

# Candidates clash over tax issues

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City suburb of Lake Quivira. At Sunday night's debate, candidates had one minute each to answer questions submitted in writing by audience members.

As expected in a rural community, a good portion of the questions dealt with agriculture issues.

Shallenburger said he would like to expand a program overseen by his office that provides \$55 million in state funds to banks if they promise to use the money to make low-interest loans to farmers. He also said the state should offer tax breaks or other help so that farmers can install irrigation systems that conserve water. He noted the state already provides help to other businesses.

"Our goal should be to make everyone who wants to farm and has the land to farm more prosperous," he said.

Sebelius suggested Kansas could, like Iowa, require its agencies to buy a certain amount of its food, for use in hospitals or universities, from Kansas.

But she said the Department of Agriculture needs to do a better job of promoting Kansas products.

"I think the agriculture department has turned into regulatory agency and not a promotional agency, and that will change in a Sebelius administration," she said.

Other questions dealt with budget issues.

Pettibone said he would cross the budget across the board, then work on reforming the state's fiscal policies. Hawver said he would cut government spending by a third during his first two years in office, comparing such an action to cancer surgery.

Sebelius is trying to overcome the GOP's traditional political advantages by wooing moderate Republicans.

At least a few defecting moderates have been concerned about Shallenburger's commitment to public schools. Shallenburger said Sunday night that he believes he can avoid a cut in aid to public schools, even without a tax increase.

He didn't get an argument on that point from Sebelius. But after the debate, Shallenburger asked why, if Sebelius didn't intend to raise taxes, she wouldn't issue a no-tax pledge.

Sebelius replied: "I gave my comment on that. The treasurer can say what he needs to say."

Later, Shallenburger said, "I really don't think it's sincere. She's trying to move to the right when that's not where she's lived."

Pressed again, Sebelius became irritated and said, "Look, Tim will say what he's going to say."

# Child shot going to school

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George's schools and some other schools in the region took similar steps.

Meanwhile, police and FBI agents pored over maps and put together a psychological profile to hunt down the sniper killer. They also stepped up patrols today.

Irene Kelly, 60, who was visiting her daughter in Rockville from Pennsylvania, spent part of this morning running errands. She said she had "big concerns, very big concerns."

"I'm more aware of what's happening," she said. "I try to get in and out and get home. You have to be aware of your surroundings."

As investigators struggled, families and friends gathered together at funeral services, trying to find some good in the midst of such seemingly random violence.

"There's one bad man, but there's so many good people who are showing their blessings and prayer," Saroj Isaac said at the funeral of her brother-in-law, Prem Kumar Walekar, described by relatives as a quiet, hard-working cabbie.

Sarah Ramos, a 34-year-old woman slain while sitting on a Post Office

bench, was being laid to rest after a private service. Lori Ann Lewis-Rivera, a 25-year-old nanny shot while vacuuming her van at a service station, was to have a wake today before her body was flown back to her native Idaho.

Investigators said they had thousands of tips, but said it would take time to track down a suspect.

Police began to use a geographic profile submitted by investigators that uses crime locations to determine where the killer feels comfortable traveling and may live. Moose said police also were awaiting an FBI psychological profile of the shooter.

Geographic profiling is a fairly new investigative tool, used first in 1990 in Canada, said Kim Rossmo, who compiled the latest profile and is director of research for the Police Foundation, a nonprofit research organization.

The five victims were all gunned down in public places: two at gas stations, one outside a grocery, another outside a post office, another as he mowed the grass at an auto dealership, and the sixth, a 72-year-old man, killed on a Washington street corner.

# Israeli troops invade Palestinian town

By the Associated Press INTERNATIONAL

KHAN YOUNIS, Gaza Strip — Israeli troops backed by tanks and helicopters raided this Palestinian town early today, killing 10 Palestinians and wounding 115 in the deadliest Israeli military strike in three months.

In one incident, a helicopter fired a missile into a crowd, killing eight people.

Palestinian doctors and witnesses said all the dead, including two cousins ages 14 and 15, were civilians. An Israeli army commander said many of those killed were gunmen, but acknowledged there may have been civilian casualties.

Palestinian Cabinet Minister Saeb Erekat denounced the Israeli raid as a massacre and called on the international community to protect the Palestinians.

Brig. Gen. Israel Ziff, the Israeli army commander in the area, said that during the operation, troops met heavy resistance from Palestinian gunmen.

around the world

cracked fuel lines and a hurricane.

