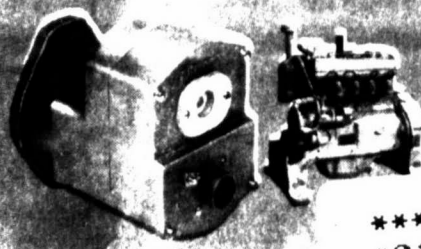


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Pampans reflect on Waters' legacy

By **MARILYN POWERS**
Staff Writer

Pampa lost a civic and legal leader when Bill Waters died Wednesday, according to co-workers and community leaders.

"He had a terrific legal mind, and he was outstanding as a mentor and as an attorney. He was highly thought of in the legal community locally and across the state. We'll miss him," said David Holt of Waters, Holt & Fields, the law firm Waters retired from earlier this year.

Waters attended law school after serving in the

U.S. Army during World War II. He was inducted into the Army in 1943 and honorably discharged with the rank of sergeant in 1946. He received the European-African-Middle Eastern Theatre Campaign Medal with three bronze stars for the campaigns of northern France, the Rhineland and central Europe. He had also received a bronze star medal citation for military operations against the enemy in Germany on Feb. 23, 1945.

He began practicing law in Pampa in 1949, after receiving a doctor of

jurisprudence degree from the University of Texas at Austin that year. He was Gray County attorney from 1950 to 1954, and 31st District attorney from 1954 to 1968. He then left public office for private practice. He was a member of the 18-person committee which drafted the Texas Model Rules of Professional Conduct for Attorneys, and a Life Fellow of the Texas and American Bar Foundations.

Waters was also an active civic leader in Pampa, serving on the M.K. Brown Foundation,

the Gray-Pampa Fairview Cemetery Association, Pampa Industrial Foundation, Pampa Youth and Community Center, Pampa Economic Development Corporation, and the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority. "He was probably one of the greatest community leaders Pampa ever had. He did a lot of things for a lot of people," said Floyd Sackett, who was manager of the Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce from 1977 to 1987.

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Bill Waters

Pickens testifies on land, water values

By **DAVID BOWSER**
Staff Writer

WACO — Boone Pickens said he wants to see land values in the northeastern Texas Panhandle reflect the value of the water beneath the ground.

Testifying before the Texas Senate Select Committee on Water Policy, Pickens, a Roberts County landowner and Dallas businessman, told the senators that he wants to preserve the water in the panhandle for future generations, but that there is enough ground water to allow him and his neighbors to sell part of it to cities in other parts of the state.

Pickens said he thinks the 50-50 rule adopted by the Panhandle Ground Water Conservation District takes care of the future needs of the panhandle.

"I have no complaints of my ground water district," Pickens said. "I think it's necessary."

He indicated that farmers and ranchers aren't about to endanger their land and livelihood. They, too,



Pampa News photo by **DAVID BOWSER**
Roberts County landowner and Dallas businessman Boone Pickens testifies before the Texas Senate Select Committee on Water Policy in Waco Wednesday.

depend on water. "I have what borders on a huge investment on my ranch," Pickens said. "There would absolutely be no way that I would jeopardize the value

of the surface and the property that I've developed there." In 1999, Pickens says, a neighboring rancher, Fran Morrison of Pampa, thanked him for helping to

sell water rights from their ranch to the City of Amarillo. When Pickens told her he didn't have anything to do with that and that it was a deal put together by Salem Abraham of Canadian, Mrs. Morrison told him that Amarillo got the idea that if they took Abraham's deal, then Abraham and Pickens wouldn't sell their water to Fort Worth.

"I said, I've never talked to Fort Worth," Pickens says.

"I don't care what you did," she told Pickens. "It helped us sell it."

Now she's out of debt and says it's the most wonderful feeling in the world, Pickens said.

"That is great," Pickens says, "when you didn't even know you helped somebody. It makes you feel pretty good."

Pickens said that his neighbors have joined him wanting to sell their water. To date, he and his neighbors have put up about 360,000 acres of water rights and have permits to sell their water. That represents 80 per-

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Local firefighters to ask Pampa to 'Fill-the-Boot'

In observance of the 50th anniversary of the inauguration of the partnership between firefighters and the Muscular Dystrophy Association, local firefighters will conduct a Fill-the-Boot drive on Monday, Aug. 9, to benefit MDA.

Proceeds raised during the streetside campaign will help support MDA services and research programs, including MDA's outpatient clinics for people with more than 40 neuromuscular diseases at BSA St. Anthony's in Amarillo.

Members of Pampa Fire Department will be at various intersections Aug. 9, asking motorists to drop donations into firefighter boots.

Fill-the-Boot campaigns are among the primary ways in which firefighters across the country have raised nearly \$200 million nationwide for MDA's fight against neuromuscular diseases since 1954.

Firefighters also hold softball tournaments, bowl-a-thons and other special events to benefit MDA.

Pampa Fire Department has supported MDA for many years through local activities. In addition, many members spend a week each year assisting at MDA summer camp.

For more information about Fill-the-Boot or about MDA's programs, contact the MDA office in Amarillo at (806) 359-3141.

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Obituaries

Bill Waters, 79

PAMPA, Texas — Bill W. Waters, 79, entered this life on November 23, 1924, and entered the Lord's rest on August 4, 2004.



Waters

Memorial services will be at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, August 7, 2004, at Mary Ellen & Harvester Church of Christ, with Arvia Willingham, elder of the church, and Dr. Dan Powell, officiating. Private burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors.

Billy Wyatt Waters was born to Harvey Wyatt Waters and Edith Perkins Waters in Idalou, Texas. He graduated from Pampa High School in May of 1943 and was inducted into the U.S. Army on June 14, 1943.

He studied at New York University as a part of his engineering training in the Army. He was transferred to the 171st Combat Engineer Battalion and served his country in England, France, Belgium, Holland, Luxembourg, and Germany in 1944 and 1945.

For distinguishing himself by meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on February 23, 1945, Cpl. Waters was awarded the Bronze Star Medal Citation. During an assault river crossing, Cpl. Waters directed his squad in conveying vitally needed footbridge equipment to the bridge site in connection with the assault crossing of the Roer River.

Although under intense enemy mortar and artillery fire, he led his men to the successful completion of their mission. He received the European-African-Middle Eastern Theatre Campaign Medal with three bronze battle stars for the Campaigns of Northern France, Rhineland, and Central Europe. He was honorably discharged from active duty with the rank of Sergeant on January 13, 1946.

He married Elaine Carlson on July 20, 1946, in Pampa. She preceded him in death on June 29, 1979. He later married Sandra Enloe, who survives him, on April 3, 1982.

He received a Doctor of Jurisprudence from The University of Texas at Austin in August of 1949. He was elected President of his freshman law class and Vice-President of his senior class. Mr. Waters had practiced law in Pampa since 1949, retiring just prior to his death. He was elected Gray County Attorney in 1950, serving four years in that office, and was elected District Attorney of the 31st Judicial District in 1954. He served 14 years as District Attorney. In 1965, he was President of the Texas District and County Attorneys' Association.

Mr. Waters left public office and began the full-time practice of his profession in 1969. In 1978, he was elected as District Director of the State Bar of Texas, representing licensed attorneys within the 40 Texas Panhandle counties, and was later a member of the nine person State Bar of Texas Professional Ethics Committee appointed by the Supreme Court of Texas. Mr. Waters was a member of the 18 person committee which drafted the Texas Model Rules of Professional Conduct for Attorneys. He was Life Fellow of the Texas Bar Foundation and a Life Fellow of the American Bar Foundation.

Mr. Waters had been actively engaged in farming and ranching in Gray and Wheeler Counties.

In 1989, Mr. Waters was named Pampa Citizen of the Year following his service to the community as Chairman of the Prison Steering Committee which successfully procured a state prison facility. In 1992, with Mr. Waters again chairing the Steering Committee, Pampa obtained a prison expansion as an intermediate sanction facility. Though neither a Rotarian nor a Mason, he was named a Paul Harris Fellow of the Rotary Foundation of Rotary International, and was awarded the Masonic Grand Lodge of Texas Community Builder Award. In October of 2000, Mr. Waters was inducted into the Pampa

Harvester Hall of Fame. This month, he will be inducted posthumously into the Panhandle Veterans Hall of Honor.

Mr. Waters had been a Trustee of the M.K. Brown Foundation since 1964, and had served as its Chairman since 1974. He was also a Trustee and Secretary of the Gray-Pampa Foundation and served on the Boards of the Fairview Cemetery Association, the Pampa Industrial Foundation, the Pampa Youth and Community Center, and the Pampa Economic Development Corporation. He also represented Pampa by appointment of the Pampa City Commission as one of the Directors of the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority.

Mr. Waters was a charter member of the Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ where he served as a Bible class teacher and Deacon.

Mr. Waters was also preceded in death by his parents; a brother, James Leon Waters; and a sister, Norma Wynell Waters. Survivors include his wife, Sandra Waters, of the home; two sons, Leland Wyatt Waters of Pampa, and Steven David Waters of Fort Worth; one stepdaughter, Julianna Enloe Gilbert of Lafayette, Louisiana; five grandsons, Colbert Wyatt Waters of Amarillo, David Daniel Waters of Forgan, Oklahoma, Samuel Jennings Waters and George Armstrong Waters, both of Fort Worth, and Braden Christopher Gilbert of Lafayette, Louisiana; five granddaughters, Kellen Elaine Brown of Lewisville, Emily Diane Waters of Azle, Grace Adele Waters of Fort Worth, Katharine Alexis Gilbert, and Madeline Grace Gilbert, both of Lafayette, Louisiana; and two great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to High Plains Children's Home and Family Services, Inc., P.O. Box 7448, Amarillo, Texas 79114-7448, or to a favorite charity.

—Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichael-whately.com.

Rosie Morrison, 47

Rosie Morrison, 47, of Pampa, died Monday, Aug. 2, 2004, at the local hospital.



Morrison

Services are scheduled at 11 a.m. Friday in Christian Church at Carmen, Okla., with the Rev. Kirk Board officiating.

Burial will be in Carmen City Cemetery under the direction of Wentworth Mortuary of Carmen.

Ms. Morrison was born May 7, 1957, at Paris, France, to Jack and Inge Arndt Morrison.

Her family came to Oklahoma when she was almost 2 years old and she attended school at Lambert, Okla., prior to graduating from Carmen High School in 1975.

She married Allen May and managed Kentucky Fried Chicken in Mustang, Okla., for several years.

She later married Michael Lowrey in 1993 and moved to Pampa.

Ms. Morrison worked at the women's shelter and was employed as a dietitian at Community Day Care Center.

She was preceded in death by her father, Jack; a son, Jackson May on April 27, 1995; and a nephew, Josh Morrison on Sept. 9, 2000.

Survivors include her mother Inge, of Carmen; sons, Chris Morrison of Ardmore, Okla., Sam May of Enid, Okla., and Jesse May of Round Rock; a brother, Jim Morrison of Taylor; two sisters, Janie Loney of Ponca City, Okla., and Diana Morrison of Carmen; and three grandchildren.

Norma Jean Dietrich, 69

Norma Jean Dietrich, 69, of Pampa, died Wednesday, Aug. 4, 2004.

The body was cremated and is unavailable for viewing.

No services are scheduled at this time. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Dietrich was born Sept. 28, 1934, at Pampa.

She married John Dietrich in 1960 at San Diego, Calif.; he died in 1967.

Mrs. Dietrich was a school bus driver for Pampa Independent School District, retiring in 1986. She was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars of Pampa.

Survivors include two daughters, Jeanne Doss of Amarillo and Carol Robinson of Pampa; two sis-

ters, Gloria Lambert of Bullhead City, Ariz., and Virginia; and three grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to VFW Post 1657, 105 S. Cuyler, Pampa, TX 79065.

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Services tomorrow

MORRISON, Rosie — 11 a.m., Christian Church, Carmen, Okla.

Emergency Services

Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department today reported the following incidents and arrests.

Wednesday, Aug. 4 Theft over \$50 and under \$500 was reported in the 1000 block of East Foster. A bicycle valued at \$250 was taken.

Found property was reported in the 600 block of Bradley. A brown leather wallet was found in a yard.

Theft over \$1,500 and under \$20,000 was reported in the police department lobby. The theft occurred at Dollar General, 105 N. Cuyler. A list of items taken is still being compiled, according to the police report.

Burglary of a building was reported in the police department lobby. The incident occurred in the 200 block of Wall Street.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 300 block of North Hobart. A window valued at \$20 was broken.

Theft was reported in the police department lobby. A wallet and contents valued at \$70 was taken in the 1800 block of Harvester.

A vehicle which was impeding traffic was removed from the 2200

block of Williston, after all attempts to contact the owner failed.

Thomas L. Bennett, 32, 600 Lefors, was arrested at Alcock and Banks Streets on a Potter County warrant for theft.

Katie Lynn Ramirez, 34, Amarillo, was arrested in the 1100 block of Terrace for disorderly conduct/language and resisting arrest.

Troyce Brewer, 36, 2108 N. Sumner, was arrested in the 1000 block of Love Street for possession of a controlled substance and for municipal warrants for defective tail lamp, no valid driver's license, open container, failure to maintain financial responsibility and two counts of failure to appear.

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

Fire

10:44 a.m. — Three units and six firefighters responded to a report of smoke in the 1700 block of Coffee. Smoke had entered a home, from the city sewer tests, indicating a leak.

2:25 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 1200 block of East Foster.

5:31 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a lifting assist in the 1100

Ambulance

block of Alcock.

Guardian EMS ambulance reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Wednesday, Aug. 4 2:23 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block of East Foster. No transport.

8:54 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1900 block of Russell and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

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

Thursday, Aug. 5 1:56 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1100 block of Garland and transported a patient to PRMC.

Gray County Weather

Today: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 4 p.m. Partly cloudy, with a high near 85. East wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Tonight: A 30 percent chance of showers and thun-

derstorms, mainly before 1 a.m. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 65. Southeast wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Friday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after noon. Partly

cloudy, with a high around 87. South wind around 15 mph.

Friday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low near 66.

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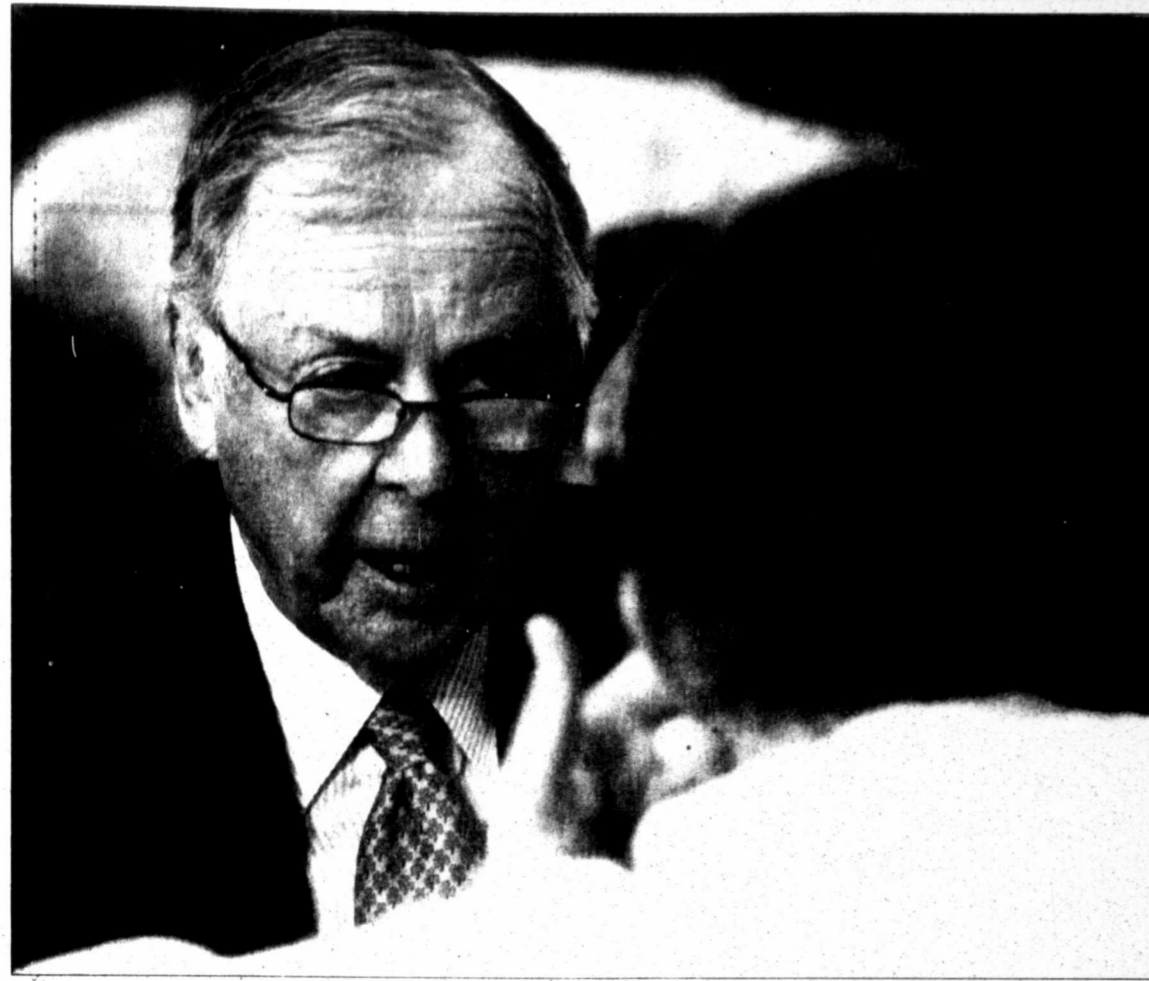
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Roberts County landowner and Dallas businessman Boone Pickens talks with colleague Jay Rosser prior to testifying before the Texas Senate Select Committee on Water Policy in Waco.

Pickens

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cent of the land in Roberts County.

"We have 80 percent of the county that wants to sell water," Pickens says. "We just don't have a buyer."

Richard Bowers of Dumas, general manager of the North Plains Ground Water Conservation District and president of the Texas Alliance of Ground Water Districts, told the committee that ground water allocation is necessary to manage most

aquifers in the state.

"The allocation must be fair and equitable to all users," Bowers said.

Equity, said Bob Harden, an Austin hydrologist who has done extensive work in the panhandle, is the single most important issue facing ground water districts today. "Lawsuits are based on equity," Harden told the senators, "not science."

Ground water districts need to manage equity, not water, he said.

"I feel that we should operate on a level playing field," Pickens said. "I think everybody ought to get the

same kiss of the pig. The farmers, the ranchers. There are no rights that are superior. We're all the same. We all have the same water and we should have the opportunity to sell if we want to sell."

