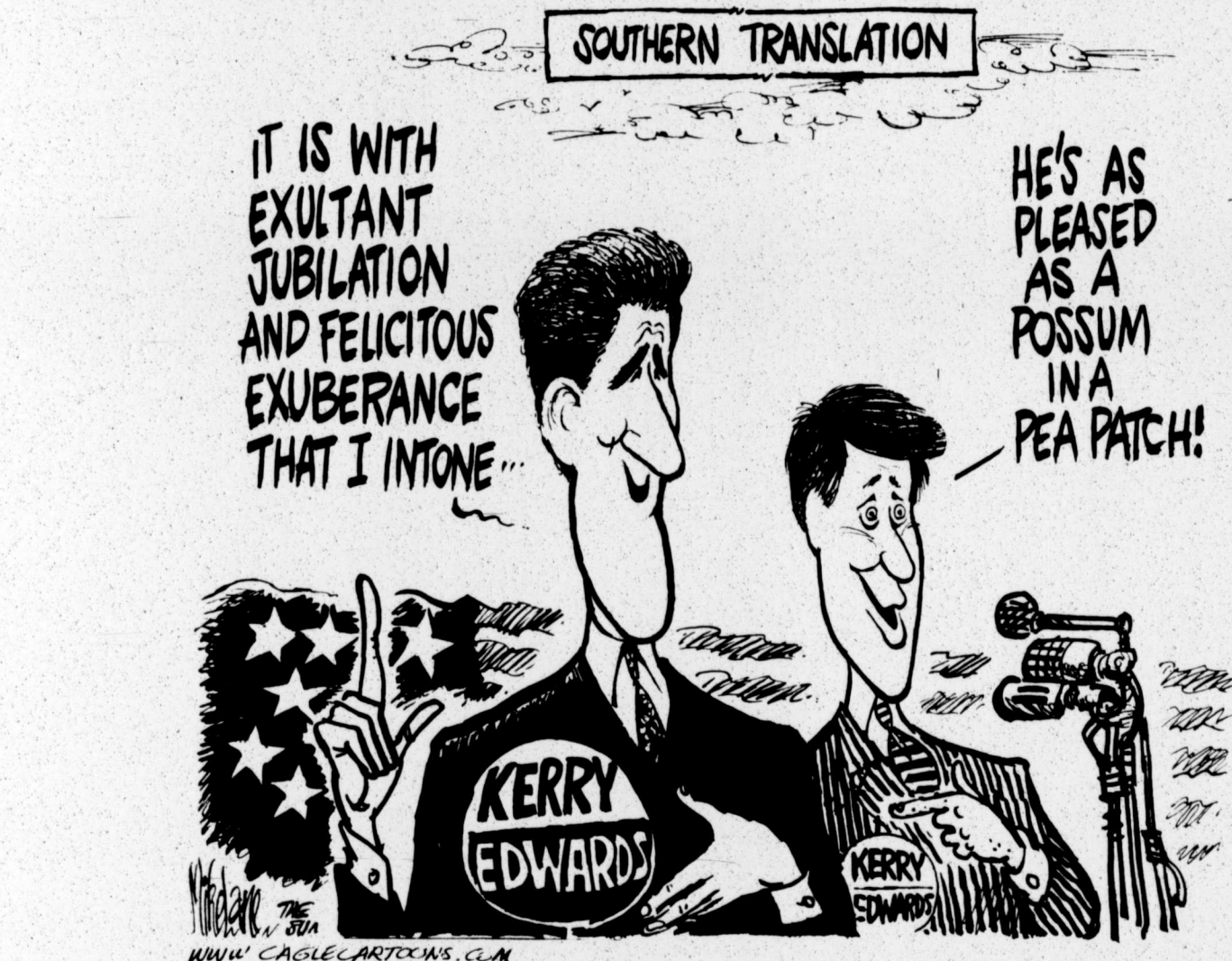
Leave trees to beautify highways

To the editor,

The letter to the editor explaining TxDOT's plan for highway tree removal was interesting. However, some of the reasoning and proposed solutions were confusing. The proposal to use barriers to shield some of the trees would only provide a larger fixed object for motorists to crash into. The cost of removing trees, drainage structures and utility poles would be extremely great, especially if the procedure were applied statewide.

Most of the single vehicle run-off-the-road crashes I have seen, heard of and read about on Highway 60 between Pampa and Canadian have been caused by deer or antelope crossing the highway at night, slow-moving farm and highway implements traveling on the highway without proper lights and/or reflectors, oncoming traffic traveling without headlights at times of low visibility, failure of motorists to dim their lights at night when approaching oncoming traffic, and motorists making unsafe passes instead of slowing and having to reset the cruise control. If I remember correctly, the fog line on that portion of highway is

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Credit card fraud can be stopped

Millions of credit card transactions take place every day. They are done in person, over the phone and on the Internet. While many credit card companies have instituted safe guards to protect against credit card fraud, the following are steps a consumer can take to protect themselves:

Only carry the credit cards you need. This will minimize the opportunity for fraud in case of theft. In addition, do not keep your PIN numbers in your wallet or purse. It is also a good idea to carry your credit cards separately from your wallet.

When using a credit card in person, never let it out of your possession. It is possible for a dishonest clerk to swipe your credit card with a

hand recorder and download your financial information at a later date. Reputable businesses will have their credit card machines near the cash register, in full view of the customer. You should also shield your credit card and PIN numbers from others so that they aren't copied

or captured on a cellular telephone camera.

You should also look carefully at the credit card receipt. Is the amount correct? Are there any blanks that can be filled in after you are gone? Destroy any incorrect receipts and carefully draw a line through any blanks. Do not give out your credit card number over the telephone unless you initiated the call and know the company is reputable. Legitimate companies and

financial institutions never call you to ask for or verify a credit card number.

Many consumers have been scammed by telephone in this manner. Do not e-mail your personal financial information. Thieves may send you an e-mail that appears to be from a well known merchant, with the request that you e-mail your financial information for "verification." No legitimate online sales company will ask you to do this. This is known as "phishing," and is a recent trend in Internet scams.

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Greg Abbott
Texas Attorney General



Iraq stands at historic crossroads

San Antonio Express-News on Iraq handover:

Iraq, a nation that has known colonialism and kings, military coups and unspeakable cruelty, stands at a historic crossroad. ...

Iraq is not yet a democracy. National elections have not taken place, although they are scheduled for no later than January. But Iraq does possess the rudiments of democracy. It has an interim constitution that contains the strongest protections of individual, minority and women's rights to be found anywhere in the Arab world, a constitution endorsed by all of Iraq's

diverse religious and ethnic groups.

Those groups also are represented on a 33-member council of ministers that is expected to convene a national assembly of 1,000 Iraqis in July. That assembly will, in turn, choose a national council of 100 members with oversight and veto powers over the council of ministers.

Against all probability, in the face of a violent

onslaught targeting the nascent institutions of a free Iraq, despite a series of assassination of ministers and government officials,

the foundations of democracy in Iraq are proving to be resilient. That is to say the Iraqi people are proving to be resilient.