The on-board heater was running at too high a temperature Sunday, and engineers scrambled to understand the impact on the 11-day mission to add onto the international space station. If the temperature in the line were to spike dramatically, equipment could be damaged, possibly even Atlantis' electricity-producing fuel cells.

NASA hoped to work around the problem in time for an afternoon liftoff.

"I feel preliminarily confident that we're going to be able to find a path through this wilderness and make a run at a launch countdown," said Jim Halsell, chairman of the mission management team.

"But I need the engineers to come tell us that, instead of making guesses on my own."

NEW ORLEANS — Home generators used by people who lost power after Hurricane Lili have led to more than 60 cases of carbon monoxide poisoning in Louisiana, including one death, state health officials said Sunday.

Lili blew through the state on Thursday, flooding thousands of homes and

badly damaging others with 100 mph wind that toppled trees and power lines.

By midday Sunday, some 107,572 homes and businesses were still without power in coastal Louisiana.

Many people were using home generators until power lines could be repaired. The generators run on a variety of fuels, and odorless, colorless carbon monoxide is a byproduct of the fuel burning.

"Some of them don't realize the risk involved," state health officer Dr. Jimmy Guidry said. He added that generators should be placed outside, away from windows or other openings that might allow carbon monoxide to seep in.

# Thailand student enjoys shopping

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a psychologist.

Pholpho, who had never been out of her country before, said picking America as a country to visit was an easy choice.

"I can improve my English here," she said, "and besides, everyone wants to come to America."

Thailand imports a lot of their entertainment and technology from America, Pholpho said. She said she used to watch American movies with Thai subtitles.

Pholpho, who lives in the suburbs of Bangkok, said she wanted to come to

do some real shopping. She's visited Denver, and while there were more shops there than in Goodland, there still weren't as many as she would have seen in Bangkok.

When Pholpho came into town, there wasn't a host family lined up for her. Mary Porterfield, the sponsor of the school's foreign exchange club, called the Hursts and asked if they would fill in. They agreed to be a welcome family and let Pholpho live with them for a month, but the arrangement didn't stay temporary for long.

"She's such a great kid that we decided to have her in our home all year," Cindy Hurst said.

# public notice

## NOTICE OF PLACES AND DATES OF REGISTRATION

In compliance with the provisions of K.S.A.25-2310, notice is hereby given that the books for registration of voters will be open at the following places during regular business hours:

**County Clerk's Office**  
8 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.  
(Monday thru Friday)

**City Clerk's Office** 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Monday thru Friday)

he or she can vote. Registration is open until the close of business on the 15th day before the election.

When a voter has been registered according to law, the voter shall remain registered until the voter changes name by marriage, divorce or other legal proceeding or changes residence. The voter may re-register in person, by mail or other delivery when registration is open or the voter may re-register on election day. Application forms shall be provided by the county election or Secretary of State upon request. The application shall be signed by the applicant under penalty of perjury. In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 3rd day of October, 2002.

Janet R. Rumpel Sherman  
County Election Officer

At 5:00 p.m. on the 21st day of October, 2002, the books for registration of voters will close and remain closed until the 6th day of November, 2002.

A citizen of the United States who is eighteen (18) years of age or older, or will have attained the age of eighteen (18) years of age at the next election, must register before

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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The governing body of Stateline Township, Sherman County will meet on the 21st day of October, 2002 at 7:00 P.M., at Paul Taylor Res. for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of ad valorem tax.

Detailed budget information is available at Paul Taylor Res. and will be available at this hearing.

BUDGET SUMMARY

Proposed Budget 2003 Expenditures and Amount of 2002 Ad Valorem Tax establish the maximum limits of the 2003 budget. Est Tax Rate\* is subject to change depending on final assessed valuation.

Fund	2001		2002		Proposed Budget 2003	
	Prior Year Actual Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Current Year Estimate of Expenditure	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Amount of 2002 Ad Valorem Tax
General	648	0	735	0	1527	0
Totals	648	0	735	0	1527	0
Less: Transfers	0	0	0	0	0	0
Net Expenditures	648	0	735	0	1527	0
Total Tax Levied	0	0	0	0	0	0
Assessed Valuation:						
Township	2,225,299		2,225,109		2,154,330	
City	509,007		536,041		533,433	
Total	2,744,906		2,761,150		2,687,763	
GO Bonds						
No-Fund Warrants						
Lease Purchase Principal						
Total						

\* Tax Rates are expressed in mills.

Paul Taylor  
Township Officer

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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The governing body of Lincoln Township, Sherman County will meet on the 24th day of October, 2002 at 7:00 P.M., at Carroll A. Mogge Res. for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of ad valorem tax.

