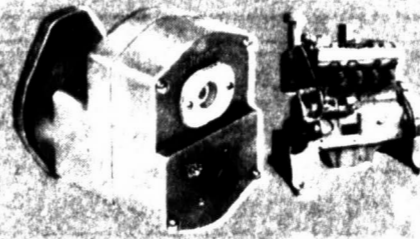


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U.S., Iraqi forces launch offensive

NAJAF, Iraq (AP) — Thousands of U.S. and Iraqi soldiers launched a major assault on militiamen loyal to a radical Shiite cleric Thursday, with explosions and gunfire echoing near Najaf's revered Imam Ali shrine and its vast cemetery. Shooting also was reported near the rebel leader's home as huge plumes of smoke rose from the city.

Iraqi Prime Minister Ayad Allawi

called Thursday on the Shiite militants to put down their weapons and leave the shrine, where they have sought refuge.

"These places have never been exposed to such violations in the past," he said, adding that the violence has killed many innocent people.

"Our government calls upon all the armed groups to drop their weapons

and return to society. We also call upon all the armed men to evacuate the holy shrine and not to violate its holiness."

Coalition forces were trying to crush an uprising led by cleric Muqtada al-Sadr, whose fighters have been battling U.S. troops and Iraqi government forces in Najaf and other Shiite strongholds across the country for a week.

"Major operations to destroy the militia have begun," said Maj. David Holahan, executive officer of the 1st Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment.

Thousands of U.S. troops were participating, he said.

Under U.S. military rules for embedded journalists, reporters are not allowed to reveal exact numbers

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Nigerian letter scam resurfaces

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

Gray County Sheriff's Office is urging caution to anyone who is thinking about replying to a letter which claims to be from a government official of Nigeria.

More than one Gray County resident has turned in a letter they received which claims to be from a Dr. Lucas Duru, Manager II, Budget and Planning, from Lagos, Nigeria.

The letter claims that the country's "special committee for budget and planning of the Ministry of Petroleum" has accumulated \$41,500,000 through undeclared windfall from sales of crude oil during the Gulf War.

The letter claims that the committee needs a safe account into which the funds will be transferred. The owner of the account will be paid \$8.3 million as compensation for using the account.

The recipient is urged to call a long distance telephone number in order to set up the transfer of funds. "Please fax or phone only," the letter states.

"It might be difficult for you to get through to me because of my country's poor telecommunication system. . . Please keep trying," the letter states.

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Photo by David Bowser

President George W. Bush speaks to crowd of about 800 people during a campaign stop in Albuquerque, N.M., Wednesday afternoon. His day started in Florida and ended in Arizona with one-time rival Sen. John McCain.

President: 'I know what I'm doing when it comes to winning this war'

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) President Bush on Wednesday pushed back against John Kerry's criticism of his handling of Iraq, saying, "I know what I'm doing when it comes to winning this war."

Bush used an re-election rally to sharply reject Democratic challenger John Kerry's proposal to begin to withdraw troops from Iraq within six months of taking office.

"We all want the mission to be completed as quickly as possible. But we want the mission completed," the

president said. "The mission is not going to be completed as quickly as possible if the enemy thinks we will be removing a substantial number of troops in six months."

Military commanders should be deciding troop levels, Bush said.

"I know what I'm doing when it comes to winning this war, and I'm not going to be sending mixed signals," he said.

Kerry spokesman Phil Singer said Bush will "say or do anything to avoid a discussion about his failed

policy in Iraq."

"One thing we know for sure is that the troops are going to be in Iraq for a lot longer under George Bush than they will be with John Kerry as president," Singer said.

Bush also responded to rising criticism, some from fellow Republicans like Nancy Reagan, of his decision three years ago this week to cap federal funding for stem cell studies. Reagan has lobbied for more govern-

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Perryton celebrates 85th anniversary

PERRYTON — The Wheatheart of the Nations Celebration, the 85th anniversary of the birth of Perryton, will kick off on Tuesday, Aug. 17, and last through Aug. 22.

A celebration block party is slated for Thursday, Aug. 19, sponsored by the Perryton-Ochiltree Chamber of Commerce Retail Association and numerous merchants will feature specials. At 6 p.m., Perryton Lion's

Club will host their annual watermelon feed on the Ochiltree County Courthouse lawn.

Two special events are planned for Friday, Aug. 20.