At the municipal and village level, Iraqis who have known nothing but political repression are engaged in civic activity. A free press burgeons with gazettes and

dailies from across the political, religious and ethnic spectrum. Internet authors run Web logs with names such as "Sun of Iraq," "Road of a Nation" and "Healing Iraq."

Many forces, both internal and external, are working to ensure that Iraqi democracy is stillborn. Ominously, one of the interim government's first sovereign acts may be to impose martial law.

For now, Iraqis possess a path to freedom, no matter how rough and impassable it might appear. The more than

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Community calendar

• **Timeless Treasures Quilt Guild** will conduct quilt workshops Friday, July 23 and Saturday, July 24 at Disciple Center of First Christian Church in Guymon, Okla. Participants must register by July 7. There will be a \$25 fee. For more information, call (806) 435-6433.

• **The Texas Department of Health** will be offering immunization clinics for vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases including polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, rubella, mumps, HIB (haemophilus influenzae Type B) and chickenpox (varicella). Flu vaccines may also be offered at designated clinics. The TDH will charge money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open.

The amount charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability to pay. The following clinics will be offered: 9:30-11:45 a.m. and 1-4 p.m., July 7 and 21, TDH, 736 S. Cuyler, Pampa; and from 12:30-4 p.m., July 12, City Hall, Canadian.

• **Red Hat Dollies Society** will meet from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. July 15 at The Coffee Shop in downtown

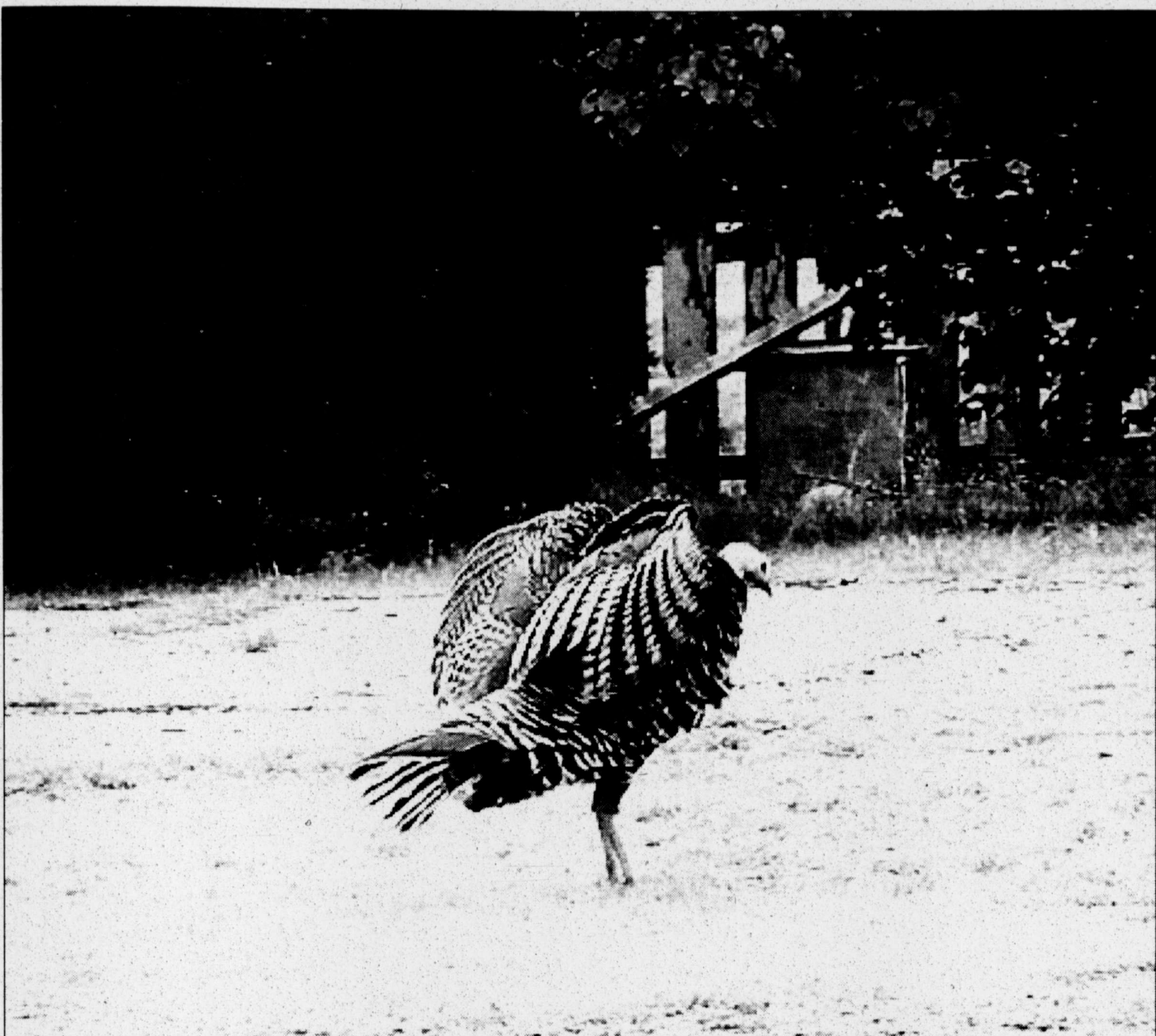
Pampa. The group will visit downtown businesses following luncheon.

• **The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center** has announced the following upcoming breast cancer screening clinics: July 23, First United Methodist Church, 201 E. Foster, Pampa.

Participants will receive a low-cost self-exam mammogram and a breast health appraisal along with individual instruction by a registered nurse in breast self-examination.

Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are by appointment only. For more information, call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673.

• **St. Mark will host a monthly breakfast** the first Saturday of every month from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Donations will be accepted.



Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS

Strutting some stuff

This female turkey apparently decided recently to visit homes in central Pampa early one morning as she meandered southward and eastward from the 900 block of Duncan, where she paused to search for breakfast in a front yard.

Fraud

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When shopping online, be sure that you are using a secure server. Check the location at the top of your browser window. The Web page on the merchant's site where you actually enter your personal information should begin with https:// rather than http://. The "s" indicates a secure server.

Keep a secure list of your account numbers and their

expiration dates, as well as the telephone numbers and addresses of the banks that issued your credit cards. This will give you quick access to pertinent information needed to report credit card theft.

Sign your credit cards as soon as you receive them. If you receive a credit card application and do not plan to use it, shred it. It is also wise to shred all receipts and carbon copies before throwing them away. Many criminals literally dig through trash looking for personal

financial information.

Be diligent about checking your credit card bill — treat it like a bank statement. Save your sales receipts and compare them to your monthly statement. Report any unauthorized or suspicious charges to the credit card issuer immediately.

The Fair Credit Reporting Billing Act enables you to dispute charges to your credit card in some circumstances and to withhold payment pending the creditor's investigation. If the charges are found to be erroneous or

fraudulent, you generally are only held liable for the first \$50 charged to your account.

POINTS TO REMEMBER

- Never throw away papers in the trash if they contain your credit card number; shred them
- Never write your credit card number where someone can observe you
- Never lend your credit card to anyone else
- Never respond to an e-mail or telephone call requesting your credit card number

Report credit card scams to: Attorney General's Office, www.oag.state.tx.us, (800) 252-8011.