Detailed budget information is available at Carroll A. Mogge Res. and will be available at this hearing.

BUDGET SUMMARY

Proposed Budget 2003 Expenditures and Amount of 2002 Ad Valorem Tax establish the maximum limits of the 2003 budget. Est Tax Rate\* is subject to change depending on final assessed valuation.

Fund	2001		2002		Proposed Budget 2003	
	Prior Year Actual Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Current Year Estimate of Expenditure	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Amount of 2002 Ad Valorem Tax
General	102	0	280	0	370	0
Totals	102	0	280	0	370	0
Less: Transfers	0	0	0	0	0	0
Net Expenditures	102	0	280	0	370	0
Total Tax Levied	0	0	0	0	0	0
Assessed Valuation:						
Township	2,772,163		2,759,902		2,638,712	
City	0		0		0	
Total	2,772,163		2,759,902		2,638,712	
GO Bonds						
No-Fund Warrants						
Lease Purchase Principal						
Total						

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Carroll A. Mogge  
Township Officer

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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The governing body of McPherson Township, Sherman County will meet on the 21st day of October, 2002 at 7:00 P.M., at Marie Moore Res. for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of ad valorem tax.

Detailed budget information is available at Joyce Purvis Residence and will be available at this hearing.

BUDGET SUMMARY

Proposed Budget 2003 Expenditures and Amount of 2002 Ad Valorem Tax establish the maximum limits of the 2003 budget. Est Tax Rate\* is subject to change depending on final assessed valuation.

Fund	2001		2002		Proposed Budget 2003	
	Prior Year Actual Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Current Year Estimate of Expenditure	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Amount of 2002 Ad Valorem Tax
General	661	1.512	2069	0	1825	0
Totals	661	1.512	2069	0	1825	0
Less: Transfers	0	0	0	0	0	0
Net Expenditures	661	1.512	2069	0	1825	0
Total Tax Levied	2400	1.512	0	0	0	0
Assessed Valuation:						
Township	1,587,410		1,606,725		1,589,040	
City	0		0		0	
Total	1,587,410		1,606,725		1,589,040	
GO Bonds						
No-Fund Warrants						
Lease Purchase Principal						
Total						

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Joyce Purvis  
Township Officer

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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The governing body of Llanos Township, Sherman County will meet on the 21st day of October, 2002 at 7:00 P.M., at Craig Hoyt Res. for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of ad valorem tax.

Detailed budget information is available at Craig Hoyt Res. and will be available at this hearing.

BUDGET SUMMARY

Proposed Budget 2003 Expenditures and Amount of 2002 Ad Valorem Tax establish the maximum limits of the 2003 budget. Est Tax Rate\* is subject to change depending on final assessed valuation.

Fund	2001		2002		Proposed Budget 2003	
	Prior Year Actual Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Current Year Estimate of Expenditure	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Amount of 2002 Ad Valorem Tax
General	1049	.484	560	.446	637	0
Totals	1049	.484	560	.446	637	0
Less: Transfers	0	0	0	0	0	0
Net Expenditures	1049	.484	560	.446	637	0
Total Tax Levied	714	.484	717	.446	717	0
Assessed Valuation:						
Township	1,599,380		1,608,285		1,633,632	
City	0		0		0	
Total	1,599,380		1,608,285		1,633,632	
GO Bonds						
No-Fund Warrants						
Lease Purchase Principal						
Total						

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Craig Hoyt  
Township Officer

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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The governing body of Grant Township, Sherman County will meet on the 22nd day of October, 2002 at 9:00 P.M., at Steve Duell Res. for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of ad valorem tax.

Detailed budget information is available at Neil Schritter Res. and will be available at this hearing.

BUDGET SUMMARY

Proposed Budget 2003 Expenditures and Amount of 2002 Ad Valorem Tax establish the maximum limits of the 2003 budget. Est Tax Rate\* is subject to change depending on final assessed valuation.

Fund	2001		2002		Proposed Budget 2003	
	Prior Year Actual Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Current Year Estimate of Expenditure	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Amount of 2002 Ad Valorem Tax
General	337	0	360	0	4589	0
Totals	337	0	360	0	4589	0
Less: Transfers	0	0	0	0	0	0
Net Expenditures	337	0	360	0	4589	0
Total Tax Levied	0	0	0	0	0	0
Assessed Valuation:						
Township	3,327,461		3,376,349		3,325,000	
City	0		0		0	
Total	3,327,461		3,376,349		3,325,000	
GO Bonds						
No-Fund Warrants						
Lease Purchase Principal						
Total						

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Neil Schritter  
Township Officer

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