The first night of the TCRA-sanctioned rodeo, sponsored by the Young Rider 4-H Club, gets underway at 7:30 p.m. at the Ochiltree County Rodeo Arena. Admission is \$5 for adults and children with children

under 6 years old free.

The second event for Friday is a teen dance at the Expo Center from 9 p.m. until 12 midnight. Admission to the dance, sponsored by the Perryton Jaycees is \$5 per person.

Activities for Saturday, Aug. 21, are planned for the entire day, starting with a free breakfast, sponsored by United Supermarkets. The free breakfast, on United's parking lot,

will be served from 6 a.m. until 9 a.m.

Old timers registration begins at 8:30 a.m. in Whigham Park with the parade set to begin at 10 a.m.

The Museum of the Plains will host Pioneer Day at the museum, 1200 N. Main, from 11 a.m. till 4 p.m. The museum will serve ham-

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Obituaries

Pike Smith, 28

SPUR — Graveside services for Pike Smith, 28, formerly of Spur, are scheduled at 3 p.m. Friday at Spur Memorial Cemetery with Dr. Ned Hicks officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Campbell Funeral Home. Mr. Smith died

Wednesday, Aug. 11, 2004. He was born Dec. 13, 1975, in Knox City, to J.R. and Mitzi Clark Smith. Pike moved to Amarillo six years ago. He was preceded in death by his father. Survivors include his

mother, Mitzi Smith of Dickens; two brothers, Rod Smith of San Antonio and Brad Smith of Gail; his grandparents, Moleta (Corkey) Clark of Pampa and Bud Clark of Big Lake; and his great-grandmother, Audry Hale Huff of Pampa.

Services tomorrow

HUNNICUTT, J.C. — Graveside services, 11 a.m., Fairview Cemetery, Pampa.
 SMITH, Pike — Graveside services, 3 p.m., Spur Memorial Cemetery, Spur.

Emergency Services

Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department today reported the following incidents and arrests.

Tuesday, Aug. 10

Several reports of an ongoing domestic dispute have been phoned in by a person claiming to be anonymous, according to a police report. Upon arrival, the officers found that the calls were unfounded, according to the report. These calls have occurred in the 800 block of Deane Drive. An investigation is pending regarding the abuse of the 911 system.

Wednesday, Aug. 11

Assault was reported in the 1400 block of Williston. No injuries were reported.

Found property was reported in the 1000 block of Crane Road. An electronic organizer was reported taken. Amount of loss was unknown.

Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle was reported in the 400 block of North Wells. Estimated value of the vehicle is \$1,500.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 700 block of North Frost. A pickup window was broken, for an estimated \$250 in damage.

A bicycle valued at \$100 was reported stolen from the 1300 block of Terrace.

Arthur Dominguez, 23, 1041 Cinderella, was arrested in the 1200 block of North Hobart for fraudulent use or possession of identifying information.

Thursday, Aug. 12

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 800 block of North Nelson. A window was broken, and compact discs and speakers were taken, for an estimated \$550 in damage and loss.

Troy Alan Fisher, 37, 519 Roberta, was arrested in the 600 block of Roberta for driving while intoxicated, third or more offense.

Sheriff

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

Wednesday, Aug. 11

Jimmy Claude Davis, 59, 717 Sloan, was arrested for driving while intoxicated, second offense.

Fire

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

today.

Wednesday, Aug. 11

7:41 p.m. — Two units and seven firefighters responded to a reported structure fire in the 200 block of Miami. There was no fire and there was no response from anyone at the residence.

Ambulance

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

Wednesday, Aug. 11

7:44 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2100 block of Dogwood and transported a patient(s) to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

