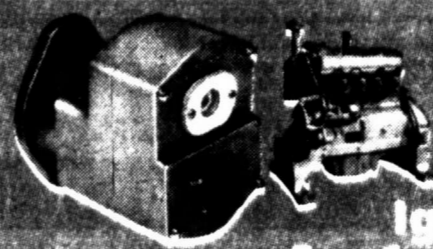


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(Pampa News photo by Marilyn Powers)
Ronnie Parsley of Double D Roofing inspects hail damage left by a severe thunderstorm which hit Pampa on the evening of June 21. This roof is in the 2300 block of Rosewood.

Damages mount after June storm

By **MARILYN POWERS**
 Staff Writer

Residents in Pampa and the area are still picking up the pieces after severe thunderstorms brought high winds, hail, heavy rainfall and dangerous lightning on the evening of June 21.

Claims adjusters are assessing property damage and claims continue to be received at local insurance agencies. Final tallies on property damage from the storms is not yet available.

"We have had claims turned in for 15 homes and 20 to 25 vehicles," said a spokesperson for Dannie Hoover Insurance Agency, which handles State Farm Insurance.

"We have had a ton of calls. Insurance adjusters are still check-

ing on calls. We're still having claims coming in from people who've waited to call" to make sure no further storms hit the area, said Hanna Randall, an Allstate Insurance agent.

A combination of hail and wind accounts for most of the property damage in the area, said Mike Fraser of Duncan Fraser & Bridges Insurance Agency Inc.

"It looks like the damage is pretty well confined to the very northwest part of town," he said, indicating Lea, Lynn and Zimmers streets near 23rd Avenue. Structure roofs and vehicles are the main items listed in claims, he said.

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— Hanna Randall
 Insurance agent

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TxDOT to continue tree removal plan

By **DEE DEE LARAMORE**
 Editor

Texas Department of Transportation will continue with the plan to remove trees within 30 feet of U.S. Highways 60 and 83 in this area, officials announced in a letter to *The Pampa News*.

"In response to comments expressed, we are reviewing the scope of the project in an effort to significantly reduce the number of trees removed," said Mark Tomlinson, Amarillo TxDOT engineer, in a letter to the *News* dated June 29.

The letter is printed in its entirety on Page 4 and 5 of today's paper. Following are highlights of the TxDOT plan for tree removal along the two highways in Hemphill, Roberts, Ochiltree, Carson, Gray and Lipscomb counties.

• October 2005 is the tentative date for the project to be let for contract. No tree removal will occur before this is done.

• TxDOT will review options to reduce the number of trees to be removed. Physical barriers will be used to shield "the most significant groups of trees" and they will consider transplanting some trees and planting new trees in safe areas.

• Although not required by law or policy, TxDOT will conduct an environmental review and public meeting concerning the project.

• Funding is being sought from the State Hazard Elimination Safety Program, but the project may also be funded through district allocations or routine maintenance funds.

Tomlinson emphasized that motorist safety along U.S. 60 and U.S. 83 is the reason for the project.

"From 1992 to 2001, 303 fixed object crashes were recorded," he wrote. "These crashes resulted in eight fatalities and 203 injuries. Seven of the fatalities and 11 of the injuries were tree-related.

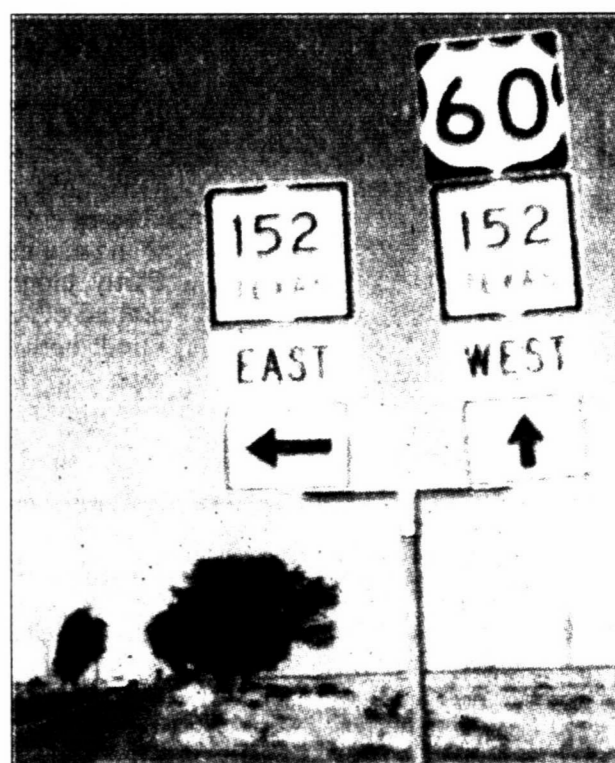
"We believe these numbers are significant and that we need to develop a project that addresses these fixed object crashes ... While trees are often visually pleasing, they are also extremely solid objects. When struck by vehicles

"We are reviewing the scope of the project in an effort to significantly reduce the number of trees removed."

— Mark Tomlinson
 TxDOT Engineer

• Project has been expanded to include removal or treatment of all fixed objects including drainage structures and utility poles.

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Pampa News photo by DEE DEE LARAMORE
Trees on U.S. Highway 60 like these east of Pampa may be cut down by TxDOT for safety reasons.

Celebrate the Fourth!

Pampa's free fireworks display will begin at dark on Sunday, July 4, in Recreation Park, U.S. Hwy. 60 East.

FBI urges increased patrols, vigilance for July 4th holiday

WASHINGTON (AP) — A constant stream of intelligence indicating that the United States this summer or fall has led federal officials to urge increased vigilance during the Independence Day weekend, but there is no specific threat of an attack timed to the holiday.

In a bulletin sent to law enforcement agencies nationwide Thursday, the FBI said police should step up patrols and watch for signs of terrorist activity, including surveillance of potential targets.

The FBI also listed advice on how to spot possible suicide bombers.

"We know the U.S. homeland remains a top al-Qaida target," the FBI said in the bulletin, sent weekly to 18,000 state and local law enforcement agencies.

Fourth of July celebrations are among the symbolic events that U.S. officials say could present an inviting target to al-Qaida, which intelligence reports indicate will attempt an attack during summer or fall. An

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— FBI Bulletin

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Obituaries

Yvonne Phillips, 65

Yvonne Phillips, 65, of Pampa, Texas, died Thursday, July 1, 2004, at Pampa. Services will be at 4 p.m. Saturday, July 3, 2004, at Calvary Baptist Church with the Rev. Richard Bartel, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors. Mrs. Phillips was born Sept. 13, 1938, in Woodruff



Phillips

County, Ark. She was a faithful member of the Calvary Baptist Church, serving as organist and pianist for over 45 years. She had a passion for teaching people of all ages about our Lord Jesus. Above all, she was a faithful servant of Christ. Survivors include one daughter, Angelia Collins and husband Steve of Pampa; two sons, Lonnie Phillips and wife

Dana of Fairfield and Larry Phillips and wife Cindy of Hope, Ark.; one brother, Charles McGahan and wife Odessa of Pampa; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Albert Phillips in 2001. The family requests memorials be to Calvary Baptist Church, 900 E. 23rd, Pampa, TX 79065. —Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichael-whatley.com.

Betty Marie McPherson, 58

Betty Marie McPherson, 58, of Pampa, died Wednesday, June 30, 2004. Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday in Salvation Army Church with Capt. Gary Steward, of Salvation Army, and Tim Roberts officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa. Mrs. McPherson was born

Aug. 2, 1945, in Oklahoma and had been a Pampa resident most of her life. She was a member of Salvation Army Church. Survivors include two daughters, Melissa McClure of Turpin, Okla., and Samantha McPherson of Pampa; two sons, Ricky Palmer and Michael Palmer, both of Pampa; three brothers, Donald Roy of Columbia, S.C., Bill Roy of

Pampa and Tommie G. Roy of Lancaster; and five grandchildren. The family will be at 1520 N. Dwight. The family requests memorials be to Salvation Army Church, 701 S. Cuyler, Pampa, TX 79065. —Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichael-whatley.com.

Services tomorrow

McPHERSON, Betty Marie — 10 a.m., Salvation Army Church, Pampa.
 PHILLIPS, Yvonne — 4 p.m., Calvary Baptist Church, Pampa.

Emergency Services

Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department today reported the following incidents and arrests.
Wednesday, June 30
 A suspected domestic assault was reported in the police department lobby.
Thursday, July 1
 A bicycle valued at approximately \$50 was found in the 400 block of North Cuyler.
 Theft was reported in the 900 block of Frederic. A cowboy half-sleeper valued at approximately \$750 was reported stolen. The property was later recovered by the owner.
 Theft of \$200 in cash was reported in the 700 block of Deane Drive.
 Theft was reported in the

2600 block of Cherokee. Taken was a ring valued at approximately \$4,000 and a handgun valued at approximately \$400.
 An identification card was found and turned in to the police department.
 Theft was reported in the 700 block of Deane Drive. A camera valued at \$200 was reported stolen.
 Theft was reported at Allsup's, 140 S. Starkweather. Taken was \$44.14 worth of gasoline.
 Theft was reported in the 1100 block of Juniper. A bicycle valued at approximately \$50 was taken.
 A runaway was reported in the 400 block of North Gray.
 Violation of a protective order was reported in the 2200 block of Lea.
 Tommy Ray Beard, 41,

901 Scott, was arrested in the 900 block of Scott for public intoxication.
 Gregory Randall Edmondson, 24, 729 Deane Drive, was arrested in the 700 block of Deane Drive for public intoxication.
 Rachel G. Gunther, 42, 408 N. Yeager #9, was arrested in the 100 block of South Starkweather for public intoxication.
Friday, July 2
 Burglary of a habitation was reported from the 200 block of West Craven. The incident occurred in the 600 block of Campbell. Taken was \$564 in cash.

Sheriff

Gray County Sheriff's Office today reported the

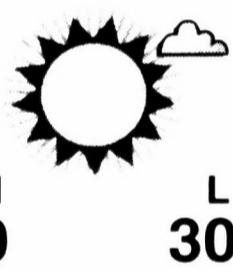
following arrests:
Thursday, July 1
 Louisa Black, 39, 1106 Duncan, turned herself in on a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.
 Joseph Kirkland, 22, 947 S. Hobart, was arrested for assaulting causing bodily injury.
 Pamela Kay Best, 44, Lefors, was arrested for furnishing alcohol to a minor and possession of marijuana.
 Ricky Lynn Marsh, 43, 619 N. Sumner, was arrested on a grand jury indictment for manufacture/delivery/possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver.
 Bo Dan Seal Jr., 40, Lefors, was arrested for no valid driver's license.
 William Harvey Plant, 36, McLean, was arrested for assault causing bodily

injury/family violence.
Fire
 Pampa Fire Department responded to the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.
Thursday, July 1
 3:46 p.m. — One unit and two firefighters responded to an odor investigation in the 600 block of West Brown. Two pieces of metal coated with an unnamed residue in a trash container were emitting the suspicious odor. Firefighters contacted the persons who had placed the metal in the dumpster and instructed them to dispose of the metal properly.
 5:08 p.m. — One unit and four firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 100 block of South Faulkner.