Waters

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"We're definitely saddened by the loss of Mr. Waters. He was an outstanding individual as well as an outstanding attorney, and a pillar of the community," said Clay Rice, current director of the chamber.

In 1989, Waters chaired the prison steering committee which successfully procured a state prison facility for Gray County. In 1992, he again chaired the committee which obtained a prison expansion as an intermediate sanction facility. His work on the committees led to his being named Citizen of the Year for 1989.

"Without him, Pampa probably wouldn't have gotten the prisons," said State Rep. Warren Chisum. Chisum, who was state representative at that time, worked closely with Waters and the local committee to get the Jordan and Baten units located near Pampa.

"You know, we tend to throw rocks at lawyers, but none of those rocks were intended for Bill," Chisum

said. "He was always a gentleman. He always did things the right way. I always said if you wanted to get something done right, get Bill Waters."

Waters was also named a Paul Harris Fellow of the Rotary Foundation of Rotary International, and was awarded the Masonic Grand Lodge of Texas Community Builder Award.

'He was an integral part of this community. He was a man who will be missed here.'

— Lonny Robbins
Pampa Mayor

"He was an integral part of this community. He had served this community in different capacities. He was a man who will be missed here. It is a great loss to the community and a great loss to his family," said Pampa Mayor Lonny Robbins.

"Probably no one had a greater heart for Pampa as a whole," Chisum said. "I sure miss him. It's a sad day for Pampa."

Memorial services will be at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 7 at Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ, followed by private burial in Fairview Cemetery.

— Editor Dee Dee Laramore contributed to this report.

Federal agents raid mosque; arrest two

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — Federal agents and city police conducted an overnight raid on a mosque, with armed officers sealing off a block in downtown for several hours.

Two men were arrested and are suspected of providing material support for terrorism, WTEN-TV reported.

CBS News, citing unidentified law enforcement officials, reported Thursday that the two were caught in a sting operation and tried to buy shoulder-fired missiles from an undercover agent. They were arrested after one

of them recently bought a plane ticket, CBS said.

Authorities declined to immediately discuss the raid at Masjid As-Salam mosque, which was staged late Wednesday night or early Thursday morning. An FBI spokesman said a news conference was tentatively set Thursday afternoon in Washington.

Calls to the U.S. attorney's office early Thursday were not returned.

Some mosque members held morning prayers Thursday on a nearby sidewalk.

Al-Sadr militiamen fight U.S. and Iraqi forces in four cities

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Insurgents loyal to radical Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr battled fiercely with U.S. and Iraqi forces in the holy city of Najaf on Thursday in fighting that killed one U.S. soldier, seven Iraqi civilians and seven militants. A U.S. helicopter was shot down.

Bloodshed quickly spread to other Shiite areas, with each side blaming the other in a profound threat to a shaky two-month-old truce. Al-Sadr's men also fought with U.S. troops in the Baghdad neighborhood of Sadr City, wounding seven Americans; shot at government offices in the southern city of Amarah; and clashed with British forces in Basra, where one militant was killed.

"The cease-fire is over because of the actions of the occupation forces, and the situation has started to deteriorate," warned Sheik Abdul Hadi al-Daraji, a spokesman for al-Sadr in Baghdad.

During the fighting in Najaf, a U.S. UH-1 helicopter was hit by gunfire and crashed, injuring the crew,

and Iraqis said at least seven militants and seven civilians had been killed and 54 wounded. The U.S. command said insurgents attacked a U.S. convoy near Najaf, killing one American soldier and wounding five.

Also Thursday, a suicide car bombing at a police station south of Baghdad killed five people and wounded 27, the Interior Ministry said.

The fighting was the worst

flare-up between authorities and al-Sadr's forces since a series of truces two months ago ended weeks of violence that began after the U.S.-led occupation authority closed al-Sadr's newspaper and arrested a key aide. The newspaper was recently allowed to start printing again, but tensions had been rising in recent days between al-Sadr's Mahdi Army and Iraqi and U.S. forces.

Memorial fund set up in memory of Pampan

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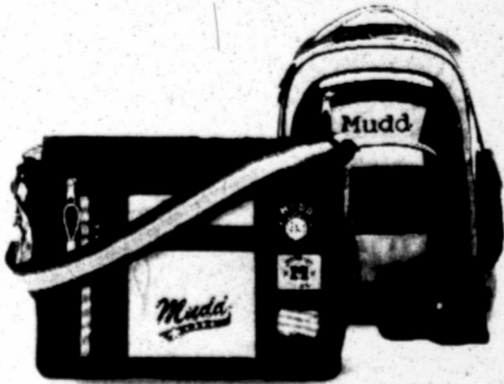
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Viewpoints

Lower the quote quotient for book sales

What is it with book publishers these days? Is the product(s) they are peddling so substandard they must tell you, over and over again, that their novel is worthy by slapping quotes all over both covers in order to convince you it is a must read?

It is indeed the age of the infomercial, but if this is the commercial approach to selling paperbacks, book lovers are getting the shaft, for, with most infomercials, consumers are treated to some type of sales pitch.

I mean, don't we deserve to be "sold" on a novel or are we, sheeplike, to accept the word of a select, elite collection of people that the novel in question will be to our lik-

ing? Writers as a whole are somehow smarter than we, is that it? Our heads are too empty not to be turned by copious lines of smarmy praise?

Or, perhaps, these print-wonks perceive the average reader as too simple-minded not to be swayed by the word of a veritable roster of so-called literary lions, who, let's face it, are probably paying lip service to this book or that so other writers will do the same for them. How are we to know these quotables aren't being paid to say complimentary things?

I can remember when I found bookstores to be enchanting places. Present-day experience has taught

me, however, that such establishments are no longer "enchanted." They are environments hostile to the good of my blood-pressure.

In a time growing more and more distant, selecting a novel to my liking took only a matter of minutes, now it can take an hour. All because I am unwilling to shuck out upwards of \$10 for a "mystery" novel ... and I'm not speaking in terms of genre here.

It is different, of course, if the writer is well-known.

You see a book by John Grisham, for example, and you pretty much know what type of novel it is you're purchasing. We all have favorite authors. Authors we know

and trust, but that's not what I'm talking about.

What I'm talkin' about is when you take a leap of faith and blow seven or eight bucks on a single paperback when the publisher doesn't provide you with a single, concrete detail of what it is you're buying.

I'm sorry, folks, but a dozen quotes like "Carter

writes with intelligence, wit and compassion while weaving a timeless, sweeping epic of the 21st century ..." does not sell me on a story.

I need to know what the so-called epic is about. Who are its main characters? What are they struggling against? A brief illustration of where this "timeless tale" is set, please.

Is it, for example, a sweeping epic involving a family of cliff divers? A sect of cannibals set somewhere in the British Isles? Aborigines transplanted from the Outback to New York City?

I'm not picky. A short paragraph about the impending novel is enough to make me happy.

What doesn't is page after page of endless quotes testifying that the book is superb. One man's (or woman's) superb is, after all, another's version of lousy. Give me a blurb or, barring that, give me an excerpt at the very least.

Nothing is as disappointing as flipping to the fore-front of a book expecting to discover a tantalizing tidbit lifted from the pages within and instead discover ... more quotes - mostly from people I've never even heard of and don't want to.

I call upon readers everywhere to revolt. Let's demand a lower quota for quotes.

Skyla Bryant

News Editor



We think ...

Q: Do you feel Pampa should have a volunteer or paid fire department?



Heard

"I feel it should be paid because a volunteer department would not work as well in a town of our size as it would in small communities like Miami." Leeann Heard



Rossiter

"I think it would be best as a volunteer program because they will be dedicated and it will help save money." Mandy Rossiter



Feager

"It needs to be paid because employees would be more professional than volunteers." Roy Feager



Hearron

"It would be best as a mixture of both. That would cut costs, and they would still be able to help the county properly." Mary Hearron

Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, Aug. 5, the 218th day of 2004. There are 148 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Aug. 5, 1864, during the Civil War, Union Adm. David G. Farragut is said to have ordered, "Damn the torpedoes, full speed ahead!" as he led his fleet against Mobile Bay, Ala.

On this date:

In 1884, the cornerstone for the Statue of Liberty was laid on Bedloe's Island in New York Harbor.

In 1914, the first electric traffic lights were installed, in Cleveland, Ohio.

In 1924, the comic strip "Little Orphan Annie," by Harold Gray, made its debut.

In 1953, Operation Big Switch was under way as prisoners taken during the Korean conflict were exchanged at Panmunjom.

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POLITICIANS ON TRAMPOLINES



Kerry lost his post-DNC bounce

As usual, the polls don't all agree, but the consensus seems to be shaping up that John Kerry either had no bounce at all from his convention or a very slight upward tick of only one to four points. It was one of the least successful conventions in recent history.

What happened? Going in to the convention, Kerry had a critical policy choice to make: Use the four nights of his conclave to stress the domestic issues on which he has significant leads in the polls (health care, drug prices, wages, Social Security, Medicare, environment, the deficit and

education), or try to strengthen his posture on the war-related issues on which Bush has an edge - terror, defense, homeland security and Iraq.

In the first three nights, Bill Clinton, Barack Obama and John Edwards made the right decision and focused on the domestic concerns. As one listened to their speeches, the issues that predate 9/11 got larger and terror got smaller as a key issue for November.