To get a copy of the Fair Credit Reporting Act: Federal Trade Commission, www.ftc.gov, (877) 382-4357.

For registration information on a business operating in Texas: Secretary of State's Office, www.sos.state.tx.us, (512) 463-5555.

Information on this and other topics is available on the Attorney General's Web site at www.oag.state.tx.us.

Trees

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not painted, which creates a safety hazard, especially at night or in bad weather.

Between Hereford and Canyon, trees that are near the highway have a reflector stake near the trunk so motorists will not drive into them.

I travel the back roads of Texas frequently, and in other areas the problem of

trees along the highway, drainage structures and utility poles has been solved by painting the fog line on the highway and putting up reflector stakes to mark curves, drainage structures, trees and utility poles, to alert motorists to the danger

of driving off the highway. This simple, cost-effective solution not only saves tax dollars but preserves the natural beauty of our highways. Enforcement of highway safety rules have helped eliminate some of the problems.

I hope TxDOT will paint the fog line and put up reflector stakes in the area of the proposed tree removal and leave our trees to provide shade and beauty on our highways.

Shirley Nicholson
Pampa

Clinton to open some papers to researchers

LITTLE ROCK (AP) — Former President Clinton will release thousands of domestic-policy records from his presidency nearly a year sooner than the law requires.

Clinton will make 100,000 such documents available to scholars and researchers Nov. 18, the day his presidential library opens, said Skip Rutherford, president of Clinton's nonprofit foundation.

Under the Presidential Records Act, former presidents can withhold the release of records for at least five years and up to 12 years under certain criteria.

Clinton announced in 2003 his intention to release most records of confidential advice he received as president. His lawyer, Bruce Lindsey, said at the time that the documents wouldn't include Clinton's legal defense in the Whitewater and the Monica Lewinsky-Paula Jones investigations, but would focus on domestic policy.

The papers make up a tiny part of the 630 tons of Clinton White House records.

Man

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Ahead of the Curve," "Underwriting Democracy" and "Opening the Soviet System."

I've always thought of reading books as having a conversation with the author. Well, if you're going to the expense of buying a conversation, it ought to be someone intelligent enough to teach you something. Soros can certainly do that. He's not an ideologue, and he's

not trying to sell you anything. What he does is expose how an interesting mind works on tough problems.

By the way, Powells.com is a good source of books. It's an independent, family-run outfit that sells both new and used books. I always try to give my business to family-owned firms if I can. Giant corporations are part of the problem, not part of the solution.

Iraq

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800 Americans who have died since the war began and thousands more who have been wounded opened that path. Hundreds of brave Iraqis killed by Saddam loyalists and foreign jihadists cleared its first steps.

Speaking at the G-8 conference in Georgia earlier this month, British Prime

Minister Tony Blair echoed the hopes of President Bush and all who seek peace, prosperity and freedom for the Iraqi people: "Whatever the divisions of the past, whatever the differences of the past, let us unite now in a different vision for a modern Iraq capable of being that force for good for Iraqis and also for the wider region and the world."

The next step in making that vision a reality takes place this week.

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THE PAMPA NEWS COMICS

Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I am a 20-year-old, single college student. I live on my own and work two jobs in order to make ends meet. I recently told my dad I want to move back home, because working two jobs and going to school is wearing me out -- not to mention reflecting badly on my grades. My dad is very excited at the prospect.

The reason I moved out was my stepmother. I can't stand her. She is very controlling, and we have never gotten along. I have tried to make peace with her since I left, but she is still the same. She tells me what time I should be home at night when I go out with my friends!

Abby, at this point I am used to being on my own and not having to account to anyone for my time. How am I going to make this drastic change?

— TROUBLED IN TENNESSEE

DEAR T. in T.: By gritting your teeth and recognizing that there's no free lunch. Instead of paying rent for a roof over your head, you will be sacrificing some of your freedom. Once you accept that this is an exchange -- and that it will help you achieve a goal -- you'll adapt. However, if you can't accept the terms, I advise you to stay where you are, because moving back will only cause aggravation for all concerned.

P.S. Your stepmother's insistence on a curfew may have to do with not wanting to be worried about you until all hours nor be awakened in the middle of the night.

DEAR ABBY: My parents watched two of my younger children last week while my husband and I took our older children on vacation. Today, while helping my 5-year-old daughter visit a Barbie Web site, I discovered someone had used my computer to extensively visit a pornographic Web site.

We have three computers, and my father had access only to this one. Our other computers were

unaffected. I know these Web sites were not on my computer when we left. Our family has always joked with my dad about the amount of time he spends on computers, but we assumed it was for work.

Should I tell my parents what I found? I'm disgusted that Dad would use my computer this way and that my children were exposed to pictures of naked women. The bottom line is I do not want this material in my house, nor do I want someone around my kids who engages in this behavior. Please advise.

— NOT IN MY HOUSE

DEAR NOT: Tell your parents what you found and let your father know that you feel he betrayed your trust. To ensure that it doesn't happen again, either install parental control software on your computers or discuss it with your Internet service provider so access to these sites can be blocked. Once that's done, I see no reason to keep your children from a loving grandfather as long as he views his adult material in his own home, in private.

DEAR ABBY: My fiancé and I are being married in a few months. It's the second time around for both of us. Only our parents and children will attend.

We would like to send announcements to the rest of the family afterward to share our joy, but we worry that it might be considered a bid for gifts.

Is there a proper way to put something like "No gifts, please" on the announcements?

— WANTS TO DO THE RIGHT THING IN RENO

DEAR WANTS: Wedding announcements carry no obligation regarding gifts -- and no reference should be made to gifts when sharing your happy news. If you are contacted and asked about gifts, that is the time to verbally state that no gifts are necessary or expected.

For Better Or Worse



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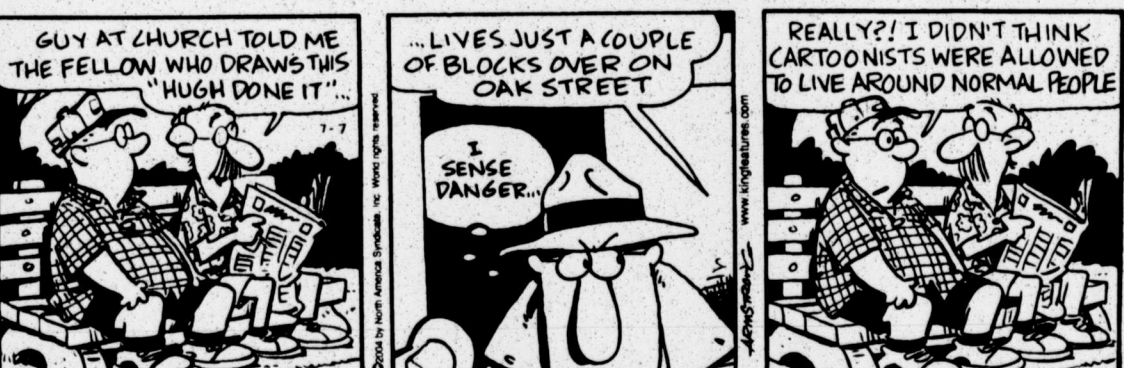
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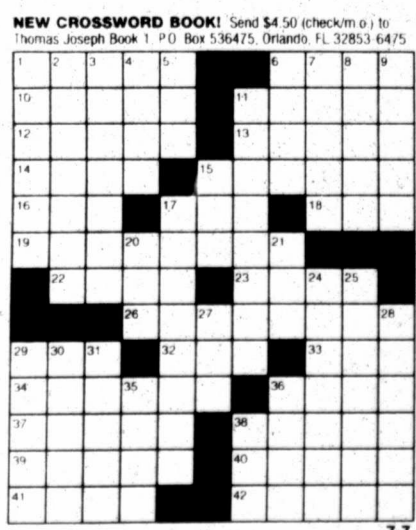