Ambulance

Rural/Metro Ambulance reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.
Thursday, July 1
 11:40 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Skellytown and transported a patient(s) to Pampa Regional Medical Center.
 5 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2300 block of Perryton Parkway and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.
 5:09 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 100 block of South Faulkner and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.
Friday, July 2
 12:17 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block of Williston on a call for lifting assistance.

Gray County Weather



Tonight: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before 2am. Partly cloudy, with a low around 67. South southeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.
 Saturday: Partly cloudy, with a high around 96. South southwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming north-east.
 Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low near 65.

South southeast wind around 10 mph becoming northwest.
 Independence Day: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 2 p.m. Partly cloudy, with a high around 94. Northeast wind 10 to 15 mph becoming west southwest.
 Sunday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before 1 a.m. Partly cloudy.

Nation's largest refinery doubles up on security

BAYTOWN, Texas (AP) — The nation's largest refinery is increasing security measures this holiday weekend based on a vague warning from the FBI.
 The Exxon Mobil refinery in Baytown, set on the Houston Ship Channel, said a weekly security bulletin released to local law enforcement agencies "expressed concern about the threat of terrorist attack within the (United States) during the July 4th weekend. Intelligence reporting indicates a wide range of possible infrastructure targets, including refineries. Law enforcement agencies were asked to remain vigilant."
 The Baytown Sun received a copy of an internal Exxon Mobil warning that said the company "elected to take more aggressive action in its security profile" after talking to the Department of Homeland Security.
 Extra security means more vehicle searches, gate closures, more guards, restriction of non-employee visitors and an increased presence of Baytown police at entrances and around the perimeter, the company notice said.
 This week's industry warnings were not based on any specific threats, FBI spokesman Bob Doguim said.
 Rather, they are part of continuous vigilance based on earlier warnings of a possible domestic terrorist strike before Election Day in November.

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		Coca Cola	50.87 +0.51
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		Limited	18.88 +0.10
		Williams	12.15 +0.02
		MCD	26.44 +0.13
		Atmos	25.47 +0.23
		Pioneer Nat	34.83 +0.04
		JCP	37.24 +0.24
		COP	76.55 +0.15
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		Tenneco	13.07 +0.15
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claims. It's been negligible, not anything significant. I've had only half a dozen claims" from the storm, said Scott Daugherty of Daugherty Insurance Agency.

"We've had quite a few adjusters out," said Brandon Wheeler of Farm Bureau Insurance. Number and total value of claims is still being compiled, he said.

Wheeler said his agency has had few crop damage claims related to the storm.

Ronnie Parsley of Double D Roofing said he has examined 50 to 60 roofs so far, most of them on Lea, Lynn and Zimmers streets in the area of 23rd Avenue, with some streets further east, to Banks Street.

This morning Parsley was checking damage on a roof in the 2300 block of Rosewood, the first structure on that side of 23rd he had examined, he said. The composition shingle roof showed places where hailstones had hit, and one area which had an opening in the shingle had collected water, which spilled out when Parsley pressed on it.

"If you have eight or more 'hits' in a 10'x10' area, the roof is considered to need replacing," Parsley said.

"We have insurance inspectors here today, but no dollar amount yet on damage," said John Horst, city of Pampa finance director and interim city manager.

Damage has been found throughout the city due to high water, Horst said. A bridge in Central Park was damaged, and ceiling tiles at M.K. Brown Auditorium were ruined due to water leaks, he said.

Hail caused damage at the water treatment plant and at the service center, and one vehicle in the Recreation department had a mirror broken, Horst said.

"We will have a total damage list sometime next week," he said.



(Pampa News photo by Marilyn Powers) **Light pressure with a soft-soled shoe was all it took to expose roof damage on a house in the 2300 block of Rosewood.**

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at high speeds, the most frequent outcome is death for the occupants," Tomlinson said.

For a great many people in this treeless land, however, cutting down a tree is a sin.

The plan, TxDOT officials at the Pampa office admitted in an earlier article about the project, has been controversial.

The controversy began around the first of May when Kenneth Corse of Pampa, TxDOT area engineer for Gray, Carson, Roberts, Hemphill, Ochiltree and Lipscomb counties, spoke to the Lions Club in Canadian and mentioned that the tree removal was one of the projects that his agency was considering.

His comments brought a storm of protests.

Tonya Detten, of TxDOT's Amarillo office,

said they had planned to begin the project this fall, but because of opposition to the project, it's was placed on hold for further study.

A number of issues face TxDOT.

Trees planted by the Works Progress Administration during the 1930s might be exempt from possible removal, Detten said. That's something TxDOT will have to look into and address in their studies.

She said that the agency is considering other alternatives including guardrails near the trees and transplanting trees. Detten said they may plant new trees to replace the ones that are removed.

In the meantime, Brown went out and began putting yellow plastic caution tape around trees that would be removed in an effort to show how the landscape in Canadian was about to change. Others began wrapping the yellow plastic tape

around trees north of Canadian, and a group of citizens in Miami began marking trees between Miami and Pampa with the plastic tape.

Jan Elston of Pampa said that as a long-time bird-watcher, she's concerned about the destruction of habitat for migratory and nesting birds. She said she'd like to see an environmental impact survey, including the economic impact on nature tourism.

If TxDOT is going to plant trees to replace the ones they cut down, she said, they need to be planting now so the new trees will be large enough for nesting when the old trees are removed.

Elston said she too is concerned about driver safety.

"I think if people have something to look at in this beautiful monotony of the Texas Panhandle, then they're less likely to doze off," Elston said.

Staff Writer David Bowser contributed to this report.

that operate power and chemical plants and key transportation facilities.

The government's approach to this major U.S. holiday was muted in comparison to Memorial Day, when the FBI and Attorney General John Ashcroft issued high-profile warnings that terrorists were nearly ready to strike.

In Florida this week, Ashcroft repeated his contention that al-Qaida was between 75 percent and 90 percent ready to attack again.

FBI Director Robert Mueller told reporters Thursday in Seattle that local, state and federal officials must cooperate to prevent a new terrorist attack. The lack of such cooperation, from the federal government on down, has been cited by congressional and independent investigators as a key reason the Sept. 11, 2001, plot was not detected.

"We try to use our imagination to determine where the next threat might come

from," Mueller said after a visit to the FBI's Seattle field office.

The FBI bulletin cited recent intelligence that continues to show al-Qaida interest in attacking a range of facilities, including gasoline stations and refineries; financial and government institutions; civil aviation; nuclear plants and dams, and subways and freight trains.

Terrorists could seek to replicate attacks overseas that have used bombs in vehicles, assault teams armed with light weapons and suicide

bombers, the FBI said.

Around the country, state and local officials echoed the federal government's approach to the Fourth.

"We're encouraging New Yorkers to enjoy the holiday but to remain vigilant and aware of their surroundings," said Lynn Rasic, spokeswoman for New York Gov. George Pataki. "Security will be strong and noticeable at public events across the state."

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"We try to use our imagination to determine where the next threat might come from."

— Robert Mueller
FBI Director

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attack also could be timed to coincide with the national political conventions or the November elections, plus the Olympics in August in Athens, Greece.

Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge said the warnings were not issued because of a specific threat.

"The information that the FBI put out is just a reminder," he said Friday on NBC's "Today" show. "There are some lessons we've learned from observing the al-Qaida and other terrorist organizations conduct their attacks around the world."

The FBI said police should increase patrols this holiday weekend, vary the timing, size and routes of the patrols, and make sure all vehicles illegally parked in key areas are approached and their drivers questioned.

The Homeland Security Department had no plans to raise the nation's color-coded terror alert level above its current midpoint status of yellow, or elevated. Last week, the agency sent a bulletin urging tighter security to state and local officials and those

'Amarillo in July' arts, crafts festival this weekend

AMARILLO — The first annual "Amarillo in July" Arts and Crafts Festival will be held from 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Saturday, July 3 and from 12 noon-5 p.m., Sunday, July 4 at Amarillo Civic Center.

Organizers are expecting more than 130 artist and crafters from throughout the Southwest to participate in the event to be held in the south exhibit hall.

Staci Fraley, an organizer for the two-day show, said the festival will feature a number of newcomers to the Amarillo area.

"First-time exhibitors will offer items such as furniture, potpourri jars, clothing,

vests, thermal wraps, jewelry, coasters, scroll saw art, bath salts, homemade soaps, homemade condiments, candles, goat milk products, candle accessories, and ceramics," she said.

Other wares will include candy, photography, note cards, toile painting, decorative porcelain, homemade salsa, metal art, western scenes, lamps, quilt racks, handbags, games, marble art, native artifacts, dress sets, soft sculpture, dolls, lotions, clothes, soup mixes, jellies and preserves, barnwood furniture and much, much more.

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Viewpoints

A little humor helps most circumstances

"Gnats bothering you, Slim?" asked Jake as I was laboring with a post-hole digger while repairing a barbed wire fence.

"Yes," was my exasperated reply.

"Why, pull yer britches down and they'll quit botherin' you."

"Hey, Slim, yer lips sure are chapped. Best remedy to stop you from licking them is to throw that lip balm away — it's too sweet — you wanna use fresh cow manure on those chapped lips — that'll make you stop lickin' them!"

(Readers, do note that "manure" was not Jake's term, but mine, in keeping

with the guidelines set forth by the editor.)

And my favorite anecdotal reply from Jake Osborne after stepping off a disc plow onto a rattlesnake, feeling the thump of impact on my boot, and setting what would have been an Olympic high jump record.

"Snake?" Jake casually said as he rolled the cigar to the other corner of his mouth.

"Yes," I squeaked as I lit back on the plow. "You missed the mud on that last disc," replied Jake.

Jake drove a 1965 Oldsmobile 442. Need I say more, Mike McComas? Jake never drove under 80

mph, and it was a good 40 miles to his ranch, so the need for speed was never in doubt when I rode with him.

What a car! Had a Hurst 4-speed transmission and was geared for high speed.

