Gathering the little pigs



Gene Tromble (right), head of the Pioneer Park Advisory Board, and Maggie Hernandez, a member of the park's finance committee, put plastic piggy banks in a pig pen Tuesday afternoon at First National Bank in Goodland. The banks are for children to collect money for Pioneer Park, which is to be built at the old wye across from the Van Gogh sunflower painting. Tromble said a youth committee will be formed to plan a "Pork Production" event in late August for collecting the banks.

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Pentagon says Wichita base won't close

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Bush administration intends to propose base closings, but the Pentagon says that does not mean Wichita's McConnell Air Force Base is in danger of closing or even losing jobs.

The military plans to eliminate McConnell's B-1B long-range bombers. But Pentagon Chief Financial Officer Dov Zakheim said Wednesday the Air Force is working on a plan to adjust McConnell's mission so that the people affected do not lose their jobs.

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld wants to retire 33 of the planes, 18 of them flown by Air National Guard units in Georgia and at McConnell. The fleet is to be consolidated at Ellsworth Air Force Base in South Dakota and Dyess Air Force Base in Texas.

did not deter lawmakers who intend to fight the reductions.

"Secretary Rumsfeld himself indicated that future military strategy will require more long range precision strikes," said Sen. Pat Roberts, R-Kan. "And the B-1B is the perfect aircraft for that kind of mission.'

Roberts and his fellow Kansas Republicans sent a letter with Georgia and Idaho lawmakers to Rumsfeld urging members come from across Kansas. him to reconsider and pointing out he had not consulted Congress.

"We respectfully disagree and plan to oppose the decision," the lawmakers said. Idaho's Mountain Home Air Force Base is also losing B-1Bs. A change in mission that would retain spokesman said.

Coming one day after news of the B- at least some jobs was the prediction 1B cuts, the Pentagon's reassurances Tuesday of Maj. Gen. Greg Gardner, adjutant general for the Kansas Air National Guard. That was the case in 1992, when McConnell gave up its F-16 fighters and took over the B-1B bomber fleet.

The Kansas unit has about 1,200 support personnel, more than half of which are full-time, according to Col. Ed Flora, commander of the 184th Bomb Wing. Most full-time employees live in Wichita and Derby, but the other Guard

At present, there are 40B-1s at Dyess; 26 at Ellsworth; seven at Mountain Home; and nine each at McConnell and Robins. Two are at Edwards Air Force Base in California, where they are used for testing purposes, an Air Force

Meth classified as psycho stimulant

Editor's note: This is the second of two column on the popular, yet dangerous, drug methamphetamine.

How is methamphetamine different from other stimulants, like cocaine? Methamphetamine is classified as a psycho stimulant, as are other abused drugs such as amphetamine and cocaine. We know that methamphetamine is structurally similar to amphetamine and the neurotransmitter dopamine, but it is quite different from cocaine.

It's not "safer," just different in its own way. Although these stimulants have similar behavioral and physiological effects, there are some major differences in the basic mechanisms of how they work at the level of the nerve cell.

However, the bottom line is that methamphetamine, like cocaine, results in an accumulation of the neurotransmitter dopamine, and this excessive dopamine concentration appears to produce the stimulation and feeling of euphoria experienced by the user. In contrast to cocaine, which is quickly removed and almost completely metabolized in the body, methamphetamine has a much longer duration of action and a larger percentage of the drug remains unchanged in the body. This results in methamphetamine being present in the brain longer, which ultimately leads to prolonged stimulant effects.

Methamphetamine can cause a variety of cardiovascular problems. These include rapid heart rate, irregular heart beat, increased blood pressure and irreversible, stroke-producing damage to small blood vessels in the brain. Hyperthermia (elevated body temperature) and convulsions occur with methamphetamine overdoses and if not treated immediately, can result in death.

Chronic methamphetamine abuse can result in inflammation of the heart lining and among users who inject the drug, it can damage blood vessels and cause skin abscesses.

Methamphetamine abusers can also have episodes of violent behavior, paranoia, anxiety, confusion and insomnia. Heavy users also show progressive social and occupational deterioration. Psychotic symptoms can sometimes persist for months or years after use has ceased. Acute lead poisoning is another potential risk for methamphetamine abusers because a common method of illegal metham-



phetamine production uses lead ac- thinking, expectancies and behaviors etate as a reagent. Production errors may result in methamphetamine contaminated with lead. There have been rently no particular pharmacological documented cases of acute lead poisoning in intravenous methamphetamine abusers.

Fetal exposure to methamphetamine is also a significant problem in the United States. At present, research indicates that methamphetamine abuse during pregnancy may result in prenatal complications, increased rates of premature delivery and altered neonatal behavioral patterns, such as abnormal reflexes and extreme irritability. Methamphetamine use to treat individuals who have had abuse during pregnancy may also be linked to congenital deformities.

Increased HIV and Hepatitis B and C transmission are likely consequences of increased methamphetamine abuse, particularly in individuals who share injection equipment. In nearly one-third of Americans infected with HIV, injection drug use is a risk factor, making drug abuse the fastest growing vector for the spread of HIV and AIDS in the nation.

At this time, the most effective treatments for methamphetamine addiction are cognitive behavioral interventions. These approaches are designed to help modify the patient's

and to increase skills in coping with the various stresses of life. There are curtreatments for dependence on amphetamine or amphetamine-like drugs such as methamphetamine. The current pharmacological approach is borrowed from experience with treatment of cocaine dependence. Unfortunately, this approach has not met with much success since no single agent has proven effective in controlled clinical studies.

There are some established protocols that emergency room physicians a methamphetamine overdose. Because hyperthermia and convulsions are common and often fatal complications, emergency room treatment focuses on the immediate physical symptoms. Overdose patients are cooled off in ice baths and anti-convulsant drugs may be administered.

To learn more, contact the National Clearing House for Alcohol and Drug Information at (800) 729-6686 or log on to www.nida.nih.govorwww.health.org

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