They said, in essence, that terror is something you read about in the papers or see on TV. But drug prices, health insurance, wage levels and

schools are the reality you see every day in your own life. As with State of the Union messages, terror and foreign policy had a place in these speeches, but not overshadowing the rest.

Then came the uniforms. Old ones to be sure, but Kerry chose to showcase his Vietnam record to the virtual

exclusion of anything else on the convention's final night. His old shipmates, Max Cleland and his salute on taking the podium all served to remind voters that we are, indeed, at war and that Kerry is running for the post of wartime - not peacetime - president.

In that one night, Kerry gave all of the gains of the previous three days back to the Republicans. (Rasmussen's daily tracking poll actually has Kerry dropping two points in the aftermath of his Thursday speech).

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Dick Morris
Columnist

National convention also social event

If there was no news at the Democratic National Convention, as so many pundits have pointed out, then why were there 15,000 journalists attending it?

The answer is that national political conventions are social events, and journalists don't often get a chance to party on expense accounts. Consequently, for years there have been three to four times as many journalists at these non-news events as delegates. There is a whole lot of schmoozing and boozing going on.

The dearth of real news is illustrated by how much airtime journalists wasted on the trivial remark John

Kerry's wife made to a rude journalist. After being badgered by the guy, she smiled, said, "Shove it," and walked off. That's not even worth reporting. Everyone by now

should know that Mrs. Kerry is an independent, outspoken woman who doesn't suffer fools lightly.

My favorite put-down of a journalist was when ABC reporter John Stossel made the mistake of trying an "ambush interview" with a professional wrestler. He

caught the guy coming out of the dressing room and asked him to admit that wrestling was fake, or words to that effect. The wrestler, who seemed in a foul mood,

slapped Stossel completely off his feet and said, "Did that feel fake to you?" I believed the answer was no as Stossel crawled out of range on his hands and knees. He was a good-enough sport, however, to show his own beating on TV.

Let's face it: Journalists

are not popular. The last time I saw one of those lists of how the public rates people, journalists were down in the basement with undertakers and used-car salesmen. If you're a public figure and you have to insult or strike somebody, a journalist is by far your best bet. Lawyers will sue, and athletes can usually give you a good whipping.

Someone asked me if I was afraid of physical attacks because I write a controversial column, and I said, "No, because I'm careful not to insult nonverbal people." I never criticize

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Charley Reese
Columnist

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Community happenings

• **Friends of the Amarillo Public Library** will stage its annual Brown Bag Book Sale Aug. 6-8 in the basement of Central Library, 4th and Buchanan, Amarillo. Hours for the sale are 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Aug. 6 and 7 and 2 p.m.-6 p.m., Aug. 8. For more information, call (806) 378-3051.

• **Texas Cooperative Extension in Carson County** will host a meeting for farmers, ranchers and other industry members from 10 a.m.-3 p.m., August 9 at the Groom Community Center in Groom. Topics will cover the National Animal Identification Program, best management practices for High Plains cattle, forage and small grains and much more. Lunch will be provided. For more information, contact the local Extension office at 669-8033.

• **Gray County Latchkey** will conduct pre-enrollment for all four local elementary schools from 6-9 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 10, at Lovett Memorial Library. For more information, contact Susan at 669-7179.

• **The Red Hat Dollies Society** will meet for a private luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 19 at Pampa Senior Citizens Center. New officers will be elected during the luncheon. For more information, call 665-3617.

• **The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center** has announced the following upcoming breast cancer screening clinics: Aug. 26, Shephard's Crook Nursing Agency, Pampa. Participants will receive a low-cost self-exam mammogram and a breast health appraisal with individual instruction by a registered nurse in breast self-examination. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are by appointment only. For more information, call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673.

• **Working Ranch Cowboys Association** Ninth World Championship Ranch Rodeo will be staged Nov. 11-14 in Amarillo.

Rotary Youth Leadership Camp



Photo by RENE CHAVEDO

Pampa High School Senior Chera Chavedo talks to the Pampa Rotary Club at their August meeting on Wednesday about her experiences at the Rotary Youth Leadership Camp. Chavedo was one of four camp participants who attended through the club's sponsorship. Three other PHS students who attended the camp courtesy of the local Rotary Club included Tyler Doughty, Lindsay Ammons and Ben Briscoe.

Bush signs \$417.5 billion defense bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush signed a \$417.5 billion wartime defense bill Thursday providing an additional \$25 billion for Iraq and Afghanistan, body armor for troops and reinforced Humvee vehicles.

"With this legislation America's military will know that their country stands behind them as they fight for our freedom and as they spread the peace," Bush said.

"No enemy or friend can doubt that America has the resources to prevail," he said. "And we will."

Overwhelmingly approved by a Congress eager to show election-year support for the military, the measure includes money for 39 more Army Black Hawk helicopters, a Virginia-class attack submarine, three guided-missile destroyers and a 3.5 percent pay increase for troops. "This money is well-earned, well-deserved and

well-spent," he said of the pay increase.

With national security the top issue in his re-election campaign, Bush came off the political trail for the bill-signing ceremony with Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld and members of Congress.

With the ink on the measure barely dry, Bush was returning to the campaign trail for his 20th trip as president to Ohio.

Bounce

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Kerry compounded the problem by venturing no information about his public career in the Senate for the past two decades. He did nothing to refute three

months of negative ads labeling him as an ultra-liberal, big spender. He did not tell us what the Kerry Bill was or the Kerry Amendment or the Kerry hearings. As far as we know, there wasn't any.

Voters don't want a lieutenant for president. They want a commander-in-chief. After all, why did Cleland

lose despite his heroism? Why did draft dodger Clinton beat war hero Bob Kerrey in 1992 primaries? Why didn't Bob Dole win in 1996?

Voters want a president with brains, not just guts, and all they saw was a warrior telling his old tales on the last night. And it wasn't enough.

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Ironworkers, professional wrestlers or other people who might not be able to think of a snappy comeback. Inarticulate people are the kind of people who sometimes let their fists do their talking. For the more serious types who like to make death threats, I just remind them that I learned to shoot long before I learned to write.

Despite the lack of news, I always urge people to watch the conventions on television. If you watch C-SPAN or Public Television, you will get to hear the speeches uninterrupted, and I think that's still a valuable thing to do in an election year. Most of the networks and cable talk-show channels keep the cameras on themselves and only occasionally let you hear a snippet of a speech. That's a big irritant to me. We can always watch the TV vanities, but some of the people who speak at conventions are not always in the public limelight.

Since being a good communicator is an essential skill for a politician, if nothing else, you can make a judgment on that point. If you happened to watch Bill Clinton's speech last week, you know why he was elected twice and why he could always drive Republicans crazy by stealing their ideas and articulating them better than they could. The guy's an incorrigible rascal, but he

sure knows how to talk. It's always best in an important election to get as much information as you can about candidates, unfiltered through journalists. I know that's tough to do these days, but C-SPAN, the Internet and public libraries help.

It is possible for journalists to write unbiased and disinterested reports, but that style of journalism is currently out of favor. Opinion columnists, most of the TV guys and radio talk-

show hosts are all paid to peddle opinions, not to do hard reporting. And, as it has been pointed out so often, opinions are like body orifices — most people have at least one.

But do vote this year for the guy you think is the better of the choices. After Florida 2000, nobody can say votes don't count. Less than 1,000 votes put one man in the White House and kept another one out.

That could be the case in 2004, and your vote matters.

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GOP asks Alan Keyes to vie for Senate seat

CHICAGO (AP) — he needed a few days to think about it before deciding. He would be taking on Democratic rising star Barack Obama for the seat.



Topping it off

D.J. Pettit, Barbara Wade, Ila Collins, Dee Holmes and Mary Johnston, all wives of Tri-State Senior golfers, recently participated in The Happy Hatters contest and skit. Johnston was among the winners.

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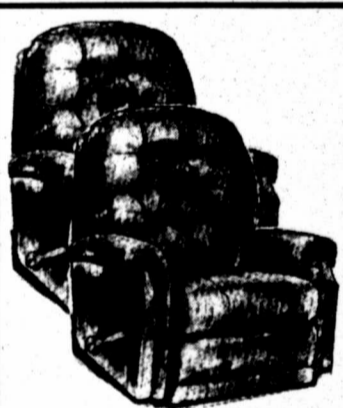
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Computer expert testifies Peterson used Internet to research bay water currents

REDWOOD CITY, Calif. (AP) — Prosecutors put a computer expert on the witness stand to help prove their theory that Scott Peterson used the Internet while plotting the murder of his pregnant wife, Laci.

Five computer hard drives seized from Peterson's home and office showed he checked several Web sites for information on fishing, currents in San Francisco Bay and area boat ramps, Lydell Wall of the Stanislaus County Sheriff's Department testified Wednesday. He said sales ads for used boats had been searched on Dec. 7 and 8, 2002.

Prosecutors allege Peterson killed his wife in their Modesto home on or around Dec. 24, 2002, then drove to the bay and dumped her weighted body from a small boat he had purchased just weeks earlier. The badly decomposed remains of Laci Peterson and the couple's fetus washed ashore in April 2003, not far from where Peterson said he launched a solo fishing trip the day she disappeared.

The Dec. 7 date is important because Shawn Sibley, the woman who set Peterson up with Amber Frey, his

mistress, testified earlier in the trial that she confronted him on Dec. 6 after learning he was married.

Wall also said Peterson received e-mails from Sibley a month before his wife went missing but did not discuss the contents.