Dennis Palmitier
Columnist

Officer Bailey would wait for Jake behind the Catholic Church in anticipation of Jake's return to the city limits.

How many readers remember Officer Bailey, the bane of teenagers in the '60s and '70s?

Officer Bailey did not possess a sense of humor, just a profound necessity to issue a ticket every waking hour of the day.

I don't recall how many speeding tickets Jake received from Officer Bailey the two summers I worked for him, but I do recall Jake never paid the fines.

And I do recall, but I can't stand on the merits of truth to this fact, that Jim Osborne, Jake's son, was stopped by Officer Bailey on

a trumped-up ticket and detained by Officer Bailey until Jake made good on all his speeding tickets.

Jake asked me to burn some trees that had been felled by a windstorm by setting them ablaze with diesel fuel.

Jake had taught me to be efficient, so I used a front-end loader and amassed a single pile of deadwood at a height that would make an Aggie drool.

I started at the apex of the woodpile with the diesel fuel and worked my way down pouring the fuel in a spiral as I made the descent, thinking the fire, once ignited, would follow the spiral up the pile.

I struck the match.

Jake's reply after examining my beet red face, singed hair, burnt clothing was, "Shudda made three piles."

Jake Osborne impacted my life in many ways — his work ethic, his knowledge of flora and fauna, his family's prominent role in Gray and Roberts counties' history.

His greatest impact on me was his sense of humor and how he used humor to help him through the day.

I don't think I will ever face the adversity that Jake faced throughout his life. I do know this.

If you can't laugh, it makes for one tough day.

Thank you, Jake Osborne.



Our readers write

TxDOT plans for highway tree removal

Dear Editor:

This letter is in reference to our proposed tree removal project on U.S. 60 and U.S. 83 in Hemphill, Roberts, Ochiltree, Carson, Gray and Lipscomb counties. Obviously, we are aware that this proposal has been met with concern by a number of people and I wanted to advise you of our plans regarding the development of this project. In response to comments expressed, we are reviewing the scope of the project in an effort to significantly reduce the number of trees removed.

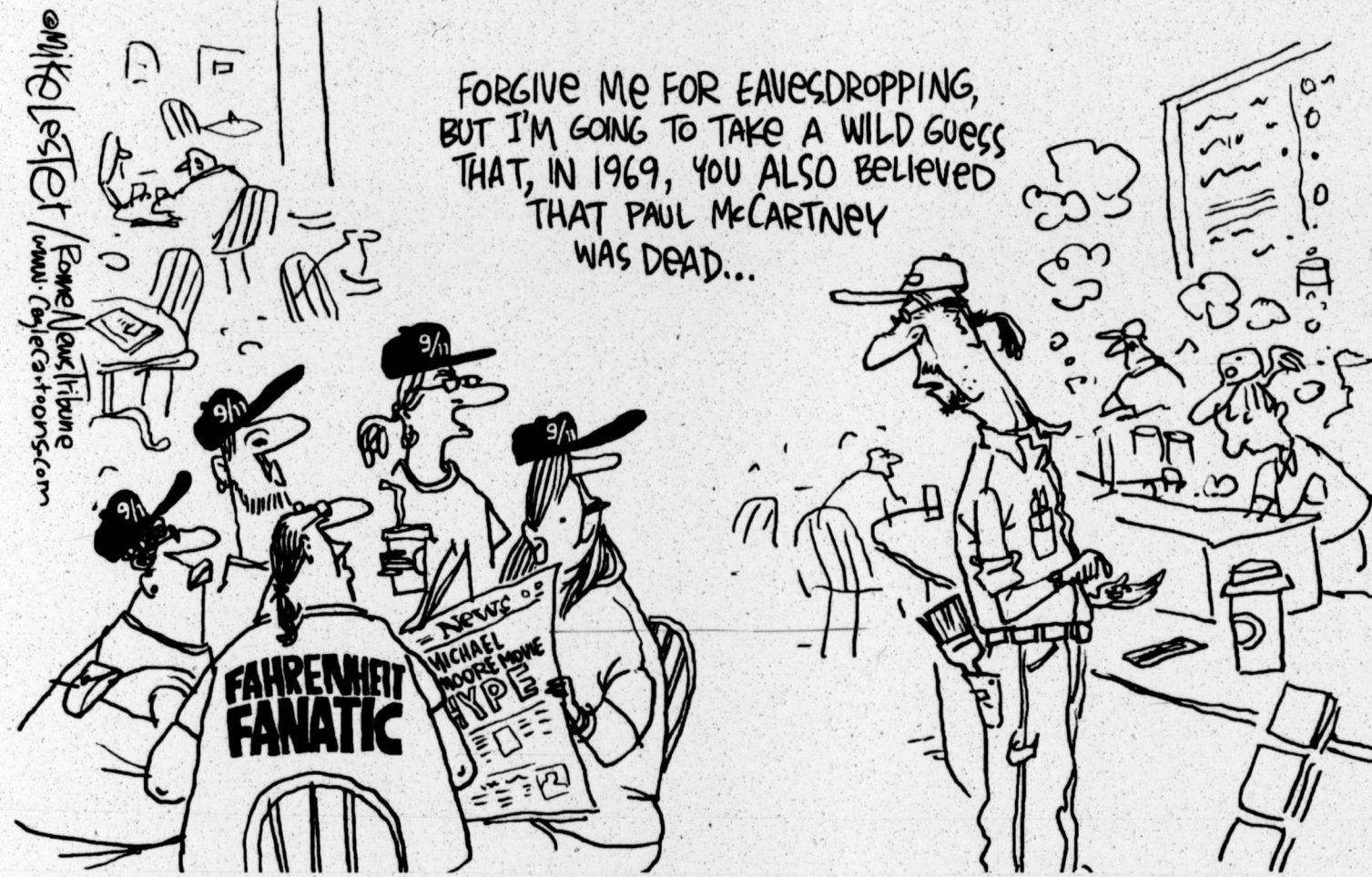
I hope you know that we do not suggest a project of this (sic) lightly. TxDOT has, for many years, been a leader in creating roadside beauty through the planting of numerous trees, shrubs and other plant material. We also work diligently to preserve existing beauty through contest sensitive design and good maintenance practices. With over 79,000 miles of highway across Texas, TxDOT is caretaker to one of the largest land holdings in the state. We actively manage this land to preserve its beauty and usefulness through sound environmental stewardship. We take this responsibility very seriously.

As it is with many things in life, though, there are other needs and priorities to be considered as well.

Striking a balance between these potentially conflicting issues is one of the most difficult things we do. Interlaced through this is our fundamental mission to serve the people of Texas and others who use our highways. Therefore, we listen closely to people's opinions and concerns and work diligently to address these in our projects and operations. We also factor in sound engineering practice and experience to ensure the creation and maintenance of the safest, most effective transportation system possible.

In this case, we are very concerned about safety on U.S. 60 and U.S. 83. From 1992 to 2001, 303 fixed object crashes were recorded. These crashes resulted in eight fatalities and 203 injuries. Seven of the fatalities and 11 of the injuries were tree-related. We believe these numbers are significant and that we need to develop a project that addresses these fixed object crashes. This work should include all fixed objects, including culvert headwalls, utility poles and trees. Unlike much of the Texas Panhandle, trees abound throughout much of the area crossed by these highways. Parts of the state-owned right of way in these counties have trees that grow very close to the highway. While trees are often visually pleasing, they are also extremely solid objects. When struck by vehicles at high speeds, the most frequent outcome is death for the occupants.

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Bush's Churchill vs. Kerry's Atlee

The basic issue in the 2004 election is not a clash of two leaders or two parties or even two ideologies. It is a battle between two issues for supremacy. It boils down to a simple question: Do voters want a wartime or a peacetime president?

Even as the polling shows a nation evenly divided, Americans are curiously united in their perceptions of the two candidates. By 20 points or more, they agree that Bush is better on terrorism, national defense, and homeland security. Even on Iraq, even on the worst days, they give Bush a 10-point margin over Kerry. On the

other hand, they give Kerry a lead of double digits on job creation, education, health care, Social Security, prescription drug prices and the environment.

To fight the war on terror, they want Bush. To handle domestic problems, they want Kerry. How similar the situation is to the 1945 Churchill vs. Atlee election in the United Kingdom. There, even though Britain was still at war with Japan — and

nobody knew about the bomb as yet — voters opted for Atlee's superior capacity to deliver on peacetime promises like healthcare and social security.

Grasping this basic fact, Sen. John Kerry (D-Mass.) is taking a page out of the Clinton playbook for 1996 and the Bush strategy of 2000 and trying some triangulation of his own. While Clinton hugged the GOP on issues like welfare reform and deficit reduction and

Bush mimicked the Democratic agenda by stressing education standards and vowing to leave "no child behind," so Kerry is broadly supportive of Bush's actions in Iraq and in the war on terror.

Kerry's reluctance to part company with Bush on current and future steps in Baghdad does not, of course, stop him from criticizing past administration actions, but he is careful not to allow any real daylight to shine through his proposals for the future in Iraq and those of the Bush people. Like the



Dick Morris
Columnist

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Independence, self-sufficiency, skill

"Hot" topic of the day has been on school finance special sessions. It's been on television, radio, newspapers and at the coffee shop, so I'd like to share some items I have heard and wondered, too.

A good friend was on the school board here in 1962. In visiting with him and trying to seek an answer on school finance, he shared some interesting history.

On his best recollection, the school population was similar and they anguished over approving a \$2 million budget. Such a huge amount of dollars! Now, with all the

growth of the world, and the approximate same number of students, the cost is 10 times what it was. How?

This may be an oversimplistic question, but how did we get telegraph, telephones, plumbing, cars, trucks, trains, skyscrapers, ships, planes and even space travel before Robin Hood?

Remember the NASA Command Center 30 years ago — computers the size of a

house and slow, slow, slow.

As we have progressed to who knows where, how did they do all that?

A local computer whiz explained to me the value of upgrading — that old one versus the new ones on TV. New's 50 times faster, but faster than what? Upon reflection, I used the poor old Model T Ford to answer that question. A Model T's speed averaged 22 miles per hour, hefty for

the times compared to horse and buggy. Take that speed and go 50 times faster. Wow, 1,100 miles per hour — a fighter jet speed. And that is slow for some computers. But why?