Crossword Puzzle

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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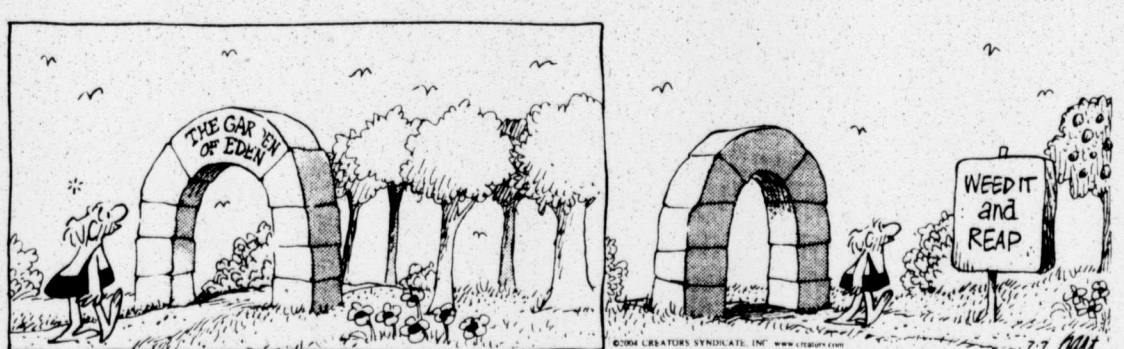
"When did our backyard turn into an obstacle course?"

The Family Circus

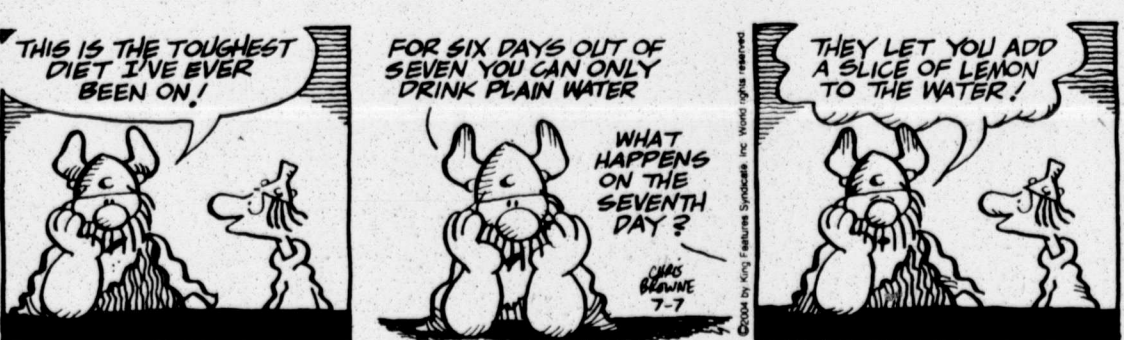


"Did you know they wrote a song about chopsticks?"

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Sports Day

Armstrong seeks bigger edge

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ARRAS, France (AP) — Lance Armstrong sought to widen his gap over top rivals Wednesday in the Tour de France team time trial, but rain made the route slippery.

Armstrong's U.S. Postal Service squad was a strong contender to win the flat, 40-mile stage from Cambrai to Arras. The Texan was hoping to deliver another blow after challenger Iban Mayo of Spain lost nearly four minutes in a bump-filled stage a day earlier.

Armstrong, bidding for a record sixth straight title, could nab the overall leader's yellow jersey with a solid team effort. He said Wednesday's stage seemed "pretty simple." Drizzle, however, made the route slick, with puddles forming on the road.

"This was to be a day where we hoped to get an advantage," said Dan Osipow, a Postal spokesman. "But if it's pouring rain, we're not going to take any chances. Safety first."

Riders set off in aerodynamic helmets and jerseys and super-light bikes with solid rear wheels designed to reduce wind drag.

Teams left one by one, five minutes apart. The Postals depart last, affording a chance to see how others fare.

Other favorites to win the stage were the T-Mobile team of Jan Ullrich, a German who won the 1997 Tour; the Phonak team of American Tyler Hamilton; and CSC, led by Italian Ivan Basso.

Before the race, Armstrong maintained a 15-second lead over Ullrich, 16 seconds over Hamilton, 27 seconds over Basso and 35 seconds over Roberto Heras, a former Postal teammate who now leads his own squad.

Armstrong hoped through the time trial to distance mountain specialists like Heras, who could be a threat when the three-week Tour reaches the Pyrenees and Alps.

"It's important for us to have some climbers' teams be beaten by teams that we don't really pay much attention to," he said.

New regulations limit to three minutes the amount of time the slowest team can lose — a rule-book change that some complain is unfair to the strongest teams.

Armstrong says a good showing is still vital.

"It's a lot less important than it was last year," he said. But "If I lost three minutes today, ask me how important that would be — it would be really important."

Armstrong gained 3 minutes, 48 seconds on Mayo during Tuesday's stage, marked by two patches of cobblestones. Mayo was one of several riders who crashed in a wary pack approaching the first hazard.

Many riders expressed sympathy for Mayo, whose hopes of reaching the winner's podium on July 25 dwindled.

Also Tuesday, Australia's Robbie McEwen scored key bonus time for his sprinting prowess that gave him the overall leader's yellow jersey.