The other side

Defense Lawyer Geragos noted Peterson spent little time on Web sites involving bay currents, and mostly viewed fishing sites.

He said Peterson researched how to fish for sturgeon and striped bass. Peterson told police that's what he was trying to catch the day his wife disappeared, but prosecutors say his gear was not suited for catching such fish.

Wall later testified that Peterson searched Web sites from the computer in the warehouse where he stored the boat prosecutors allege

he used to dump Laci's body.

He said Peterson spent about 26 minutes on the computer on the morning of Dec. 24, 2002 — the same day prosecutors claim he disposed of the body.

On Tuesday, former Modesto police officer Kirk Stockham testified Peterson had researched water currents in the bay on Dec. 8, 2002, according to files he examined on Peterson's computers.

During his cross-examination of Stockham, defense lawyer Mark Geragos noted a printout from the Web site about bay currents had different times and dates on it, one showing it was checked by Peterson Dec. 5 — a day before Sibley confronted him.

But on Wednesday, Wall testified that the date simply had not been updated by the Web site's manager. On cross-examination, he acknowledged the site also could have been viewed Dec. 5, saved on the computer and printed at the later date.

Geragos noted Peterson spent little time on Web sites involving bay currents, and mostly viewed fishing sites.

Conjoined twins from the Philippines stay in stable condition after surgical separation

NEW YORK (AP) — Two-year-old twins from the Philippines born with the tips of their heads fused together were "strong and stable" after being separated in a marathon operation that stretched into early Thursday.

Surgeons, nurses and technicians applauded in the operating room after Carl and Clarence Aguirre were surgically separated at 10:32 p.m. Wednesday, said Steve Osborne, a spokesman for

the Children's Hospital at Montefiore Medical Center.

The operation, which continued for several hours after the separation, was completed at 3:20 a.m. Thursday, Osborne said. Dr. David Staffenberg, the boys' plastic surgeon, said the boys were "strong and stable."

Staffenberg delivered the news of the separation to the twins' mother, Arlene Aguirre, in a private waiting area.

He got on his knees, took Aguirre's hands and said "You're now the mother of two boys," said hospital spokeswoman Pamela Adkins.

Aguirre burst into tears, she said.

Doctors teased apart abutting portions of the boys' brains after completing an incision around their skull, and the twins' head-to-head operating tables were then slightly pulled apart, said Osborne.

Reconstruction of the boys' skulls, a major project, is to be left for later.

The separation was the culmination of a gradual surgical approach that lasted 10 months, a departure from the more common marathon operations that have separated other conjoined twins.

It is likely to be months before the twins' conditions can be fully assessed, their doctors said.

In the past, separation was considered a success if both twins simply survived. But Montefiore's goal for the Aguirre boys, who have never been able to sit up, stand straight or look at each other's face, was "viable, independent lives."

Over four major surgeries since October, the boys' separate-but-touching brains were gently pushed apart and the tangle of blood vessels they shared were cut and divided.

Between surgeries, the boys were given time to heal and to adapt to their rerouted circulation systems.

Arlene Aguirre, the boys' mother, was at the hospital throughout the operation.

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Happy Hatters

The Happy Hatters of Dumas recently entertained the wives of Tri-State Senior Golfers during a luncheon at Pampa Country Club. The senior foursome performed skits to music, modeling hats to go along with their numbers. This group has been together for more than 18 years, performing in Oklahoma, Colorado, New Mexico and Texas. Above: Clara Fae Rogers, Jerry Woody, Ora Mae Brownlee and Thelma Smith.

Dynegy will pay former CEO \$22 million severance

HOUSTON (AP) — Dynegy Inc. has paid its former chief executive \$22 million and a former president and chief operating officer \$10.4 million to settle their severance claims, the company disclosed in a Securities and Exchange Commission filing Wednesday.

The company also said it will begin severance arbitration with former chief financial officer Rob Doty in November.

The three former top executives were seeking \$42.5 million in severance. The Houston-based energy mar-

keter believed the three deserved "substantially lower than the amounts sought."

Former chief executive Chuck Watson requested \$28.7 million and was awarded \$22 million while former president Steve Bergstrom received the \$10.4 million he requested. Doty is seeking \$3.4 million.

Watson, Dynegy's founder, stepped down in May 2002.

Like its peers in the sector, Dynegy at the time faced fallen credit ratings, fleeing investors and regulatory scrutiny.

Wider use of heart failure drug results in dozens of deaths from side effect, according to research

NEW YORK (AP) — New research shows that soon after doctors started prescribing a drug for congestive heart failure more widely, the number of patients who died from a side effect increased.

The researchers say their findings illustrate what can happen when doctors apply drug-study results to their own patients.

They suggest that some of the patients probably shouldn't have been given the heart failure drug and that doctors weren't checking for dangerous potassium buildup.

"I have no doubt that in the right patients and with careful monitoring that this is still a good drug combination," said Dr. David N. Juurlink, one of the Canadian researchers. "It's just when we prescribe it more widely and maybe we don't monitor patients quite as closely as we should, then that's where we get into trouble."

Juurlink and others believe the same thing is happening in the United States as in Canada where

the study of the decades-old drug, spironolactone, was conducted.

A major study five years ago found that adding spironolactone to the standard treatments cut the death rate by 30 percent in

people with serious heart failure.

The new study looked at what happened after that, when doctors put more patients on the medicine. It was done by the Institute for Clinical Evaluative Sciences, a health care research organization in Toronto, and is reported in Thursday's New England Journal of Medicine.

"It's a caution that all the safeguards that are in place in a controlled clinical

trial are not present out in practice," said Dr. Biff Palmer of the University of Texas Southwestern Medical School in Dallas, who wrote a related journal article on preventing and treating high potassium.

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— Bill Plamer
UT Medical Professor

About 5 million Americans have heart failure, which occurs when a weakened heart can't pump enough blood throughout the body, causing swelling and fluid to back up in the lungs.

Spironolactone, also known as Aldactone, helps the kidneys get rid of excess water and salt but can lead to potassium buildup in the blood. High levels can cause irregular heartbeats or sudden death.

The Canadian researchers examined whether the use of spironolactone had increased after the 1999 research, and what impact it was having on patients who take a standard ACE

inhibitor and had been sick enough to be recently hospitalized. ACE inhibitors relax the blood vessels and lower blood pressure but can contribute to high potassium when combined with spironolactone.

The researchers tracked prescription and hospital records from 1994-2001 for about 1.3 million residents of the province of Ontario who were over 65.

"We found when the drug took off in mid-1999, so did rates of hospitalization for high potassium and deaths in hospital associated with that," said Juurlink.

Prescription rates for spironolactone increased fivefold, and hospitalizations and deaths from high potassium tripled. The number of heart patients hospitalized jumped from 4 to 11 per 1,000; deaths rose from 0.7 to 2 per 1,000.

In Ontario alone, researchers estimated that broader use of spironolactone resulted in 73 additional hospital deaths and 560 more hospitalizations in 2001 than would have been expected.

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— Bill Groenveld
VFinance Investments

Wall Street: Shares mixed as investors mull oil prices

NEW YORK (AP) — Wall Street waffled through an erratic session Wednesday, closing mixed as investors nervously watched oil prices but also allowed themselves to be encouraged by good economic news.

Stocks moved in the opposite direction from oil prices for much of the day, declining until early afternoon as crude climbed to \$44.34 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange. As oil fell below \$43 on the way to a \$42.83 close, Wall Street managed a late-session rally — but that advance quickly fizzled.

Still, the market's tone kept analysts and traders optimistic about the market's long-term prospects, though many cautioned that the typical summer doldrums would likely prevent a major rally this month.

"Yes, we have oil prices rising, but I think overall, we're starting to see some settling down in the market," said Bill Groenveld, head trader for vFinance Investments. "All the unknowns that drove the market down in July are starting to pan themselves out. There may be a malaise in the marketplace for a while, but it's better than uncertainty."

Stocks also received a boost from two key economic reports. Factory orders rose 0.7 percent in June,

more than Wall Street expected. And the Institute of Supply Management's service sector index for June rose more than economists had forecast.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 6.27, or 0.1 percent, to 10,126.51.

Broader stock indicators were narrowly lower. The Standard & Poor's 500 index was down 1.06, or 0.1 percent, at 1,098.63, and the Nasdaq composite index dropped 4.36, or 0.2 percent, to 1,855.06.

Although the rally lost wind at the end of the session, the Dow enjoyed its fourth late-day rally in the

last six sessions.

Oil prices remain a concern, since higher fuel costs could trickle down to the consumer as food producers and major retailers will pay a higher cost in shipping.

"Combine (higher oil prices) with a slowdown in consumer spending, that makes it very hard for anyone to get into the market right now," said Neil Massa, an equity trader at John Hancock Funds.

Factory orders for June were higher than the 0.4 rise in May. And orders for durable goods rose 0.9 percent in June, up from a 0.9 percent decline in May.

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THE PAMPA NEWS COMICS

Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: This is in response to "Lonesome for My Daughter," whose youngest daughter, a married college freshman, has quit communicating with her parents.

I, too, married at 19. My parents didn't approve because they were afraid I'd drop out of school. When we would visit my mother, she'd talk with me and ignore my husband. This made our visits few and far between. Could the mother have done something to alienate the son-in-law?

My marriage has lasted 12 years. However, the times in my life when I quit communicating with family were when I was undergoing severe marital stress and depression, and didn't want to discuss it or pretend all was well when it wasn't. In a more drastic scenario, my niece cut out family visits for years. When we saw her at Christmas, she'd barely speak to family members. She recently divorced, and now we have learned she had been in an abusive marriage.