Who is driving all this progress? I think we were mistreated when we went through school. We couldn't use calculators in class. We even had to learn to use a slide rule (hints of the abacus). When mention was made that computers were to be placed in my old senior high school, it seemed too

Ted Powers
Guest Columnist

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• **White Deer Land Museum (112-116 S. Cuyler) winter visiting hours are 1-4 p.m. Tuesday-Sunday. No charge for admission; elevator provided.**
 • **United States Amateur Ballroom Dancers Association is seeking support for a chapter for beginner social or recreational ballroom dancers in the Amarillo area. If enough interest is expressed, a local steering committee will be formed to guide the project and**

enroll members. For more information, call 1-800-447-9047; e-mail USABDA-CENT@aol.com; or write: USABDA, P.O. Box 128, New Freedom, PA 17349.
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 • **The Musical Drama "TEXAS" is continuing its fall, winter and spring vacation packages showcasing area attractions such as Amarillo Rattlers, Amarillo Opera, Amarillo Symphony, and Lone Star Ballet.**

Election

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administration, he wants more international support for our efforts and like the president he wants to turn power over to the Iraqis as quickly as possible. Most important, like Bush, he does not want to withdraw and vows to stay the course.

When an insurgent challenges an incumbent, he can always choose the field of battle by articulating precisely and narrowly the differences between them. Too often, challengers fall into the trap of criticizing everything their opponent does. By doing so, they take on

their adversary's strong points as well as his weak ones.

A shrewd challenger bypasses the strong points, professing agreement, and concentrates on the weak ones instead. Unless the challenger attacks the incumbent over the strong elements in his record, the incumbent has difficulty putting his strengths into play.

There is no more potent way to dismiss the achievements of one's adversary than to praise them, and thereby banish them, from the campaign.

Kerry's strategy is to stress his differences over Bush's weaknesses like healthcare, Medicare, the environment. Social Security, stem-cell research

and the like while narrowing the gap between them over terrorism and the president's strength.

For Bush, the challenge is not only to prove his supremacy in the areas of terrorism, war, security and the like, but to keep these issues on the front page.

In these dual challenges, he must walk a tightrope between success and failure. If Iraq blows up or there are serious breaches in our homeland security, he could lose his lead on these key issues, as he did briefly in April.

But if all goes well and Baghdad is quiescent, the terror issue could lose its saliency and the Kerry domestic-policy advantages could move to the fore. Too

much success drives his best issue off center stage. Too much failure makes it no longer his issue.

For Kerry, the frustration is an inability to control events. He cannot determine the saliency of issues. Only events far beyond his control can accomplish that.

The Democrat is forced to wage an essentially passive campaign, capitalizing on Bush's failures by narrowing the gap on the terror issue and on the incumbent's successes by driving home the differences on domestic policies.

Each candidate has his own limitations and frustrations, which makes 2004 a true strategic nightmare for both sides.

Skill

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far-fetched. Then, shortly, junior high school had them. Oh, well, I guess it's okay. But first-graders? Does the computer really help expand imagination, or dull it?

Technology is great. Look at all of the things we take for granted. Flip the switch, and instant light. Turn on the microwave — I even think it's slow now. It's like the replicator on Star Trek — instant food. No knobs on the TV — remember turning it on and

having to walk over to change the three (count 'em) channels? Remote control? Impossible! Cable TV? Never work! Make change yourself if the computer register is down? Unheard of!

In our rush to make life so wonderful, aren't we losing a lot of the reality that we must have, the basics that made us the greatest civilization in history? Money is not the answer. You can put a printing press on the high school lawn and not print enough money to fix the problem.

I am for education, but not extortion. Many, many people are really tiring of the worn phrase, "but it's for the

kids — how can you be against them?" What's next? Paying them to attend? And no, I'm not against making things better, just questioning the reasoning of trying to make all students round pegs when there are so many square holes to fill. We have to have trades to fix and do things — plumbers, carpenters, welders, mechanics, equipment operators, barbers, painters.

Is a virtual plumber going

to fix your virtual commode, replace your virtual sewer line? Who will trim your virtual trees, repair your virtual TV? Oh, I guess you just replace it.

An understanding of history, and skills to fix and do things without a computer, sure look like they are in short supply.

Independence, self-sufficiency and skills — is there still a place for them, too?

Trees

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For decades, TxDOT has worked toward providing a "forgiving roadside" on our highways. Approximately one third of all highway fatalities are associated with single vehicle, run-off-the-road crashes. We cannot predict precisely where these vehicles will leave the road and cannot control the causes for the departures. Therefore, it is vitally important that the roadside be free of fixed objects. This concept has been incorporated into our Roadway Design Manual and is required whenever we undertake roadway rehabilitation or expense.

Implementation of this approach, however, does not mean the indiscriminate removal of all trees from the right of way. Highway research has shown that for given speeds, a high percentage of vehicles leaving the roadway can be stopped or brought under control within a certain distance. For rural, high speed roadways, the desirable distance is 30 feet from the edge of the travel lane and is commonly called the clear zone. Trees and other vegetation on the right of way outside the clear zone can be preserved.

In terms of clear zone safety, TxDOT tries to address fixed objects in the following order: Eliminate the obstacle; redesign the obstacle so that it can be safely traversed; relocate the obstacle; make the obstacle break away; apply a cost-effective device to provide redirection or severity reduction. Barrier should only be used if it is less of an obstacle that what it would protect; delineate the obstacle.

Since the announcement of the project, we have received public comment through letters, e-mails and telephone calls. In an effort to respond to these concerns, we are taking the following actions:

- We have revised the project schedule to work toward a tentative letting date of October 2005. Development of the project will continue but no tree removal will occur prior to letting the project to contract.

- We are reviewing options to reduce the number of trees that will be removed. In some cases, we may be able to use traffic barrier to shield the most significant groups of trees. We are also considering the feasibility of transplanting some trees and possibly planting new trees in safe areas.

- The project has been expanded to include the removal or treatment of all fixed objects, such as drainage structures, utility poles, etc.

- Although not required by law or TxDOT policy, we will conduct a thorough environmental review to determine if there are any significant issues we should address. As a part of this process, we will conduct a public meeting to receive input concerning the project.

- The project has been submitted into the State Hazard Elimination Safety Program for possible funding. We also have the option of funding the project through our district allocation programs or routine maintenance funds.

In summary we hope to strike a balance between preserving aesthetic beauty along these highways and improving their safety. These are both important goals that affect the vitality of this area. I hope you will work with us as we continue to develop this project.

In the interim, if you should have any questions or need additional information, please contact me at (806) 356-3201.
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These youngsters recently attended Girl Scout's "Li'l Camp on the Prairie." Above: (top, left-right) Tammy DuBose, Elizabeth Willis-Fagg, Christenia DiTirro, Chelsie Griffin, Chelsy McCullam (bottom) Jaycee Smith, Shala Shuster and Samy Gaue.

Israel PM ready to move West Bank security barrier little closer to Israel

JERUSALEM (AP) — Prime Minister Ariel Sharon says he is prepared to move a West Bank security barrier closer to Israel where possible to avoid trapping Palestinians in fenced-in enclaves. Sharon's remarks were reported on the Web site of the Haaretz daily late Thursday, a day after the Supreme Court told the gov-

ernment it must pay more attention to the hardships the barrier could cause Palestinians.

In the Gaza Strip, five Palestinians were killed in an hours-long gunbattle with Israeli troops, the army said. The Palestinians apparently had planned to ambush Israeli traffic on Gaza's main north-south road, according to military officials.

Israel's high court had reviewed plans for a 25-mile section of the barrier near Jerusalem, and ordered the government to reroute most of it. The judges said the original path would have caused too much hardship to thousands of Palestinians and would have violated international law.

In response, Defense Minister Shaul Mofaz met with army planners Thursday and ordered them to review most of the 425-mile route, security officials said. They said the 25 percent of the bar-

'We need to simplify things and not create ... closed-off Palestinian enclaves ...'

— Ariel Sharon
 Prime Minister

rier already built and judicially unchallenged would not be affected.

The Haaretz Web site quoted Sharon as saying he is willing to accept changes.

"We need to simplify things and not create ... closed-off Palestinian enclaves since we have not succeeded in creating convenient conditions for moving through the fence," Sharon said.

The stretch of barrier built so far has severely disrupted the lives of Palestinians near-

Colin Powell, North Korea talk nuclear disarmament

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) — Secretary of State Colin Powell told North Korea's top diplomat during a meeting Friday he was hopeful international negotiations begun last year could yield "concrete progress" toward nuclear disarmament in the communist state.

In a North Korean statement issued after the meeting, Foreign Minister Paek Nam Sun was reported to have said he shares Powell's goal of a nuclear-free Korean Peninsula. But he rejected a U.S. requirement that his country show a serious commitment to disarmament before it can receive economic benefits from Washington.

Powell and Paek are here for the annual summer meeting of foreign ministers from the Asia-Pacific region. The unannounced, 20-minute U.S.-North Korean encounter was held shortly after 8 a.m. at a local conference center.

Powell and his North Korean colleague had last met in July 2002 in Brunei. Since then, American concerns about North Korea's nuclear intentions have sharply escalated. The North renounced a 1994 nuclear freeze and also was discovered by U.S. intelligence to have secretly embarked on a second nuclear weapons program as supplement to one it publicly acknowledged.

The morning meeting occurred a week after the United States presented a detailed proposal for obtaining a verifiable end to the North's nuclear ambitions. It was

unveiled at a conference in Beijing, attended by delegates from China, Japan, South Korea and Russia, in addition to the United States and North Korea. It was the third such meeting among the six.

The plan calls for a step-by-step dismantling of North Korea's declared and undeclared nuclear weapons programs. In return, the North would receive aid, with Japanese and South Korean energy assistance provided at a relatively early stage. American assistance would come later.

After the discussion, Powell said a mutual lack of confidence is a difficult problem in the disarmament talks. Speaking to a group of Indonesian young people, he said, "There is a great deal of mistrust between the United States and North Korea."

Powell told reporters later on that the meeting with Paek didn't change much.

"All we did was to reaffirm the positions that both sides took at the six-party talks last week," he said. "There was no negotiation. We wanted to make sure there was clarity of our position and they wanted to make sure there they had clarity in their position."

State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said Powell outlined the U.S. proposals during his meeting with Paek and told him "there was an opportunity for concrete progress."

The North Korean statement offered a mixed picture of the country's complex relationship with the United States.

'All we did was to reaffirm the positions that both sides took at the six-party talks last week.'

— Colin Powell
 Secretary of State

Earthquake in eastern Turkey kills 18

ISTANBUL, Turkey (AP) — A moderate earthquake leveled stone and mud houses in an eastern Turkey village Friday, killing 18 people and injuring 27, officials said.