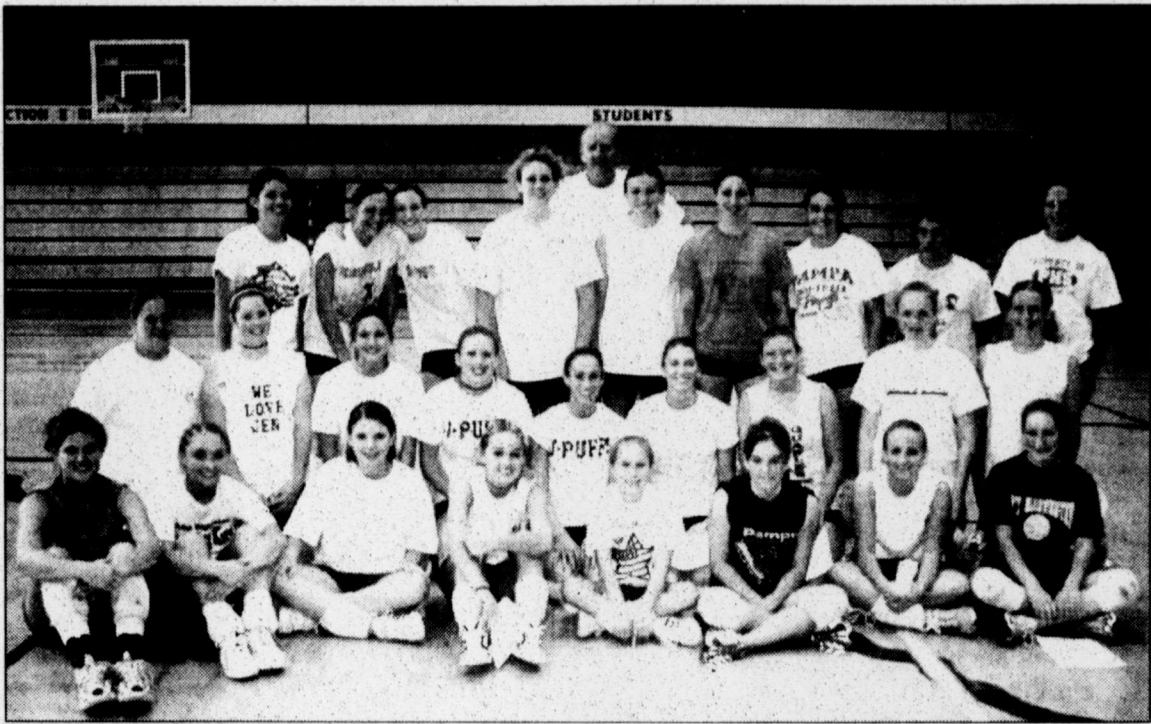


Photo by JANIS SPEARMAN

Cleaning ladies

Shown following the completion of The Pampa High School Volleyball Clinic June 21-25, the Lady Harvester volleyball teams will sponsor a car this Saturday, July 10, 9a.m.-1p.m. in the NBC parking lot. Pictured left to right are, first row- Jackie Gerber, Lauren Winkelman, Meagan Crawford, Logan Winkelman, K'Lyn Holmes, Valerie Rushing, Kathryn Cree, Angela Mechelay. Second row- Kelsey Penrod, Kenzie Nickell, Krishna Henderson, Lindsey Ammons, Alyssa Bromwell, Jaclyn Spearman, Stephanie Polasek, Layce Beesley, Stephanie McVay. Third row- Addison Raleigh, Teryn Garner, Britteni Rice, McKinsie East, Rachel Nunn, Noni Valdez, Nicole Clark, Kristian Beltran, Kendall Stokes. Back- Camp instructor Miles Pabst, former Olympian and Oklahoma University volleyball coach.

No place like home for Red Sox, Gagne starts new streak

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

American League

The Boston Red Sox returned home from a rotten road trip and got themselves a feel-good win.

Tim Wakefield pitched seven innings of three-hit ball, and Johnny Damon singled five times as Boston rebounded with an 11-0 victory over the Oakland Athletics, a potential rival in the playoff race.

The Red Sox returned to Fenway Park after going 1-5 on the road, including a three-game sweep by the division-leading Yankees. Boston is 29-31 since May 1, squandering a three-game lead in the AL East.

Oakland and Texas are tied for first in the AL West, two games ahead of the Red Sox in the wild-card standings; Boston trails the Yankees by seven games in the East.

"We both know where we stand and we both know we are fighting for the same thing right now," said Wakefield, who won for the first time since May 23. "It was huge for all the guys in the clubhouse in there. We needed to win this one."

Bill Mueller hit a three-run homer in the second inning, and the Red Sox scored four times in the fourth off Barry Zito (4-6), and again in the fifth off Justin Lehr.

"This is the 2004 Red Sox that you see," first baseman Kevin Millar said Tuesday night after Boston turned the halfway point in the season. "This is the first time we're back in our house with our lineup."

In other games it was: Tampa Bay 3,

Baltimore 1; Toronto 7, Seattle 6; Cleveland 4, Texas 1; Detroit 9, New York 1; Minnesota 4, Kansas City 0; and Anaheim 6, Chicago 2.

Angels 6, White Sox 2

At Chicago, Jeff DaVanon hit a three-run homer off Freddy Garcia, who lost his first home start with the White Sox.

Twins 4, Royals 0

At Minneapolis, Johan Santana pitched a three-hitter for his first career complete game and tied his high with 13 strikeouts.

Tigers 9, Yankees 1

At New York, Jason Johnson pitched eight dominant innings and Rondell White and Bobby Higginson hit two-run homers to help Detroit end a five-game skid. Johnson (6-7) retired his first 12 batters.

The Tigers won for the first time at Yankee Stadium since Sept. 7, 2002.

Mike Mussina (9-6) gave up seven runs on nine hits working on three days rest.

Devil Rays 3, Orioles 1

At Baltimore, Mark Hendrickson pitched eight shutout innings and the Devil Rays halted a three-game losing streak.

Blue Jays 7, Mariners 6

At Toronto, Carlos Delgado doubled in his first at-bat off the disabled list, and Reed Johnson and Josh Phelps homered in a six-run first inning for Toronto.

Indians 4, Rangers 1

At Cleveland, the Indians halted a three-game losing streak and reliever Bob Wickman pitched for the first time in almost two years.

Wickman allowed one hit in the eighth in his return from "Tommy John" surgery.

Starter Cliff Lee (8-1) allowed four hits and struck out five, and David Riske picked up his third save.

Texas starter Nick Bierbrodt (1-1) allowed three runs and just one hit, but walked seven.

National League

Eric Gagne was back to his usual dominant self.

A day after his major league-record streak of 84 saves came to an end, Gagne pitched a scoreless ninth to preserve the Los Angeles Dodgers' fourth straight win, 4-1 over Arizona on Tuesday night.

"A feat ended last night like none other than we've ever seen, and probably won't ever see again," Los Angeles manager Jim Tracy said. "And if it does happen, it'll more than likely be him."

In Tuesday's other NL games, it was: Atlanta 1, Montreal 0; Florida 6, Pittsburgh 3; New York 4, Philadelphia 1; St. Louis 5, Cincinnati 3; Milwaukee 4, Chicago 2; San Diego 5, Houston 3; and Colorado 8, San Francisco 6.

Braves 1, Expos 0

At San Juan, Puerto Rico, Russ Ortiz pitched seven scoreless innings to put the Braves over .500 for the first time in nearly a month.

Marlins 6, Pirates 3

At Miami, Pittsburgh's 10-game winning streak ended, with Alex Gonzalez hitting a tiebreaking, three-run homer in the seventh inning.

Mets 4, Phillies 1

At Philadelphia, Al Leiter (5-2) pitched seven solid innings and Kaz Matsui went 3-for-5, helping the Mets pull within two games of the NL East-leading Phillies. New York has won five of six.

Cardinals 5, Reds 3

At St. Louis, Jim Edmonds homered and saved one with his glove, and Edgar Renteria hit a go-ahead, two-run homer in the seventh inning for St. Louis.

Brewers 4, Cubs 2

At Milwaukee, Keith Ginter hit a two-run homer off Mark Prior (2-2) and Victor Santos (8-3) won for the sixth time in seven starts, allowing two runs and five hits in 6 2-3 innings.