I do think "Lonesome" and her husband should pay a drop-in visit occasionally. Her instincts may be "heads up" for some reason. Keep the visit brief in case the daughter's college schedule is on overload. That way, they can see, talk to, and hug their daughter and new son-in-law -- and while they're at it, scope out the situation. Dropping off food is always a good excuse for a quick visit or, if there's time, invite them out for dinner.

Mom could also send her daughter a phone card to save them money. Mom should be sure no strings are attached, and her daughter and son-in-law know it can be used to call anyone they need to. I also strongly recommend the Internet. Mom and Dad should learn how to do instant messaging. Ask a quick question, want an answer, gotta go. These quick messages let parents know their offspring are alive and well, and allow parents to be involved -- at least a little -- in their children's everyday lives.

— ALICE IN VINE GROVE, KY.

DEAR ALICE: Those are all wonderful suggestions. Many readers wrote to offer input (and insight!) to that mother. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: Why don't "Lonesome" and her husband get weekend tickets to a play or sporting event at the college, and go there to have dinner and see a show once a month? That way they'll get quality time with their daughter, and there will be less stress over time management for the couple. After all, she's both a student and a newlywed, and that's a lot to handle.

Also, in my experience, cell phones dramatically increase calls to parents because an hour between classes or waiting for a bus is a convenient time to call Mom or Dad for a quick chat.

— CHRISTINA IN CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

DEAR CHRISTINA: Thank you for lending the younger person's perspective.

DEAR ABBY: I have a heads up for "Lonesome." Newlyweds may not want to come home for the weekend. They're happily enjoying their time together.

Here's how my in-laws handled it 17 years ago: If they hadn't heard from us for a few weeks, they'd call and say, "Is there a day in the next couple of weekends when we can come and take you two out for brunch or dinner? Pick a place you'd enjoy." Or, they'd pick up some food from one of our favorites and we'd have a picnic at our place.

"Lonesome" and her husband should try it. It might be a lot easier for her daughter than a long drive and an overnight at her parents' home.

— PATRICIA IN LEAWOOD, KAN.

DEAR PATRICIA: I agree. This is a period of adjustment for all concerned. The parents are more in control of their schedule at this point than the daughter and son-in-law may be.

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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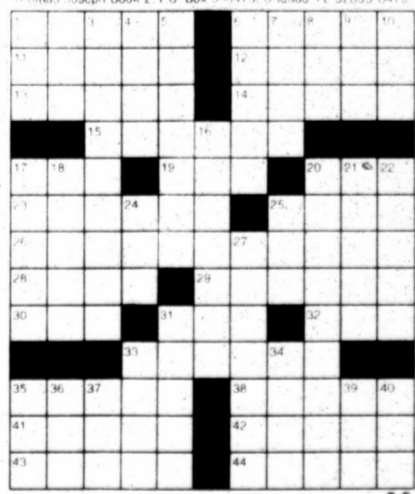
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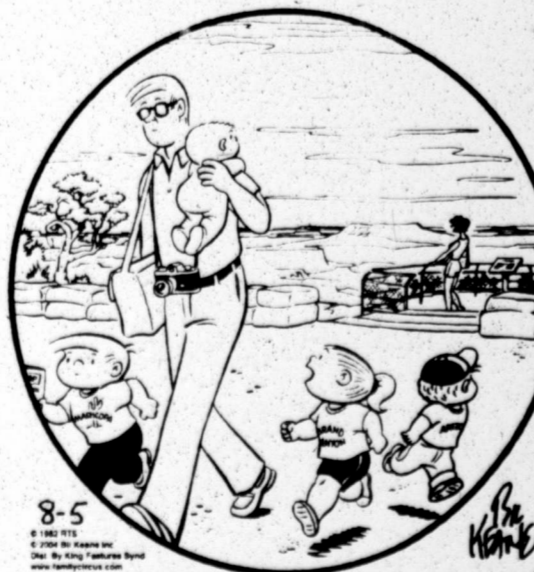
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CARTER CUT

What in the world happened

Something stinks in Oxnard, Calif., and it has nothing to do with the city's bouquet.

This is where the Dallas Cowboys are holding spring training. Yesterday, it is where the owner and the coach held a press conference that raised more questions than it answered.

Quarterback Quincy Carter had been released.

The fallout throughout the Cowboy Nation was immediate. How can the team cut the guy pegged to be the starter? The guy who led them to a 10-6 record last season and a long awaited return to the playoffs?

There was no clear reason given for the release. Though it has been reported that Carter had failed a drug test. He has been in Jerry Jones' doghouse before for a substance violation. In trying to explain away the club's decision, Coach Bill Parcells offered this nugget of wisdom. "Sometimes things happen and you have to alter what you're going to do. We've put our bets down and the wheel's spinning, so we're not looking back."

In english it means, 'We will tell you what we think you need to know while sprinkling in some gibberish that will aid in further confusing you. Please feel free to make up the rest.'

I have to believe there is something more to this than meets the eye. This is a team and an owner that has been much more forgiving in the past. I recall a celebrated receiver who had a habit of hanging out with ladies of the night and a penchant for nose candy. A former coach who plum forgot he had a loaded gun in his suitcase while traveling through an airport. There have been others but I see no need in hanging any more dirty Cowboy laundry on the line.

Why now? Why take a stand now, if that's the picture being painted here? Did the Ricky Williams story have anything to

do with this? I doubt it. Is it possible Jones and Parcells are working in unison to shed the team of its 'can't touch me' image in the hope of returning to the image of respect it held during its glory years? Is Carter a scapegoat? I consider these to be reasonable questions.

Though his agent has yet to speak, Carter denied the cocaine accusation that stem from ESPN.com, FoxSports.com and CBSSportsLine.com reports, all citing unidentified league sources that say Carter failed a drug test.



Michael J. Stevens
Sports Editor

FoxSports.com identified the drug as cocaine. The Dallas Morning News quoted Carter as saying, "I'm shocked. I'm at a loss for words. The one thing I know and the people who have been around me all my life know is that cocaine has never been an issue for me. It never will be. And it's disturbing that a rumor like that would come out. ... That cocaine rumor is ridiculous."

It simply doesn't make much sense to me that this team has suddenly become intolerant, which leads to my suspicion. Will we ever know the truth behind what took place yesterday? Well, I suppose that will depend on whose story you believe. But here is what I predict—if the 'Boys' can win 3 of their first 5 regular season games, Carter becomes a memory. Lose 2 in a row in that time and you will begin hearing cries for Roger, Troy or Dandy Don. Vinny Testaverde is not your man. If the team is to do well, it will be with some one else under center. Testaverde is today's Steve DeBerg. Never really been great but it's good to have him on the sideline. Better if he is wearing a headset and holding a clipboard.

I am not a Cowboy fan. You might as well know that now. But, I am a football fan. And what took place yesterday should have the team and the league scratching their heads.

QB Carter cut by Cowboys

OXNARD, Calif. (AP) — Quincy Carter became the Cowboys' starting quarterback three years ago after veteran Tony Banks was unexpectedly cut during training camp. His time in Dallas stunningly ended in a similar way.

In a virtually unexplained move Wednesday, Dallas cut the player who began camp just four days earlier as the No. 1 quarterback. Carter started every game last season, when the Cowboys won 10 games and made the playoffs in coach Bill Parcells' first year.

"Sometimes things happen and you have to alter what you're going to do," Parcells

said. "We've put our bets down and the wheel's spinning, so we're not looking back."

Carter was a rookie in 2001 when he became Troy Aikman's successor after Banks was cut. This time, 40-year-old Vinny Testaverde takes over as the starter.

Parcells and owner Jerry Jones were vague about why they released Carter, the team's opening-game starter each of his three seasons and the player Parcells said this week had "a leg up" in the quarterback competition.

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Pampa News photo by MICHAEL J. STEVENS

Looking for a pick

Senior quarterback Tyler Dowdy, #4, hurls a spiral to the spot where his receiver should be. JV defender Ryan Hansen, #88, moves in to break up the play during PHS practice Thursday morning.

Correction

The picture shown on the front page of the Aug. 2 Sports Day was misidentified as Drew Morrison. It should have been identified as Clayton Hall.



Pampa News photo by MICHAEL J. STEVENS

Pedal power

Aboard unconventional looking bikes, Glenn Tyler, left, and Robert Whitaker take part in last Saturday's MS 150 Bike-A-Thon. This year's event boasted 204 registrations and raised in excess of \$80,000.

Hidden Hills Day/Night tournament

By Michael J. Stevens
Sports Editor

It was another close Senior Scramble at Hidden Hills yesterday. Ron Parnell, Carl Johnson, Bob Lyle and Gabe Crossman took the honors this week with a 62. The team of Bill King, O.K. Lee, Jim Jensen and Norman Willingham finished second. Third went to Gerry McCabe, Larry Schneider, Bob Henderson and Duane Cash. Harley Knutson, Oscar Sargent, B.F. Dorman and Bill Brown make up the top four.

* Closest to the pin this week on #8 goes to

Whitey White-Jess Mathis on #12.

Hidden Hills will host the Pampa Lions Club day/Night Scramble tomorrow. It is Pampa's only day/night tournament.

The four-person scramble will feature a shotgun start with registrations at 5:30 p.m. Teams can only have one player with a handicap of nine or less. Team handicap must be 50 or more.