The earthquake struck at about 1:30 a.m., causing heavy damage in Yigincal, a village near the Iranian border. Damage also was reported in nearby villages in the same area of Dogubeyazit province.

The Anatolia news agency reported 67 homes in Yigincal were destroyed, and that six of those killed were children younger than 10.

Television pictures showed village women wail-

ing outside their homes, which were reduced to piles of stone, wood and mud.

The Istanbul-based Kandilli Observatory put the magnitude of the quake at 5.0. Several aftershocks were reported.

The Red Crescent sent tents and blankets to the scene. Tents were raised to shelter those whose homes were destroyed, but some residents were still sifting through the rubble for their possessions.

An elderly woman wept over what appeared to be the bodies of her loved ones. Children huddled in blankets and residents combed through their wrecked homes looking for their pos-

sessions.

Funerals for most of those killed were held Friday, Anatolia said.

"We share your pain. Your wounds will be healed soon," Turkey's Energy Minister Hilmi Guler told villagers on behalf of the government.

The local governor, Huseyin Yavuzdemir, blamed the deaths on poor construction of the homes. Many people leave the village in the summer for mountain pastures, which probably kept the death toll from being higher, he said.

Yavuzdemir told Anatolia that rescue operations were completed and the death toll was not expected to rise.

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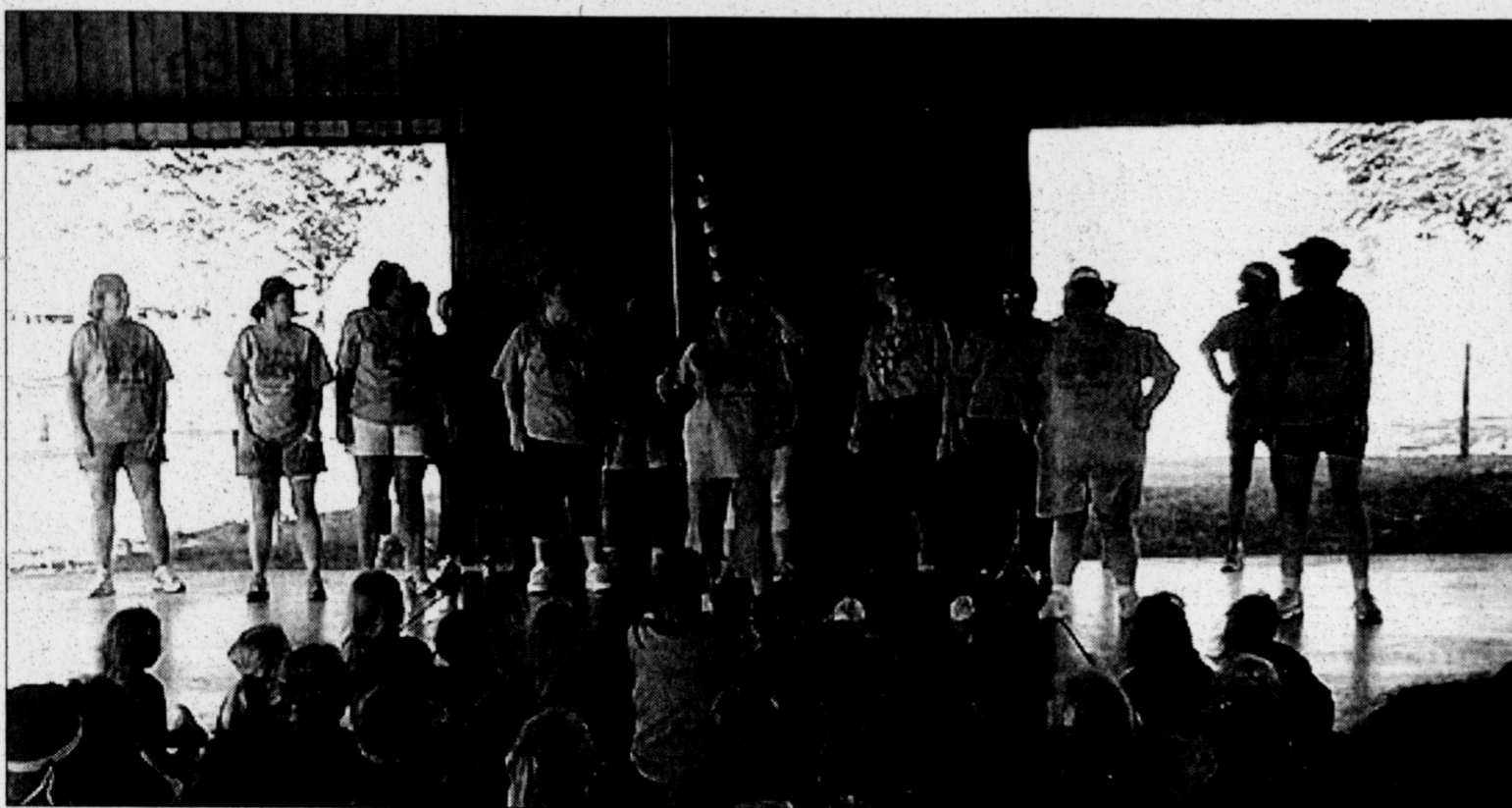
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Girl Scout camp leaders do their "crazy" cheer recently during "Li'l Camp on the Prairie" at Recreation Park. Above: (front left-right) Cathy Crocket, LeAnn Griffin, Lynn Di Tirro, Mary Green, Denise Dodson, Pam Daughtery, LaGayla Wheat, Charlotte DuBose, (back) Dixi Yearicks, Linda Smith, Jodi Smith, Mary Slaven, Rene Taylor and Sandy Carr.

Rell takes steps to distance self from Rowland

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — Hours after being sworn in as Connecticut's 87th governor, M. Jodi Rell wasted no time distancing herself from her disgraced former running mate, John G. Rowland.

Rell signed an executive order — the first of her fledgling administration — that aims to toughen state ethics laws for those who work for the governor and in the executive branch.

"Let the message be clear: From this day forward, if you are entrusted with public office, you will uphold the highest standards of public integrity and ethical principals," Rell said in her inaugural address Thursday.

It was a clear indication that Rell wants to take state government in a sharply different direction than Rowland, who resigned amid a federal corruption investigation and possible impeachment.

Rowland had come under fire for accepting gifts from state contractors, friends and politically appointed employees.

According to Rell's executive order, state employees who oversee, review and award state contracts will have to file a personal financial statement with the state Ethics Commission within 30 days.

That information could include investments and loans.

Her order requires state contractors to disclose any political contributions they've made to candidates for statewide office or the legislature.

Rell, 58, also let state

employees know that she plans to bring change to Connecticut government.

"We now have a historic opportunity to restore public trust and confidence in our state government," she wrote in an e-mail sent to all executive branch employees.

'Let the message be clear: From this day forward, if you are entrusted with public office, you will uphold the highest standards of public integrity and ethical principals.'

— M. Jodi Rell
Connecticut governor

"Working together, we can prove that state government is important, that we can manage our government with the highest standards of ethics and integrity and that we can efficiently deliver programs and services that people want and need," she said, thanking state employees for their dedication over the years.

Rowland had been at loggerheads with many unionized state workers and most recently ordered thousands of layoffs.

Rowland, 47, once a rising star in the Republican Party, announced his resignation last week.

National teachers union embroiled in election brouhaha in Chicago

CHICAGO (AP) — National union officials have become embroiled in a disputed Chicago Teachers Union election that left two candidates both claiming to be union president in the nation's third-largest school district.

Marilyn Stewart, whose 566-vote election victory was invalidated earlier this week, was turned away at CTU headquarters when she tried to take office Thursday.

Incumbent Deborah Lynch, who had the office locks changed to keep "unauthorized" people out, said she would remain president until a new election could be held, likely this fall.

Stewart, accusing Lynch of abusing her power, for-

mally asked the American Federation of Teachers to investigate and order her election victory over Lynch upheld.

"Our members have spoken. They have chosen someone else. And she needs to leave," Stewart said. "There is absolutely no reason to hold another election."

The AFT hoped to have a preliminary investigation completed as early as Friday with a recommendation from the union staff on whether its executive council should conduct a full investigation, AFT spokesman Alex Wohl said.

If it does take up the case, the council's final decision will be binding, he said.

American, DFW reach agreement

DALLAS (AP) — Representatives for Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport and American Airlines Inc. have reached agreement on a new terminal lease at its largest hub.

The world's largest airline, with the agreement reached Thursday, will schedule all its Canada flights from Terminal D in the first year of its operations, airport officials say.

If American can't use one of its own Terminal D gates for a Canada flight, it will have the chance to use one of the nine common-use gates at the new airport-owned facility at a reduced rate. American would be able to use its gates elsewhere at the airport if those common-use gates are also full.

Terminal D is the new \$2 billion facility where DFW Airport wants to place all international flights.

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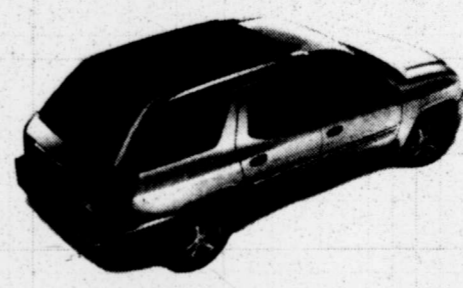
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Religion

Evangelicals explore the risks of partisan politics

By RACHEL ZOLL
AP Religion Writer

Memorializing Ronald Reagan, the National Association of Evangelicals called him "a great, if not the greatest, president of the 20th century."

President Bush has addressed the annual Southern Baptist Convention for three consecutive years. His campaign this year held a pastors' reception near the meeting co-hosted by the denomination's outgoing president.

The bond between the Republican Party and white, conservative Christians is so strong that other Americans often think of them as synonymous. Yet a new document circulating among evangelicals warns that being too enmeshed in partisan politics could undermine Christians' moral agenda as they seek to become even more engaged in civic affairs.

"What they're trying to say is 'Don't link the Christian message with a party, so that people link your religion with a political ideology,'" said Michael Cromartie, vice president of the Ethics and Public Policy Center, a Washington think-tank. "They're warning 'Don't confuse the Gospel with a political movement.'"

The National Association of Evangelicals last week released the draft statement, entitled "For the Health of the Nation: An Evangelical Call to Civic Responsibility."

Written by a team of evangelical leaders, and under review by top Christian thinkers, the document is part of a multiyear project

mapping out a strategy for future political involvement. It will be presented to the board of directors of the National Association of Evangelicals in October, and a book on the subject is due out next year.

The authors of the draft statement encourage evangelicals to join political parties but caution that "they must be careful not to equate Christian faith with partisan politics."