Padres 5, Astros 3

At San Diego, Brian Giles and Mark Loretta hit solo home runs to lead San Diego to its eighth straight home win. The NL West-leading Padres have won five in a row overall and 12 of their last 15.

Rockies 8, Giants 6

Jerome Burnitz homered and drove in three runs, including a go-ahead single in the ninth.

'We both know where we stand and we both know we are fighting for the same thing right now. It was huge for all the guys in the clubhouse in there. We needed to win this one.'

— Tim Wakefield
Pitcher, Boston Red Sox

GRIDIRON GEAR UP

PHS football camp near

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

The Pampa High School Football Camp is just around the corner.

The camp, open to grades 3-9, starts Monday, July 19, and lasts through Friday, July 23.

Third through sixth grade players can expect to attend 8a.m. to 11a.m. each day. Seventh through ninth grade players will attend from 5p.m. to 8p.m. each day.

All players are to report to Harvester Field.

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Players can also register at the field on the first day of reporting.

For more information, please contact the Pampa High School athletic office at 669-4830.

Cooper to assist in Mile High

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

EL SEGUNDO, Calif. — Michael Cooper, who coached the Los Angeles Sparks to two WNBA championships, is leaving to become an assistant coach with the NBA's Denver Nuggets.

Nuggets spokesman Eric Sebastian confirmed that Cooper, a former stand-out player and assistant coach with the

Los Angeles Lakers, will fill one of two vacancies on the coaching staff.

Cooper will coach the Sparks in their three games this week before leaving the job in the hands of assistants Karleen Thompson and Ryan Weisenberg.

Sand & Sage to host Play Day

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

The Sand & Sage Riding Club will host another Play Day this Friday night, July 9, at 6:30p.m. It will be held at Sam Condo's Arena located 1.7 miles west of Pampa on highway 152.

For additional information, contact Coy Henry at 835-2702 or Judy Morriss at 835-2934.

The results of the June 20 Play Day are as follows-

Barrels six & under

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2- Remi Didway
3- Lexi Didway

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1- Shayley Morriss
2- Shayley Morriss

12-16

1- Tristen Reeves
2- Jonelle Tinney
3- Jamie Purvis

17 & over

1- Skylar Fulton
2- Megan Mojica
3- Tammy Didway

Golfette 6 & under

1- Riley Didway
2- Maddie McCoy
3- McKinzé Parks

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1- Shayley Morriss
2- Brooke Franks

12-16

1- Tristen Reeves

17 & over

1- Jamie Schroeder
2- Skylar Fulton

Flags 6 & under

1- McKenzie Parks

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Buss fiddles while Lakers burn

By JIM LITKE
The Associated Press

Reports that Lakers owner Jerry Buss is spending the week in Italy provided one of those details that sounds too good to be made up. Next, we'll find out the reason he went there is to take fiddling lessons.

So how's this for irony: The way things are going, there might not be enough left of the Lakers' dynasty to burn down by the time Buss gets back.

The guy he plans to rebuild the franchise around is facing trial on a sexual assault charge and mulling offers from other teams. The current centerpiece is still demanding to be traded. The coach with the best chance of talking both into staying just said he wasn't interested in the job. And the general manager Buss left behind to clean up the mess wasn't entrusted with a key to the front door.

On the plus side, the Lakers may have hired Rudy Tomjanovich as coach.

Or maybe not.

Asked about a Houston television station's report that Tomjanovich has been offered the job, Lakers GM Mitch Kupchak said Tuesday, "There is not a deal to announce. We don't have a coach at this time. We hope to have a coach in a short period of time. If he becomes coach of the Los Angeles Lakers he would be a wonderful selection."

Tomjanovich would — but even he wouldn't be wonderful enough to win with a team that doesn't include Kobe Bryant and/or Shaquille O'Neal. Unfortunately, Kupchak had even less to say on that score.

"Like many of our fans, I expect several sleepless nights until he actually makes his decision," he said about Bryant.

As for O'Neal, Kupchak added, "It is time to be patient. We are being patient."

The only thing the GM knew for certain was that Mike Krzyzewski was not leaving Duke to coach in Los Angeles.

"We felt if we could have brought him on board," Kupchak said, "it would have been a wonderful coup for this organization."

Coach K would have been wonderful, too, though not without Kobe and/or Shaq. Courting him was a wonderful distraction the last few days, but ultimately that's all it was.

The suspenseful debate that accompanied it, the one that centered on whether a successful college coach could move up to the

next level, was a waste of time. The game is about players, at every level. So while Krzyzewski gave all the right reasons for hanging back — "The allure of coaching in college has no price," he said — the \$40 million the Lakers reportedly offered for five years would have been a lot tougher to turn down if both Los Angeles superstars were guaranteed to be on board.

The likelihood of either player sticking around grows less likely each day. Buss has made no secret of the fact that he wants it to be Kobe, but so far he has nothing to show for his loyalty. Bryant hasn't tipped his hand, and he isn't even holding all the cards. No matter how many playing options Bryant chooses to explore, his future won't be decided until he stands trial in late August in Eagle County, Colo.

Where this leaves the Lakers is anybody's guess. The free-agent signing period is halfway over: Los Angeles still has to do something about O'Neal's trade demands. And the more desperate the Lakers become, the less likely Kupchak's competition is to bail him out. The few teams

that could have made a deal like that work are already pulling some pieces back.

On the plus side — did we mention? — the Lakers may have hired Tomjanovich. And that could yet turn out to be a stroke of genius. When his name first surfaced, before the Coach K story line developed legs, the consensus was that Tomjanovich was the perfect candidate because he'd won two rings coaching the Rockets and proved he could handle superstars of both the old and new-school variety. Now that it looks like the next Lakers coach will need luck to have the chance to handle either, Tomjanovich might be an ever better fit.

He's been around the league long enough and he's lost enough to know that you make do with what you're handed, even when it isn't much.

Coach K was Bryant's hand-picked choice to replace the coach he chased off, Phil Jackson. But Krzyzewski would never have been comfortable knowing he owed his job to one of his players. And sadly, that's what it means to be a "player's coach" in the NBA some days.

Jim Litke is a national sports columnist for The Associated Press. Write to him at jlitkeap.org

'We felt if we could have brought him on board, it would have been a wonderful coup for this organization'

— Mitch Kupchak
GM, Los Angeles Lakers

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WNBA Tuesday capsules

UNCASVILLE, Conn. (AP) — Nykesha Sales hit a buzzer-beating jump shot to complete a comeback that gave the streaking Connecticut Sun a 79-77 overtime victory Tuesday night over the Indiana Fever.

Indiana was in front 77-74 when Sales connected on a 3-pointer with 36 seconds remaining in overtime. The decisive basket at the buzzer gave Sales 21 points and Connecticut its sixth straight victory.

Taj McWilliams-Franklin added 20 points, and Lindsay Whalen had 16 points and 10 assists for Connecticut, the leader in the WNBA's Eastern Conference.

Indiana's Tamika Catchings had 24 points. Kelly Miller added 20, and Natalie Williams had 16 points and 15 rebounds.