Entry fee is \$45 which includes cart, green fees and glow ball.

Hamburger and drinks will be provided.

Contact David at Hidden Hills, 669-5866 for more information.

Wednesday's MLB box scores

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AMERICAN LEAGUE

Texas 030 011 030 — 8 15 2
Detroit 000 000 000 — 0 4 0

Bacsik, Almanzar (8), Benoit (9) and Laird; JJohnson, Ennis (7), Novoa (8) and IRodriguez, DiFelice (9). W—Bacsik 1-0. L—JJohnson 8-9. HR—Texas, Nix (11).

Cleveland 200 052 005 — 14 21 0
Toronto 000 014 000 — 5 11 1

Westbrook, Riske (7), Miller (9) and VMartinez, Laker (6); Towers, JMiller (5), Ligtenberg (7), Frederick (9) and Zaun. W—Westbrook 9-5. L—Towers 6-4. HRs—Cleveland, THafner 2 (21), Laker (3). Toronto, Berg (3).

Boston 010 002 100 — 48 1
Tampa Bay 100 000 40x — 5 6 1

Arroyo, Timlin (8) and Varitek; Halama, Harper (7), Colome (8), DBaez (8) and THall. W—Harper 3-2. L—Arroyo 4-8. Sv—DBaez (23). HRs—Boston, Mueller (9). Tampa Bay, THall (7).

Chicago 000 000 000 — 02 0
Kansas City 720 000 20x — 11 17 0

Schoeneweis, Adkins (2), MJackson (6), Cotts (8) and SAlomar; BriAnderson and Buck. W—BriAnderson 2-9. L—Schoeneweis 6-9. HR—Kansas City, Buck (3).

Anaheim 000 300 000 — 3 10 0
Minnesota 003 003 00x — 6 11 0

ROrtiz, Gregg (7) and JMolina; Lohse, JRincon (8), Nathan (9) and HBlanco. W—Lohse 5-8. L—ROrtiz 3-7. Sv—Nathan (31). HRs—Anaheim, VGuerrero (24). Minnesota, Morneau (7), JJones (18).

Seattle 000 003 000 — 3 9 2
Baltimore 010 200 30x — 6 10 0

Meche, Hasegawa (7), MMyers (7), Atchison (8) and Olivo; Cabrera, Groom (6), Williams (7), Grimsley (8), Julio (9) and JvLopez. W—Williams 1-0. L—Hasegawa 4-4. Sv—Julio (17). HR—Seattle, Winn (9).

Oakland 010 310 100 00 — 6 12 1
New York 020 101 002 02 — 8 15 0

(11 innings)
Harden, Bradford (7), RRincon (7), Mecir (8), Dotel (9), CHammond (10), Duchscherer (11) and Melhuse; Loaiza, Quantrell (7), Gordon (8), Proctor (9), MRivera (10) and Posada. W—MRivera 3-1. L—Duchscherer 4-3. HRs—Oakland, EChavez (20), Dye (18), Byrnes (17). New York, Sheffield (25), ARodriguez (29), Matsui (20).

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Atlanta 030 010 100 — 5 12 0
Houston 000 101 002 — 4 6 0

Thomson, Reitsma (8), Smoltz (9) and JEstrada; PMunro, Harville (5), Redding (6), Gallo (8),

Weathers (9) and Ausmus. W—Thomson 9-7. L—PMunro 2-3. Sv—Smoltz (26). HR—Houston, Bagwell (16).

New York 000 010 500 — 6 6 1
Milwaukee 000 030 011 — 5 10 1

Trchsel, Feliciano (6), Stanton (7), Lóoper (8) and Piazza, VWilson (7); DDavis, Adams (7), Burba (8), Kolb (9) and Moeller. W—Feliciano 1-0. L—Adams 1-1. Sv—Looper (22). HRs—New York, Cameron (23). Milwaukee, Branyan (2), Durrington (2).

Montreal 010 200 010 — 4 11 0
St. Louis 000 200 201 — 5 13 3

LHernandez, Horgan (7), Ayala (8), CCordero (9) and Schneider; Suppan, Eldred (6), King (7), Kline (8), Tavarez (9) and Matheny. W—Tavarez 3-3. L—CCordero 3-2. HRs—St. Louis, Pujols (31), Mabry (7).

Pittsburgh 001 000 000 — 1 6 1
Los Angeles 010 000 10x — 2 10 0

Fogg, Gonzalez (8) and Kendall; Lima, Dreifort (8), Gagne (9) and Mayne. W—Lima 10-3. L—Fogg 6-8. Sv—Gagne (32). HR—Los Angeles, Cora (7).

Florida 010 004 100 — 6 10 2
Arizona 240 201 20x — 11 14 2

Beckett, BHoward (5), Bump (6), JManzanillo (7), Perisho (7), Mota (8) and Lo Duca; RJohnson, Fetters (7), Koplove (8), Choate (9) and Brito. W—RJohnson 11-9. L—Beckett 4-7. HRs—Florida, AGonzalez (16). Arizona, RAlomar (3).

Chicago 010 000 442 — 11 15 2
Colorado 200 011 211 — 8 11 1

Zambrano, Mercker (7), Farnsworth (7), Remlinger (8), Hawkins (9) and Barrett; Wright, Dohmann (6), SReed (7), Bernero (8), Chacon (8), Simpson (9) and CJohnson. W—Farnsworth 4-3. L—Chacon 1-7. HRs—Chicago, SSosa (24), ARamirez (23), TWalker (13), Colorado, Helton (25), MaSweeney (5), CJohnson (12).

Philadelphia 004 120 000 — 7 11 0
San Diego 002 021 000 — 5 13 1

Milton, RHernandez (6), Telemaco (6), TJones (7), FRodriguez (8), Worrell (9) and Lieberthal; Eaton, Stone (6), Neal (8) and RaHernandez. W—Milton 12-2. L—Eaton 6-10. Sv—Worrell (12). HRs—Philadelphia, Rollins (6), DaBell (13). San Diego, KGreene (7), RaHernandez (9).

Cincinnati 003 112 100 — 814 2
San Francisco 000 141 010 — 7 14 0

JoAcevedo, Hancock (5), PNorton (6), RWagner (6), GWhite (7), Graves (9) and Valentin, LaRue (9); Tomko, Eyre (6), Herges (7), Christiansen (8), Hermanson (9) and Pierzynski. W—Hancock 2-1. L—Eyre 0-2. Sv—Graves (35). HRs—Cincinnati, FLopez (2), Dunn 2 (31). San Francisco, Durham (11), Mohr (5).

Carter

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Jones wouldn't specifically answer questions about reports Carter failed a drug test or say if the move was based on non-football issues.

"We've made a decision to move in a different direction," Jones said. "We're not going to get in a lot of detail on the process."

"I think that we should leave it at just was not a difficult decision, and not get into a definition of what it was about."

The NFL had no comment.

ESPN.com, FoxSports.com and CBSsportsline.com, all citing unidentified league sources, reported Carter failed a drug test. FoxSports.com identified the drug as cocaine.

"I'm shocked. I'm at a loss for words," Carter told The Dallas Morning News. "The

one thing I know and the people who have been around me all my life know is that cocaine has never been an issue for me. It never will be. And it's disturbing that a rumor like that would come out. ... That cocaine rumor is ridiculous."

Carter's agent, Eugene Parker, did not return phone messages.

Soon after being informed of the decision by Parcells and Jones early Wednesday morning, Carter left camp wearing a gray hooded Cowboys sweatshirt.

Testaverde reunited with Parcells this summer in hopes of being a starter again. It looks like he will be when the Cowboys open the season Sept. 12 at Minnesota.

"Yes, I believe he'll be the starter," Parcells said. "We're going to have to alter some things in terms of strategy and tailor some things that are more suited for a classic dropback. I am confident in the player, our team will be confident in the player and

we will just go forward."

Parcells said that having Testaverde available was "irrelevant" in the sudden decision to cut Carter and that he was "saddened" by the situation.

"I just couldn't keep him in the plans," Parcells said. "We only make decisions based on the information we have."

Carter threw for 3,302 yards and 17 touchdowns in his only full season as the starter, but his 21 interceptions were among the most in the league. He was 16-15 as a starter.

Parcells doesn't plan to bring any more quarterbacks to camp. He will get Testaverde ready to start and give unproven quarterbacks Drew Henson and Tony Romo as many snaps as possible.

Testaverde was a Pro Bowl selection in 1998, when he led the New York Jets to the AFC title game under Parcells, but tore his Achilles' tendon in the 1999 season opener. He lost his starting job to Chad Pennington two seasons ago.

While starting the first seven games last season when Pennington was injured, Testaverde completed 123 of 198 passes for 1,385 yards, with seven touchdowns and two interceptions.

Testaverde, one of just nine players with more than 40,000 career yards passing, said he doesn't have to change his demeanor.

"For the most part, I approach it the same way," he said. "I came here to prepare myself as a starting quarterback. I was competing as if I was going to get the starting job."

The Cowboys traded for Henson, a top prospect out of Michigan who spent the past three years playing baseball in the New York Yankees' minor league system. Romo didn't play during his rookie season.

"Nothing's changed on my part," Henson said. "I'm trying to learn as fast as I can, I'm not trying to accelerate anything. I'm working as quickly and as hard as I can."

'We've made a decision to move in a different direction. We're not going to get in a lot of detail on the process.'