'They're not arguing that individual level of partisanship is necessarily a bad thing.'

— John Green
Political scientist

level partisanship is necessarily a bad thing," said John Green, a University of Akron political scientist and expert on religion and politics. "They're warning against the over-identification — not of people but of the evangelical community — with the Republican Party."

Green said evangelicals are much more diverse than most people realize, and the document shows that.

The statement explores a range of evangelical views on issues such as U.S. trade policy, environmental protection, abortion and gay marriage. Some of the policy goals — such as reducing global poverty and provid-

ing proper health care and education for all Americans — could fit with either major party platform.

"There is broad agreement that it is our obligation to care for the poor. There's broad agreement that it is our obligation to care for the environment. But there are disagreements about what responsibility to give to the government," said Diane Knippers, president of the conservative Institute on Religion and Democracy in Washington, and a leader of the evangelical project.

The Rev. Welton Gaddy, president of the Interfaith Alliance, a Washington advocacy group which has been critical of the Christian right, called the document "a recognition of reality" about uncomfortably close ties between evangelicals and the GOP.

"My own experience is that scores of people in the evangelical tradition have long resented the rhetoric of their leaders indicating an affinity only for the Republican Party," said Gaddy, who is a Baptist.

But Richard Land, president of the Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission, the Southern Baptists' public policy arm, said the Democratic Party has to bear some blame for any Republican tilt.

According to a poll released in April by U.S. News & World Report and PBS'

"Religion & Ethics Newsweekly," 69 percent of white evangelicals say they are Republican or lean Republican. Many analysts have criticized Democrats for failing to more effectively reach religious voters in this presidential election year.

"Ideally, it would be better if both parties were more responsive to evangelical concerns," said Land, who is among the leaders reviewing the strategy document. "But I'm not going to stop supporting pro-life candidates simply because one party refuses to produce any."

Still, all sides agree there are important strategic reasons for broadening party ties.

While Christian conservatives have been successful in electoral politics — helping elect a Republican congressional majority — they have not had as much sway over public policy, said Clyde Wilcox, a Georgetown University professor who studies religion and politics.

The authors of the evangelical document wrote that their activism over the last two decades has produced "access without influence," even as a Christian who speaks often of his faith sits in the White House. Evangelicals particularly lament that abortion remains legal in the United States.

"They've lost ground on gay rights, on gender roles, on the education system. They put all their eggs in one political party instead of trying to change society," Wilcox said. "If you're a one-party group, then you don't have much negotiating power."

'Ideally it would be better if both parties were more responsive to evangelical concerns.'

— Richard Land
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Today's problems part of eternal battle for man

With wars in foreign countries and crimes increasing at home, it seems appropriate to address the cause, or part of it. There are two facts we must keep in mind.

First, there is God the creator of all things including mankind. Second, there is the devil, that old serpent who is also called Lucifer and Satan, who is full of hatred against God and His highest creative work, man. Both God and Satan have great spirits. Two great spirits trying to control man (woman not excluded).

Archie Cooper
Pentecostal Holiness



We learn that God has a kingdom and a throne, while Satan is going through the earth seeking whom he may devour. Ever since Adam and Eve sold their souls to obey Satan in the garden of Eden, children have been born with two wills in them (Romans 7: 18-20) and soon they begin to rebel against good and right. That is where the rod (a small limb from a tree) is beneficial when applied in love and wisdom. Proverbs 13:24: "He that spareth his rod hateth his son; but he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes." Children must be taught and pressured to resist nature's self will. No man can serve two masters. (Matthew 6:24 with Luke 16:13)

Early in life, some children begin to cultivate a habit of lying. Wise and righteous parents must recognize that evil and take action early. Once the Devil has his web of lying or stealing woven around a person, it takes a miracle to get deliverance. The same applies to other sinful habits. Our society has tried to educate evil out of man and call his evil deeds a sickness. Now some educators are trying to prove that there is no right or wrong. To ignore that there is an evil spirit that man submits himself to and becomes a criminal, is to invite crimes to our nation. We have done too much of that.

As powerful as the spirit of the devil is, God's spirit is more powerful if we seek him through obedience with all our heart, and we can get free from the web of sin that the devil has us bound in.

At this point, let me speak to those that are bound by some addition. God loves you so much that He wants to help you get free from the spirit of the devil. You that have hungering in your heart for a better life, you must understand that you are battling against an evil spirit, and your deliverance will only come when you totally turn to Christ who is more than a match for the devil. Man or woman, you whose life is ruined by alcohol or drugs, you are on the devil's slide, one more accident could be fatal to you or some other person.

From the highest position in life to the lowest servant, it's the same evil spirit that binds people. A church membership will not help. Call on Jesus in the middle of the right, or stay at the church altar until you have totally surrendered your life and service to

Christ. You must come to hate sin as God hates sin.

If the rulers of our nation would see and confess that we are a nation that is wrestling against spiritual wickedness in high places (Ephesians 6:12), we would have a chance to get some help from God.

America's first Supreme Court Justice, Mr. John Jay, must have known something about spiritual battles when he wrote to Mr. Jeddiah Morris in 1797 and said, "Providence has given to our people the choice of their rulers, and it is the duty, as well as the privilege and interest of our Christian nation to select and prefer Christians for their rulers."

President George W. Bush, in his Christian faith, brought Christians the greatest courage that our nation has had in years. Above and beside the mistakes that Mr. Bush has made, he has helped us to fight against the evil spirit of partial birth abortion, as well as the evil of same sex marriages and many other evils.

Christians, we must pray sincerely lest a worse thing come upon us. We cannot educate our nation free from evil spirits; only God can do that, and He will only do so when North America turns to him in true repentance. Without this help from the Holy Spirit, our nation will suffer more and more bondage by evil spirits, which means more and more crimes against the innocent.

In May 2004, a 41-year-old pastor of Pentecostal Holiness faith began getting letters of threat if he would not give up his Christian preaching and join war against the United States. Some wicked men, empowered by the spirit of the devil forced their way into the pastor's church, kidnapped him,

punished him, made threats of a tortuous death. By leaping from a moving vehicle, the minister escaped and is recovering.

We have never had a president of the United States that had such wicked spirits to fight as President George W. Bush has. We must back him with our prayers.

The devil is very furious for he knows that his time is short. (Revelations 12:12) The devil is moving very strong upon every individual that he can, from the highest office to the lowest position, to hurt and hinder God's kingdom. He is working in every office and position. He has many preachers doing his destructive work. Trouble and wickedness in every elected position.

Selfishness and greed in the heart of many people, while the most of preachers leave their members to believe that they are on their way to heaven, though their heart is black with sin.

Where there is no vision (of what we are fighting against — AC), the people perish. (Proverbs 29:18) Amen.

'Providence has given our people the choice of their rulers, and it is the duty ... to select and prefer Christians ...'

— Justice John Jay
First U.S. Supreme Court

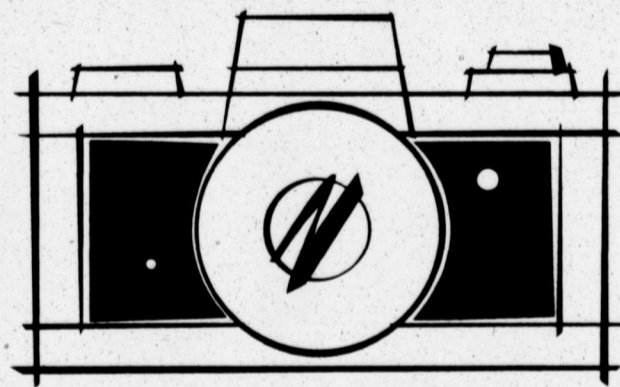
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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: With Independence Day approaching, I'm asking for your help in reminding your millions of readers about the danger of fireworks, especially to the eyes.

Each year during Fourth of July celebrations, thousands of adults and children are seriously injured as a result of fireworks and pyrotechnic devices. Many of the injuries affect eyesight, permanently damaging -- and in some cases blinding -- the victims. In response, the American Optometric Association (AOA) urges people to refrain from using fireworks and to instead enjoy professional displays.

About two-thirds of fireworks-related injuries are burns. Most of the burns involve the hands, eyes, head and face. Almost half of the victims are under 15 years of age, and 75 percent of them are male. The most frequent cause of fireworks injuries requiring trips to the emergency room is sparklers. (Did you know that sparklers can heat up to 1,800 degrees, enough to melt gold?) A sparkler can also literally poke someone's eye out.

This may come as a surprise, but bystanders are also not safe from injury. Data from the U.S. Eye Injury Registry reveals that half of all fireworks injuries occur to bystanders.

So, on this Fourth of July, members of the AOA urge your readers to protect their eyes by avoiding fireworks and enjoying professional displays from a safe distance.

DR. WESLEY PITTMAN, PRESIDENT, A.O.A.

DEAR DR. PITTMAN: Thank you for the timely reminder. Although many people, young and old, regard fireworks as harmless

fun, the facts show otherwise.

According to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, during 2002, an estimated 8,800 people were treated in hospital ERs for injuries associated with fireworks. An estimated 20 percent to 25 percent of fireworks injuries are to the eyes -- mostly contusions and lacerations -- and most of those are caused by firecrackers, rockets and sparklers.

So, a word to the wise: Have a "blast" on the Fourth of July -- but do it in a way that will protect yourselves and your families.

DEAR ABBY: I am 17 and currently involved with a guy from school. The guy that I was with for a year and a half (my ex) wants to marry me. I still have feelings for him, but not like I used to.

I like my new boyfriend and don't really want to leave him. When my ex and I broke up, it was only supposed to be "a little time apart." My ex showed signs that he was moving on, so I did the same. Now that he wants to get back together, I don't know what to do. Should I go back with him and give it a chance or let him down gently?