Liberty 73, Monarchs 66
NEW YORK (AP) — Becky Hammon scored a season-high 26 points — including four in the final 31 seconds — and New York beat Sacramento in Pat Coyle's debut as interim head coach.

Vickie Johnson had 15 points and rookie Shameka Christon added a season-high 12

points and six rebounds for New York, which closed the game with a 23-7 run over the final 7:43.

Yolanda Griffith had 17 points and Kara Lawson 15 for Sacramento.

Coyle, an assistant with the Liberty since 1998, became interim coach Saturday, replacing the fired Richie Adubato.

Shock 82, Comets 63

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. (AP) — Swin Cash had 19 points and 11 rebounds, and Detroit ended a four-game losing streak.

Cash, playing on a sprained ankle, came close to achieving the third triple-double in WNBA history. She had eight assists and six steals as Detroit beat Houston for the first time in 10 tries.

Ruth Riley and Cheryl Ford added 16 points apiece for the Shock.

Houston got 13 points and 14 rebounds from Michelle Snow, but lost its third straight game. Tiffany Johnson added 12 points for the Comets, and Sheryl Swoopes had 10.

English wins Future Masters

DOTHAN, Ala. (AP) — Harris English of Moultrie, Ga., shot a 1-under-par 69 Tuesday to win the 13-14 age group at the Future Masters golf tournament.

English finished the three-round tournament at the Dothan Country Club with a 54-hole total of 206, which is 4-under par.

Will Kropp of Edmond, Okla. followed with a 70 and 208 total for second place, and Matthew Giles of New South Wales, Australia, finished third after shooting a 69 for a total 210.

The 11-12 age group was won by Cory Whitsett of Houston, who shot a 66 Tuesday to finish with a total 209. Whitsett, who began the final round trailing by four strokes, came back to tie Talor Gooch of Midwest City, Okla. and beat him on the third hole of a sudden-death playoff. Will Jones of Rome, Ga. followed with 71 and a total 217.

In the 10-and-under group, Jimmy Beck of Columbus, Ga., claimed the title after shooting a 35 for a two-round total 69.

Horoscope Wednesday, July 7, 2004

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, July 8, 2004:

Your career and your community role become far more visible this year. You gain in prestige and in your work. Sometimes your commitment becomes a burden or problem. Your sense of responsibility shines the limelight on you. Others appreciate you. Be careful with the people you meet; they might not be all they seem. Get to know people well before trusting them. A partner or associate gives you guidance and support. This person nearly serves as a muse. If you are single, you will meet people because of your high profile and caring ways. Choose from your many admirers. You will be in the mood to settle down as winter's chill comes on. If you are attached, work on a common interest and/or develop a hobby together. ARIES pushes you into the spotlight.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult
ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ Your fire remains undaunted. Strong beginnings become possible if you listen to a family member. His or her presentation could be negative; get past that. Use your high-voltage energy positively. Tonight: The question is: What can't you do?

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Listen, but don't judge. You might be a lot tougher than others think. Saying you're not sure or giving no answer at all works, though you might not be the most popular guy or gal on the block. Do needed research. Think before you leap. Tonight: Keep your own counsel.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ What feels right on target

might not be. Evaluate and think before you take a leap of faith. Friends have many great ideas for YOUR finances. Review information carefully before taking any risks. Look to your long-term interests. Tonight: Happy as a clam.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ You might be overly serious and raining on another's parade. Your way of handling a personal matter could vary. Focus on your work and public image. Consider another's action carefully. He or she could be a bit blum. Tonight: A must appearance.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Investigate new ideas openly. You might have a tendency to shut down, which is unusual for you. Work on something different. Work on being open. Ask experts. Find those who are off-beat in their thought patterns. Tonight: Treat your mind.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Visualize a long-term wish more carefully. See what goes on within a relationship or partnership. You might feel like getting what you want is going slowly. Be upbeat. Look at what you desire, and know in your heart that you are heading in that direction. Tonight: Say "yes" to a request.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Be positive about what is going on around you. You have many opportunities. Someone could feel a lot weightier than the others. Realize that the effort just might be worth it. Think positively. Tonight: Where the crowds are.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ You are entrenched in your work and want to clear your desk — after all, it will be the weekend before you know it. Investigate options that allow you more constructive and

dynamic methods of completing your tasks. Tonight: Work as late as you need to.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Someone might come down with a strong no or yes, and with difficult terms on top of it. You might opt for other solutions. Break past rigid thinking. What feels like intuition needs to be followed through on. You have a strong premonition. Tonight: Pretend it is the weekend.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Stay happy and be more in touch with your long-term desires regarding family and security matters. You have a hunch about money. Follow through, as you could be right-on, but don't risk anything that you cannot afford to lose. Tonight: Happy at home.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ You know what to say and when to say it. Your intuition works in an personal relationship. Be serious about a work- or health-related matter. Return calls and network. Romance perks up for those who are available. Tonight: At your favorite spot.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Realize what you need to do in order to make ends match financially. Your discomfort could be obvious when you say "no" to a child or loved one. Be resourceful, and you'll come up with less expensive ways to indulge yourself and others. Tonight: Vanish home.

BORN TODAY Actor Kevin Bacon (1958), actress Angelica Huston (1951), musician John D. Rockefeller Sr. (1839)

Jacqueline Bigar is on the Internet at <http://www.jacquelinebigar.com>.

Round two at OSU

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Vanderbilt coach Kevin Stallings and Rice coach Willis Wilson interviewed a second time Tuesday for Ohio State's vacant head basketball coaching position, according to reports.

Meanwhile, Xavier coach Thad Matta — a week after saying he was not a candidate at Ohio

State — was poised to be interviewed as early as Wednesday, according to several newspapers and television stations.

Matta told The (Cleveland) Plain Dealer he had no comment when asked if he was being interviewed Wednesday.

Stallings and Wilson met with athletic director Andy Geiger, former Ohio State players on a search committee and other school officials, the Plain Dealer reported.

The Columbus Dispatch reported that Stallings and Wilson also met with university President Karen Holbrook, who will decide which candidate is hired.

Vanderbilt spokesman Andre Fourshee said he could not confirm if Stallings had interviewed because he had not been in touch with the Commodores head coach.

Wilson and Geiger did not return telephone calls seeking comment.

Ohio State sports information director Steve Snapp declined comment.

"We're in the same position that we

have been," Snapp said. "We will not comment on any aspect of the search until it's over."

Ohio State has been looking for a head coach since firing Jim O'Brien on June 8. O'Brien was dismissed after Geiger said the seven-year coach of the Buckeyes admitted he gave a

recruit \$6,000 in 1999.

NCAA and Ohio State investigators also are looking into allegations that former Buckeyes player Boban Savovic received thousands of dollars and had bills, housing and food

paid for by a woman who worked for a couple who were Ohio State boosters.

In three years at Xavier, the 36-year-old Matta has a record of 78-23. He led the Musketeers to the national semifinals this year. Matta also spent a year as the head coach at Butler.

A week ago, Matta told The Cincinnati Enquirer that he had not talked to anyone at Ohio State and was not a candidate for the job. "It's that plain and that simple," he said.