— Jerry Jones
Owner, Dallas Cowboys

Get off my back



Pampa News photo by DAVID BOWSER

Hawk Tucker of Pampa hangs on while the bull he's riding tries to shed the cowboy during the White Deer Rodeo July 30.

Houston falls to Atlanta 5-4

HOUSTON (AP) — Hit hard by Houston in the past, John Thomson changed his approach Wednesday night.

It worked. Thomson held the Astros to four hits for seven innings and pitched the Atlanta Braves to a 5-4 victory.

"Everytime I've pitched against them before, it seemed like they had my number. Tonight I decided to throw more off-speed stuff and changeups and I got a lot more ground balls," Thomson said.

Thomson was 2-4 with a 7.71 ERA against Houston in six previous games.

"My whole career I've been a fastball and hard sinker pitcher. They are a good

fastball hitting team and I'm always around the plate with the fastball," he said.

"I threw a lot of curves tonight and I threw more changeups than I did in the whole month of June," he said.

Jeff Bagwell hit a two-out, two-run homer in the ninth off Braves closer John Smoltz. But after giving up Bagwell's 16th home run of the season and 435th of his career, Smoltz finished for his 26th save in 28 chances.

Chipper Jones contributed a pair of RBI singles as the NL East-leading Braves won for the 10th time in 12 games. They have won eight of their last 10 on the road.

Rangers rough up Detroit 8-0

DETROIT (AP) — Long bus trips and frequent fast food in the minor leagues pushed Mike Bacsik to think about doing something else with his life.

The 26-year-old pitcher is glad he didn't. Bacsik allowed four hits over seven innings in his Texas debut, and Laynce Nix hit a two-run homer to lead the Rangers over the Detroit Tigers 8-0 Wednesday night.

Brought up from Triple-A Oklahoma last week, Bacsik retired nine straight before Alex Sanchez singled leading off the fourth. The Tigers had two on and no outs, but

Bacsik got out of the jam by striking out Ivan Rodriguez, and retiring Dmitri Young and Carlos Guillen on flyouts.

"There are a lot of days in Triple-A that you have to fight through putting the negative thoughts of not doing this in your mind," Bacsik said. "But then something like this happens, and it's worth it."

Bacsik was 4-4 with a 6.12 ERA in 12 starts and seven relief appearances in parts of three seasons with the New York Mets and Cleveland. His father, Mike, pitched for the Rangers from 1975-77, and they are the first father-son duo in Rangers history.

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Kendy Cardenas, VISTA volunteer of Borger, Evelyn Rodriguez, Baby's Coming Shop coordinator, and Kate Heare, volunteer with 2CARE for Moms & Babies of Pampa, with baby Guinn (top photo) during an open house for the Baby's Coming Shop only recently established in Pampa. Kendy Cardenas, VISTA volunteer of Borger, Melody Whiteley, program assistant for 2CARE for Moms & Babies, and Mona Franke, volunteer with Baby's Coming Shop of Pampa, (bottom photo) recently enjoy food and fellowship at a recent open house for the newly established Baby's Coming Shop in Pampa.

CIA Acting Director: 'Devil in the details' on new national intelligence director

WASHINGTON (AP) — Acting CIA Director John McLaughlin told agency employees that the "devil is in the details" on the formation of a new national intelligence director and those details will take time to finalize, according to an internal CIA message.

Responding quickly to a leading recommendation of the Sept. 11 commission, President Bush announced Monday he would support the creation of the new post to oversee the country's 15 intelligence agencies, touching off intense debate about the scope of that person's responsibilities.

In his message Tuesday, McLaughlin acknowledged the new position would have "important implications" for the CIA but said the impact will not be clear for some time.

congressional debate. Some House and Senate committees have cut short their August recess to return to Washington for hearings on intelligence reforms.

"There is plainly merit in having a single individual with reach into both the foreign and domestic intelligence communities," wrote McLaughlin. "But there is still much to be defined about the scope, duties and activities of that office."

"That discussion is just beginning," he added, telling employees to stay "tightly focused" on their current missions.

At recent public events, Bush has acknowledged the debate about the intelligence director's powers and other proposed changes. "Reform is never easy in Washington," Bush said.

"As always in our business, the devil is in the details and the truth is that many of these have yet to be worked out," wrote McLaughlin, who as CIA director also oversees intelligence community.

Bush's proposal departs in key areas from the 9/11 commission's recommendation. His blueprint would give the new director authority to "coordinate" the budgets of the intelligence agencies, as the CIA director now does, but not the final say on how much they receive or how they spend it.

The Sept. 11 commission also said the director should have the power to hire and fire the heads of the CIA, Defense Intelligence Agency, the FBI intelligence office and other agencies. Bush's plan, however, simply envisions giving the say in those decisions.

In his page-long message to agency employees, McLaughlin said the final proposal will be affected by factors including administration and intelligence community views, along with

Government decides not to intervene and force down AIDS drug prices

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government is refusing to take steps to in effect force down the spiraling price of an important AIDS drug, saying such an unprecedented move isn't allowed by federal law.

Wednesday's decision by the National Institutes of Health was a major victory for Abbott Laboratories, which quintupled the price of its AIDS drug Norvir late last year. Patient groups and some members of Congress called the move price-gouging. They had pushed the NIH to intervene by overriding Abbott's patents, since Norvir's discovery was partially funded by taxpayer dollars.

But the NIH decided Wednesday the law didn't allow that step, which it said could have had far-reaching effects on the pharmaceutical market.

"The issue of drug pricing has global implications and thus is appropriately left for Congress to address legislatively," concluded NIH Director Dr. Elias Zerhouni.

Abbott raised the price of the eight-year-old Norvir to \$8.57 a day from \$1.71. It called the move necessary to counter falling sales as the drug's use shifted from a

primary treatment agent to one now used in low doses to boost the effects of other anti-AIDS medicines.

But consumer advocates decried that the increased price was only for the United States, leaving Norvir five to 10 times cheaper in other countries. They also alleged that anti-competitive practices were involved, because the higher price applied only when Norvir is added to other companies' AIDS drugs, not Abbott's own Kaletra.

The price hike came amid already vigorous debate about why Americans pay much more for most prescription drugs than do patients in Canada, Britain and other countries.

Citing a \$3.5 million NIH grant to Abbott that helped lead to Norvir's discovery, the consumer group Essential Inventions petitioned the government to

grant licenses for other companies to make the medicine, too — presumably driving the price back down.

The 24-year-old Bay-Dole Act enables the NIH to claim patents of inventions partly funded by government if companies don't bring them to market in ways that "achieve practical application." But the government has never invoked its so-called march-in rights.

"It's a horrible decision," said Robert Weissman, general counsel for Essential Inventions said of the NIH ruling. The decision means drug makers "can put government-funded inventions on the market at any price whatsoever without facing the possibility of a march-in."

But NIH concluded that Norvir meets the main

intent of that law — that the drug is widely sold, and thus there's no health reason to intervene, said Bonny Harbinger, deputy director of NIH's Office of Technology Transfer.

Does that mean NIH would never declare the price of a federally subsidized drug too high? "That's very hypothetical for me to try and answer," because other factors are considered, too, Harbinger said.

The decision suggests "it doesn't matter what drug makers charge for a taxpayer-subsidized drug, as long as they continue to sell it," complained Rep. Sherrod Brown, D-Ohio.

Brown and Weissman both pledged to appeal to Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson to overrule the NIH decision. A Thompson spokesman didn't immediately return a call for comment.

Abbott counters that the NIH grant represented a tiny portion of the roughly \$300 million it ultimately spent developing Norvir. He added that more money should be spent to invest in new research for developing better, cheaper drugs to solve the AIDS crisis.

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— Elias Zerhouni
NIH Director

US regulators allows TiVo users to swap copies

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal regulators on Wednesday approved technology allowing TiVo subscribers to send copies of recorded shows over the Internet, something Hollywood and major league sports leagues oppose.

In its decision, the Federal Communications Commission said the new TiVo feature has enough protections in place to prevent mass distribution of copyrighted material.

The technology would allow a TiVo subscriber to download broadcasts to a computer and send copies of recorded shows over the Internet to an office or home or to a small circle of friends, as long as they are on the subscriber's registered account.

The Motion Picture Association of America, the National Football League and others complained that the new service would allow the 1.6 million TiVo subscribers to redistribute shows over the Internet to virtually anyone, anywhere.

The NFL is especially worried about the potential for users to beam football games to viewers in blacked-out areas where the games aren't broadcast. The NFL does not allow local broadcasts unless the home team sells out.

The league signaled it may sue over the decision.

"We'll confer with the other concerned parties and take whatever steps are appropriate to protect our interests," NFL spokesman Seth Palansky said.

TiVo's machines let viewers record programs onto a large-capacity hard drive rather than a videocassette, giving view-

ers many more options. For example, they can watch an earlier part of a show, game or movie while recording later segments.

The technology that TiVo asked the FCC to consider recognizes the so-called "broadcast flag," which the agency approved in late 2003. The flag is an electronic signal that tells digital video recorders to encrypt shows when recording. The encryption prevents widespread distribution over the Internet.

TiVo officials said that means movies and sports broadcasts can't be sent to mass audiences.

"TiVo has always tried to maintain an appropriate balance between consumer interests and the rights of content providers," said Mike Ramsay, CEO of the Alviso, Calif.-based company.

The new technology, which TiVo refers to as "remote access," could be included in a service called TiVoToGo that the company plans to offer this fall. That will let a user transfer recorded shows to a laptop, so the subscriber can take the shows on the road.

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