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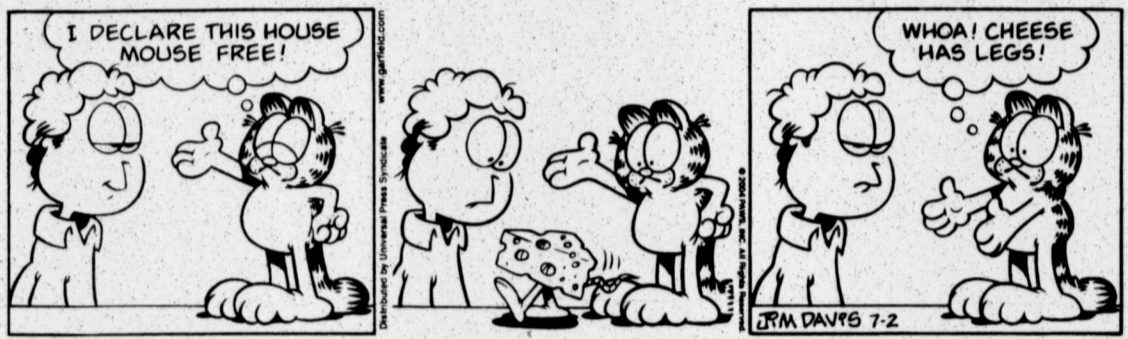
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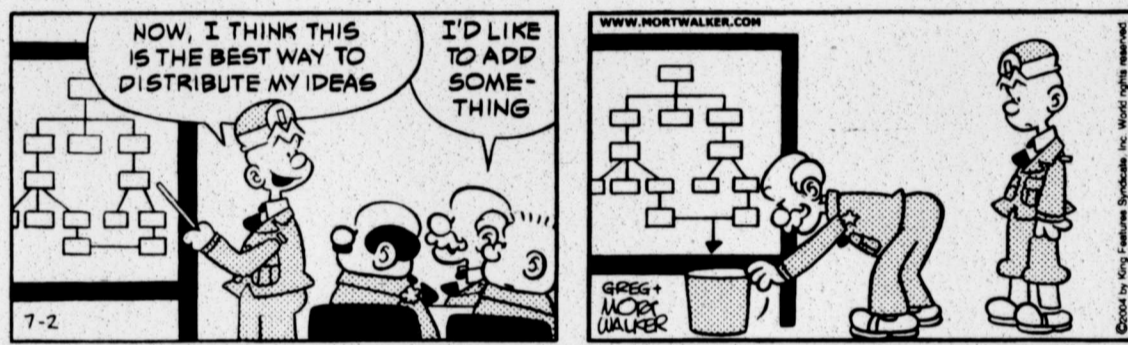
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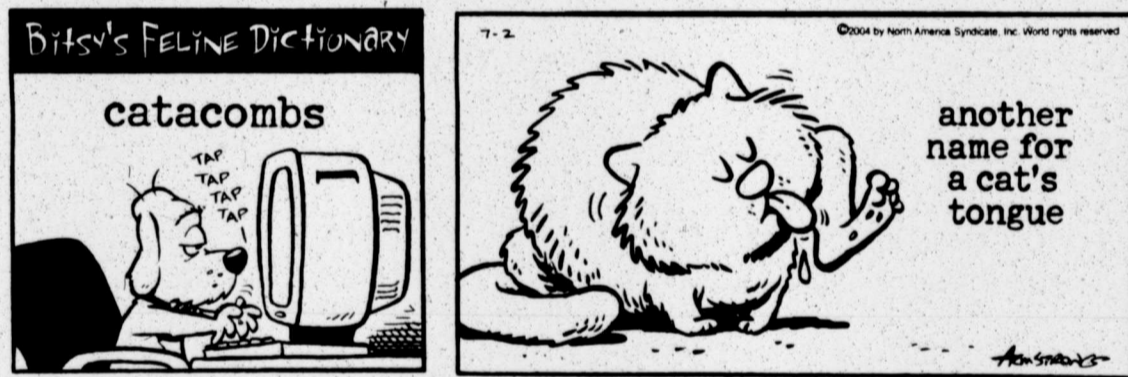
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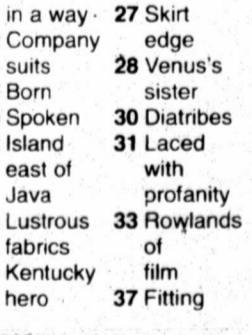
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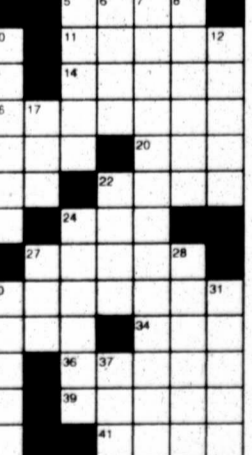
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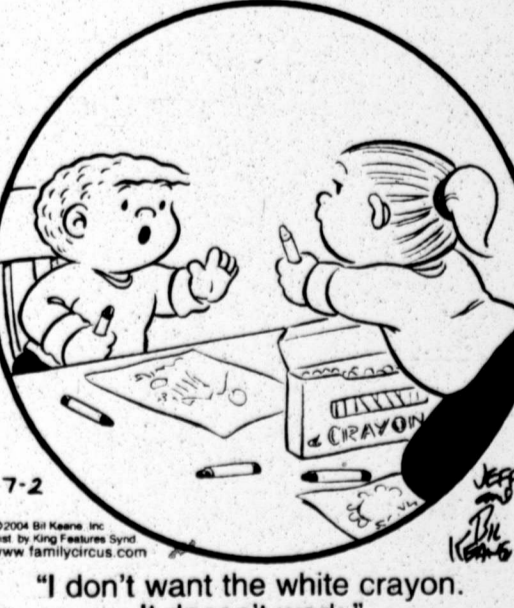
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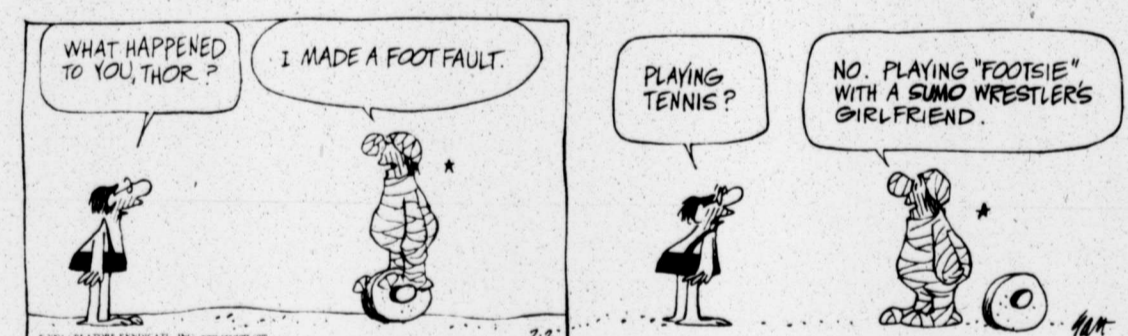
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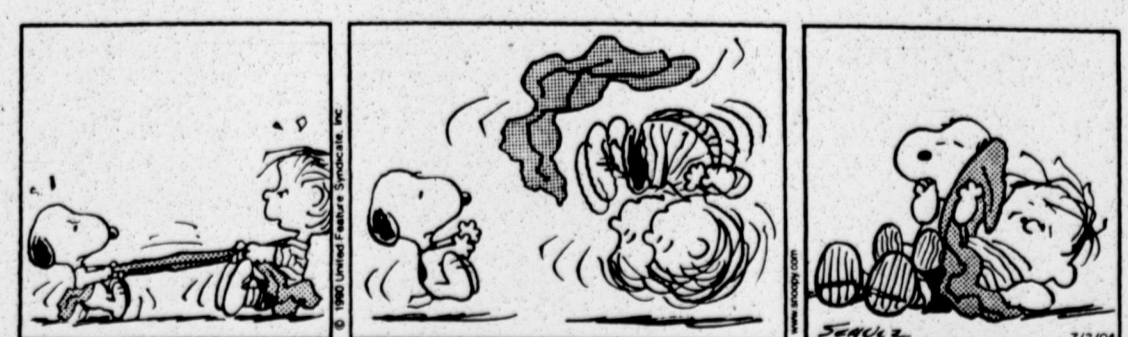
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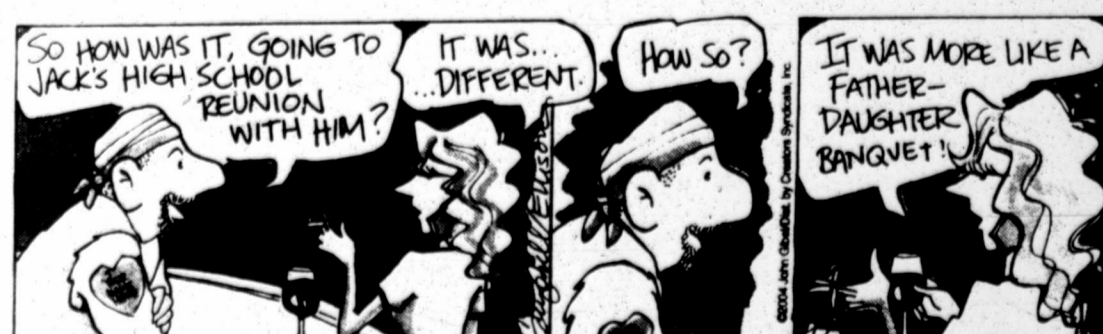
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Pampa, with a 5-1 record, claimed the championship at the recent Panhandle MAYB Tournament. The team is, from left to right, front row-Tyler Hall, Clayton Hall, Julian Salazar and Braydon Barker. Back row-Deterrance Smith, Jarrett Kotara, Brandon Johnston, Aaron Anguiano and coach Terry Hall.

Miles eyes record

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

429 yards rushing in a single season. Not too impressive, is it? Unless those yards were gained on a short, narrow field located inside a sporting arena. And in an atmosphere where passing and points dominate.

After less than one season of play, the Intense Football League's Amarillo Dusters may have a record breaker in their midst.

Running back Dewayne Miles needs just 53 yards to pass the indoor football single season rushing record set by Major Harris in 1991 while with the Columbus Thunderbolts of the Arena Football League.

The record could fall tonight in Odessa.

Amarillo, who outlasted Lubbock in last week's score-a-thon, enters tonight's game with a 6-3 record and the highest scoring offense in the league averaging just over 60 points a game.

Odessa is 5-3. Amarillo won the only other meeting between the two teams back on May 14 by a final of 53-52.

Tonight's winner will take sole possession of second place in the IFL standings.

Local play-by-play announcer Donny Hooper and his team will call the game live on 1440 AM, The Score.

Kick off is scheduled for 7:30 p.m.

Gordon gets Daytona pole

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Jeff Gordon won the pole for the Pepsi 400, his third straight on the NASCAR Nextel Cup circuit.

Gordon's lap of 188.659

mp bested DEI's Michael Waltrip, who qualified second to put a pair of Chevrolets on the front row. Mike Bliss has the Busch pole.

Duke: Lakers, Krzyzewski discussing coaching vacancy

DURHAM, N.C. (AP) — Mike Krzyzewski has spent 24 years turning Duke into a basketball powerhouse and building a legacy as one of college basketball's greatest coaches. Now he's considering whether it's time for a change.