Stallings, 43, was a finalist when O'Brien was hired in 1997. He is 85-69 in five years at Vanderbilt, going 23-10 last season with a trip to the NCAA tournament's round of 16.

Stallings has deep roots in the Big Ten. He played at Purdue and was an assistant coach for the Boilermakers under Gene Keady.

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Local Girl Scouts hold Twilight Camp at Rec Park

Forty five Girl Scouts from 11 troops in Miami, White Deer and Pampa played games, sang songs, made crafts and had a whole lot of fun during "Li'l Camp on the Prairie," a weeklong camp held recently at Recreation Park in Pampa.

The girls were split into four age groups for the week. The Daisy and the first year Brownie group had 11 girls. These girls will be entering kindergarten and first grade in September. Peggy Shay, Cathy Crockett, Rene Taylor and Sonya Kostedt were adult leaders for this age group.

The second grade Brownie group had eight girls under the guidance of Charlotte DuBose and Dixie Yearicks.

Mary Slaven, Sandy Carr, and Teresa Keith, were in charge of 15 girls in the third year/third grade Brownie group.

Ten Junior Scouts were under the leadership of Jodi Smith, Linda Smith and Roxanne Willis-Fagg. This group consists of girls in fourth through sixth grade.

Each girl made a quilt square, and each group came up with its own cheer and skit, performing them for the rest of the group and parents on the final night.

The Brownies earned their Outdoor Adventure Tri-it patches and the Juniors their Outdoor Surroundings patch.

These badges require girls to do a nature hike, identify certain area plants and animals, put up a tent or build a shelter, and learn to use their senses of touch, smell and hearing to learn more about their surroundings.

The girls also did a Dress-for-the-Weather relay, dividing into teams and holding races to hang up clothes on a clothesline.

The first girl hung up an article of clothing and then the next girl took it down.

Each group visited several areas each day, learning about Girl Scout Ways taught by Lynn DiTirro and LeAnn Griffin: crafts taught by LaGayla Wheat and Letha



At "Li'l Camp on the Prairie" recently Daisies and first grade Brownies played "Duck, Duck Goose." Above: Carlee Crockett, Makinzy Melburn, Carson Logue, Elizabeth Yearicks, Cayden Smith, Cheyanne Hinds, Alyssa Parks, Katanna Shay, Bailey Budd, Olivia Taylor and Samantha Kostedt with program aids LaTeasa Wheat, Racheel Graue and Kelsi Wiggins.

Anderson; and skits and community service with Pam Daugherty and Denise Dodson.

The area the girls voted most fun was songs and games led by Program Aides LaTeasa Wheat, Rachelle Graw and Kelsi Wiggins. The older girls taught the younger girls old traditional Girls Scout songs along with some of the newer ones.

The three aides are Cadet Girls Scouts.

They are in grades eight through 10. In order to earn their Program Aide badge, each girl was required to attend classes for training to earn a pin, then satisfy 35 hours of service in preparation for and during camp, to earn the patch.

Mary Green, membership specialist and staff support from the five star council for this group of leaders and girls said, "I want

to congratulate this group of leaders. This is the first year in the last eight to 10 years in Pampa that camp has been run by 100 percent volunteers. I have never had a group who attended training then just took off like this group has. We had no (paid) staff involved in the planning or running of this year's camp. We are very fortunate to have dedicated leaders like this in this area."

Mexico apologizes for disrupting funeral of United States Marine

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Mexico apologized for disrupting the military funeral of a U.S. Marine killed in Iraq, but insisted that it had to make sure its laws outlawing foreign troops from carrying weapons on Mexican soil were upheld.

U.S. Ambassador Tony Garza had sent a blistering diplomatic

note Tuesday demanding to know why Mexican troops interrupted the funeral Sunday for Lance Cpl. Juan Lopez, who had migrated to the United States from Mexico and was killed west of Baghdad on June 21.

The Mexican soldiers took issue with non-working, ceremonial rifles carried by two Marines

who traveled from the United States for the ceremony, but Garza said the Marines had worked everything out beforehand.

"This should have been an opportunity not only to honor a hero, but also for Mexico to honor one of its own sons," Ambassador Tony Garza said in the letter.

Mexico's Foreign Relations

Secretary responded to Garza's note late Tuesday by saying it was "sorry the actions that occurred during the ceremony caused the interruption of such a solemn act, especially for Mr. Lopez's family members, his Marine compatriots and U.S. diplomats present at the act."

But, the secretary said,

Mexico's soldiers "had an obligation" to ensure the law wasn't being violated.

"The intervention of the members of the Mexican army was for the sole purpose of verifying the (kind of) weapons the honor guard was carrying during the ceremony," it said.

Six Yemenis charged in USS Cole bombing

SANAA, Yemen (AP) — A security court charged six Yemenis in the planning of the October 2000 bombing of the USS Cole and said they belonged to Osama bin Laden's terrorist network, opening the first trial in the case.

Seventeen American sailors were killed when two suicide bombers in an explosives-laden boat rammed the U.S. destroyer as it refueled in the southern port city of Aden. The bombing was blamed on bin Laden's al-Qaida network.

Among the six charged in Sana'a Wednesday was accused mastermind Abd al-Rahim al-Nashiri, who is in U.S. custody, but it was unclear where. The other five were in court Wednesday.

Al-Nashiri was accused of planning and funding the attack and training the cell members who carried it out. The United States announced al-Nashiri's arrest in November, 2002, saying he had been detained in an undisclosed country and transferred to American custody. Western diplomats later

identified the country as the United Arab Emirates, and Emirates officials confirmed that in December, 2002.

U.S. officials believe the Saudi-born al-Nashiri is a close associate of bin Laden. In addition to the Cole attack, he is suspected of helping direct the 1998 bombings of U.S. Embassies in Kenya and Tanzania. U.S. officials say al-Nashiri gave telephone orders to the Cole bombers from the Emirates.

In a trial that had been expected to start but delayed many times, Judge Najib al-Qaderi read a list of charges that included forming an armed gang to carry out criminal acts against the interests of the state; belonging to al-Qaida; resisting authorities and forging documents.

The defendants present refused to plead and asked for lawyers. The judge scheduled a new hearing July 14, saying lawyers should be appointed in the meantime for Jamal al-Badawi, Maamoun Msouh, Fahid al-Qasa, Ali Mohamed Saleh and Mourad al-Sirouri.

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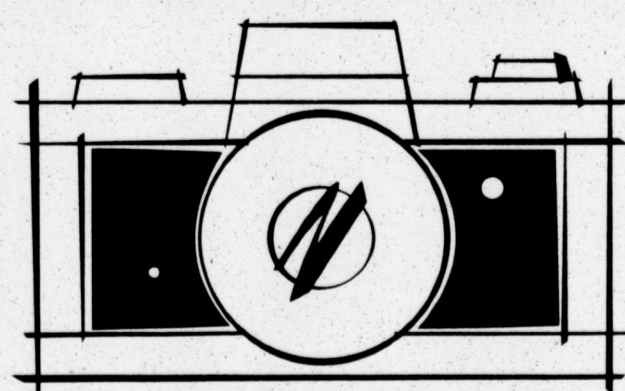
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