Krzyzewski met with Los Angeles Lakers general manager Mitch Kupchak on Thursday to discuss the NBA team's coaching vacancy.

"Coach K has informed us that the Los Angeles Lakers have contacted him and entered into serious discussions," Duke athletic director Joe Alleva said.

"Obviously when you have the best coach in the country, it's not unusual for one of the best franchises in the country to come after him."

Lakers spokesman John Black said

Kupchak talked with Krzyzewski, but said the team is still considering several other candidates to replace Phil Jackson.

The Los Angeles Times and ESPN reported that Krzyzewski was offered the job. Asked earlier by The Associated Press if that was so, Black said he had no comment.

An attempt to reach Krzyzewski by phone was unsuccessful.

The 57-year-old Hall of Famer has led the Blue Devils to three national champi-

onships. His influence is felt throughout the school, which gave him a lifetime contract three years ago.

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— Joe Alleva
Athletic Director, Duke University.

The Cameron Indoor Stadium hardwood is named "Coach K Court." Outside the arena, a sign designates the grassy plot where students camp out to attend games as "Krzyzewskiville," where the coach has been known to occasionally buy pizzas for waiting fans.

By Thursday night, about 100 students and fans had gathered there with signs and flags urging the coach to stay.

Krzyzewski has a 621-179 record in 24 seasons at Duke, leading the Blue Devils to NCAA championships in 1991, 1992 and 2001. Under Krzyzewski, the Blue Devils have 10 Final Four appearances, eight Atlantic Coast Conference tournament championships and 10 conference regular-season titles.

His Duke teams have been ranked No. 1 in 12 seasons, including each of the last seven.

Duke president Richard Brodhead told the AP he and Alleva had dinner with Krzyzewski on Tuesday, after Brodhead became aware that the coach had talked to the Lakers.

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Steve Nash packs for Phoenix

PHOENIX (AP) — Point guard Steve Nash agreed to a five-year, \$65 million deal with the Phoenix Suns on Thursday, leaving the Dallas Mavericks to return to the team that drafted him eight years ago.

The deal includes a "partial guarantee" for a sixth year. Nash's agent Bill Duffy said.

Nash shook hands on the deal with new owner Robert Sarver and Suns chairman Jerry Colangelo at a meeting in Dallas, Duffy said.

NBA rules prohibit Nash from signing the contract until July 14. Teams were allowed to begin talks with free agents late Wednesday.

Nash averaged 14.5 points, 8.8 assists and three rebounds per game last season, when he also recorded his first career triple-double.

He will give Phoenix an experienced playmaker ahead of young Leandro Barbosa. The move almost certainly removes the Suns from the competition for Los Angeles Lakers free agent Kobe Bryant.

Phoenix is \$16.3 million under the NBA salary cap, not counting the Nash deal.

Dallas officials said repeatedly since the season ended that they expected no problem-keeping Nash, the spark plug behind their rise from one of the league's worst teams to one of the best. Along the way, the energetic, floppy haired guard became an All-Star and a fan favorite.

"I think it was his intention to stay with the Mavericks," Duffy said of the 30-year-old Nash. "Everything just turned around so quickly."

"I never dreamed we'd lose Nash, or any other player of his magnitude," Mavericks coach Don Nelson said Thursday night in Fort Worth.

"It's not like a trade where you get something back. There is no adjustment here. We lost a big part of our team and we don't have anything to fill it. It's a setback."

The Suns sent a 12-person contingent to Dallas on Thursday morning, a group that included team president Bryan Colangelo, the Suns' Amare Stoudemire, Suns part-

owner Steve Kerr and former player Rex Chapman.

"Phoenix came up to the plate and put together a very significant offer and we accepted it," Duffy said. "The numbers were significant, but it was also the years. It was a five-year deal and that is very significant for someone Steve's age."

Donnie Nelson, president of the basketball operations for the Mavericks, wouldn't discuss what Dallas offered, but he said the team's counter to Nash wasn't good enough.

"He was either going to retire a Maverick or get a heck of an opportunity to move on and the latter happened, he was never a (trade) chip."

Nash was drafted by Phoenix in 1996 and spent two seasons backing up Kevin Johnson and Jason Kidd. He was traded to Dallas on draft day in 1998, the same night the Mavs acquired Dirk Nowitzki. Those two plus holdover Michael Finley formed the heart of Dallas' turnaround.

Nash spoke to Finley and Nowitzki by telephone during Thursday's eight-hour negotiations.

"I think it was very difficult for him," Duffy said, but he added that the Suns' proposal was "a very aggressive offer for this marketplace."

Finley and Nowitzki were given maximum contracts two summers ago. Nash, who was never offered an extension, opted out of his contract to become a free agent for the first time but maintained that he wanted to remain in Dallas.

"I think everyone is optimistic that I can be a part of our building process," he said the day after the Mavericks were knocked out of the playoffs in the first round. "I certainly want to be part of that process. I don't think of this as the end of my time here."

The length of the contract was one of the attractions for Nash. The familiarity Nash had with the Suns franchise as well as Phoenix's aggressiveness in pursuing him also were factors, Duffy said.

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This bull snake was found sunning itself recently in a large bush during a brief patch of sunny weather.

Poll: Few use mass transit to escape traffic

WASHINGTON (AP) — Americans are changing routes, leaving earlier for work and avoiding some roads to cope with increasing traffic, an Associated Press poll found.

But they're not getting out of their cars.

Fifty-five percent said traffic in their area had worsened in the past five years, and three in 10 said it was much worse, according to the survey conducted for the AP by Ipsos-Public Affairs.

The poll also found only about one in 20 uses mass transit.

About 56 percent said they would be willing to pay higher taxes if that would lead to significant improvements in roads and public transportation in their area.

"A tax increase would be worth it, if they would really work to improve the roads," said Pat Parmelee, a 58-year-old nursing home inspector from Williston, Fla., near Gainesville.

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— Mary Peters
Federal Highway
Administrator

Some lawmakers from both parties have proposed adding about 5 cents a gallon to the gasoline tax to help pay for highway improvements.

But the White House has threatened to veto any measure that includes a tax increase.

"Taxes aren't the answer," said Federal Highway Administrator Mary Peters. "They don't do anything to promote efficient use of the

system."

Peters prefers such approaches as a 511 number people can call for traffic information, better coordination of traffic signals, faster notification of emergency help, lanes with tolls for those willing to pay and cooperative arrangements to encourage private investment in transportation.

Democrats say increased efficiency in transportation is only part of the answer and more money is needed for road construction.

About two-thirds of those polled said they allow more time for travel because of traffic problems while smaller majorities said they avoid certain highways and roads, leave earlier for work and avoid travel during certain parts of the day.

Almost 90 percent said they drive themselves to work.

Though one in 20 uses mass transit, one in eight do in the Northeast where trains

and buses are more prevalent.

Western drivers were most likely to say the traffic in their area was getting worse. Two-thirds of drivers in the West said traffic was getting worse, including half who said it was getting much worse.

Independent studies of the nation's traffic patterns quantify the traffic headaches.

The extra time needed for rush-hour traffic has tripled over the past two decades, according to research by the Texas Transportation Institute, a research agency for the Texas Department of Transportation and a top source of nationwide traffic studies.

A study commissioned by the American Highway Users Alliance found the number of traffic choke-points — places where highways cannot handle all the cars — rose 40 percent over five years.

Supreme Court wraps up another nine month term

WASHINGTON (AP) — Justice Antonin Scalia ended the Supreme Court term with some harsh words for his colleagues.

"This court seems incapable of admitting that some matters — any matters — are none of its business," he wrote on the court's final day.

Only fellow conservative Clarence Thomas wrote more dissents than Scalia in the nine-month term that ended this week. In the final days, Scalia complained about a misguided court that "seems to view it as its mission to Make Everything Come Out Right," even with wrong rulings.

In some of his sharpest criticism, Scalia called the court irresponsible in ruling that foreign terror suspects held in Cuba may challenge their treatment in U.S. courts.

It was one in a line of decisions by the justices this year that found American courts open to lawsuits over such things as international human rights abuses, on-the-job sexual harassment, World War II-era disputes over looted property, claims that states aren't accommodating disabled citizens and allegations of unconstitutional partisan gerrymandering in legislative boundary drawing.

Justices also said that U.S. courts and their protections were available to Americans accused by the president of being enemy combatants, another defeat for the Bush administration.

Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist, who has generally steered a conservative course for the court, settled for a more moderate year.

The terrorism ruling that Scalia criticized as irresponsible, clumsy and strange was written by John Paul Stevens, the court's oldest justice and its longest-serving liberal.

Usually known as the maverick for his dissents, Stevens showed his adept ability to form alliances and was on the winning side in 16 of the court's 20 most significant cases. When he was on the losing side, he wrote to explain why.

Stevens said that a Nevada cattle rancher "acted well within his rights when he opted to stand mute" when a police officer asked his name.

The court, however, ruled that police can demand the names of people they suspect of wrongdoing and arrest those who don't comply.

Stevens, an 84-year-old veteran of World War II, filed a dissent when the court said that a U.S. terrorism suspect arrested and detained in America without legal rights would have refile his lawsuit in a different court. Stevens said that even at war a country cannot "be justified by the naked interest in using unlawful procedures to extract information."

Once again, Justices Sandra Day O'Connor and Anthony M. Kennedy, two moderate conservatives put on the court by President Reagan, were key swing voters who wrote the fewest dissents.

Several potential blockbuster cases sputtered, including cases involving religion. Justices ruled narrowly, in a Rehnquist opinion, that states don't have to underwrite the religious training of students planning careers in the ministry. Stevens crafted a ruling that dodged a decision on whether the Pledge of Allegiance and its reference to God in public schools is constitutional.

The court found that a California atheist could not challenge the patriotic oath because he did not have legal authority to speak for his 10-year-old daughter.

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U.S. Supreme Court

Company issues recall, announces chicken may be tainted

WASHINGTON (AP) — A North Carolina meat processor is recalling tons of frozen, precooked chicken products because of a possible deadly contamination, the Department of Agriculture said.

According to a USDA statement, Crestwood Farms of Mocksville, N.C., is voluntarily recalling 404,730 pounds of suspect fully cooked chicken that may be contaminated with *Listeria monocytogenes*.

Each case of chicken bears the establishment number "EST. 17400" inside the

USDA mark of inspection. The recalled products were produced between May 3 and June 17 and shipped to institutional customers nationwide.

No illness had been reported associated with the products, the USDA's Food Safety and Inspection Service said Thursday.

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