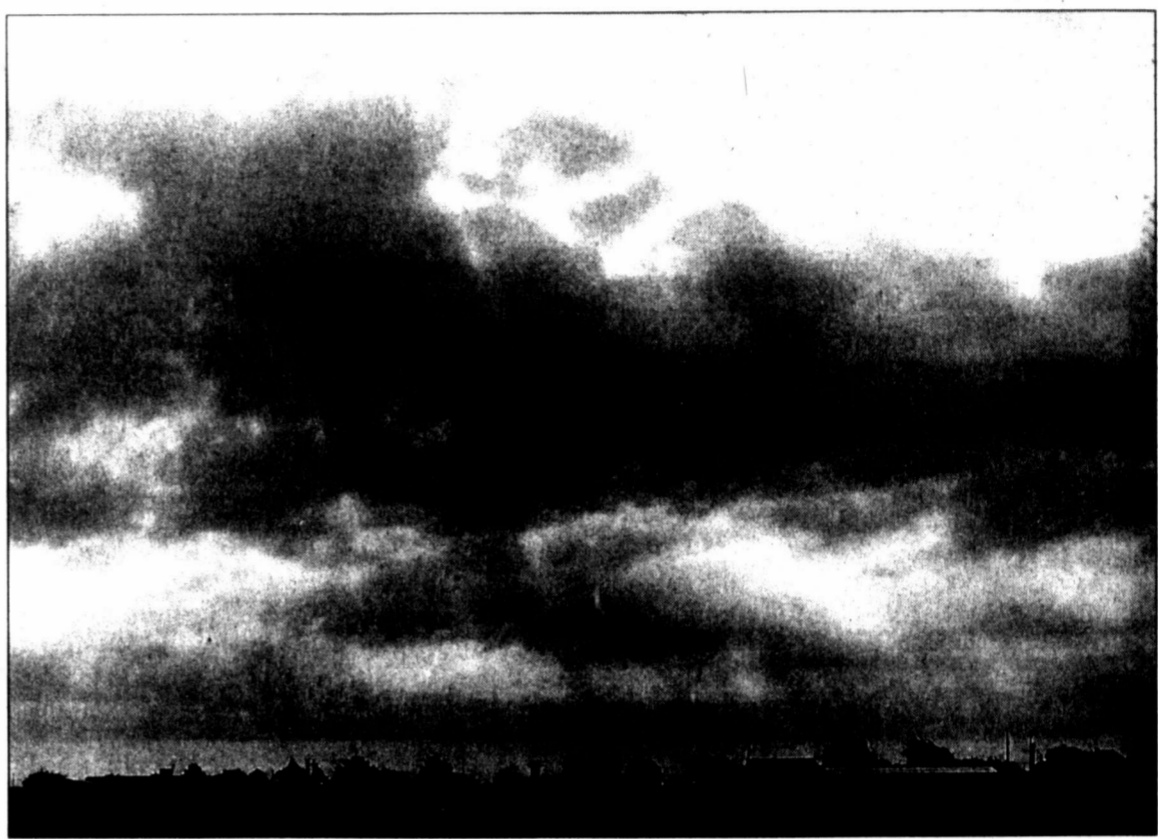
9:33 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of 25th Avenue and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

10:42 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1900 block of Hilton Road and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

11:09 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block of Darby and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

Thursday, Aug. 12

6:56 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of Beryl and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.



Pampa News photo by BEN BRISCOE

Rays of sunshine break through the clouds early this morning.

Gray County Weather

Today: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high around 81. South southwest wind around 5 mph.

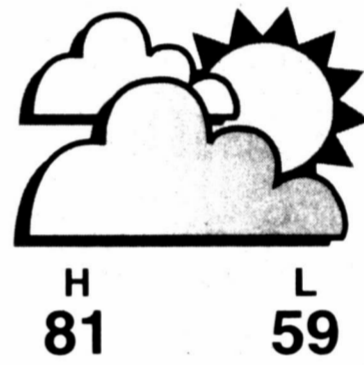
Tonight: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 59. South southeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming east northeast.

Friday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1 p.m.

Partly cloudy, with a high near 81. East wind around 10 mph.

Friday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low near 62. East southeast wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Saturday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thun-



derstorms after 4 p.m. Partly cloudy, with a high around 82. Southeast wind between 10 and 15 mph. Saturday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 64. South wind around 15 mph. Sunday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 4 p.m. Partly cloudy, with a high

around 86. South southwest wind around 15 mph.

Sunday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 65. South wind around 15 mph.

Monday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 4 p.m. Partly cloudy, with a high around 90. South wind between 15 and 20 mph.

Monday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low near 64.

Tuesday: Partly cloudy, with a high around 89.

Tuesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 65.

Wednesday: Partly cloudy, with a high around 86.

Federal officials ponder ways to turn revised diet into action

WASHINGTON (AP) — Americans need to spend more time working out and less time chowing down.

That's the conclusion of a federal advisory panel looking at ways to get people to adopt healthier eating and exercise habits.

The Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee, holding its final meeting Wednesday, called for some changes in current nutrition recommendations. The tougher task is motivating people to work toward a healthy weight by being more physically active and watching what they eat.

It won't be easy. Federal researchers already have found that almost two-thirds of adults are overweight or obese, and more than three-fifths do not get enough regular physical activity.

"We've got good science," said Eric Hentges, executive director of the Agriculture Department's Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion, which is responsible for updating the department's familiar food pyramid. "Our challenge is to implement this into good policy."

The committee is proposing only moderate changes to the federal nutrition guidelines adopted in 2000, such as urging people to increase their fruit and vegetable intake.

The recommendations also place more emphasis on exercise.

The findings are to be released early next year in tandem with the update of the Agriculture Department's illustration of those

principals, known as the Food Guide Pyramid.

The 13-member panel of experts came up with nine recommendations, including:

- Control caloric intake.
- Consume a variety of foods within and among the basic food groups.
- Eat whole grain products rather than refined grains to reduce risks of heart disease and other conditions.

The recommendations also call for people to avoid potentially artery-clogging trans fats, reduce total daily salt to 2,300 milligrams and eat more fruits and vegetables.

The servings of fruits and vegetables would be expanded to five to 13, from the current five to nine. The expansion would be part of the committee's plan to allow more room for individual differences,

so people with high-revving metabolisms, such as active teenagers, could eat more. The guidelines also put a strong emphasis on physical activity, calling on people to perform at least 30 minutes of moderate activity on most days but to possibly double that if they want to lose weight.

Getting people to apply the proposed principals will be a challenge. While about 80 percent of people know about the current pyramid, less than 5 percent follow its suggestions, Hentges said.

'We've got good science. Our challenge is to implement this into good policy.'

— Eric Hentges
 Executive director
 Nutrition Policy and Promotion

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ALCO	66.45	+1.11
HAL	28.80	0.29
TRAD	32.28	0.62
NOI	29.95	0.90
KMI	59.60	+0.22
XCEL	17.26	0.05
Kerr McGee	51.64	+0.46
Limited	18.95	-0.24
Williams	11.58	0.04
MCD	26.12	0.23
XOM	45.15	+0.02
Atmos	25.08	0.24

Pioneer Nat	32.26	0.29
JCP	37.84	0.71
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Lions' burgers

John Horst, Bob Finney, Josh Seabourn and Kyle Parnell, left to right, line up for "Lions" burgers at the Pampa Lions Club Day/Night Golf Scramble at Hidden Hills Golf Course last weekend.

Austin to host 'Meet & Greet' for parents

Parents of Austin Elementary School students are invited to a "Meet and Greet" event on Friday, Aug. 13. Parents may bring their child's school supplies at the Meet and Greet scheduled from 12 noon until 2 p.m.,

said Principal Beverly Owens. Class rosters are currently posted on the front door of the school, she said. Parents Nights have been set up at the following times:

- Tuesday, Aug. 17: Kindergarten — 6 p.m.; First Grade — 7:30 p.m.
- Thursday, Aug. 19: Second Grade — 6 p.m.; Third Grade — 7:30 p.m.
- Monday, Aug. 23: Fourth Grade — 6 p.m.; Fifth Grade — 7:30 p.m.

Bush

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ment funding for the research, which she says could yield a cure for Alzheimer's. The president said he would not relax his policy, though he acknowledged that it is "sad" when parents believe a cure for their children's ailments could be within reach. "The policies I made were on the one hand trying to help as best as we can move

science forward, and at the same time keep an ethical balance so that we promote a culture of life," Bush said. "The decision I made, in my judgment, was the right decision," he said. Bush's remarks came at the start of a campaign swing through New Mexico and Arizona, two states he and Kerry have been contesting most fiercely. He lost New Mexico by just 366 votes and Wednesday marked his eighth trip. After showing Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., his Texas ranch Wednesday morning, Bush headed out for a sec-

ond day of campaigning with the war hero and one-time Bush rival. McCain did not say anything at the New Mexico rally, in contrast to their trip through Florida Tuesday, where he introduced Bush at each stop. The two men then went to Arizona, which Bush narrowly won in 2000. McCain revved up his hometown crowd in Phoenix, telling a Bush rally that "because of what we did in Iraq, the world is safer and America is safer." "President Bush has not wavered, he will not waver," McCain said. "We will win

this war on terror." In New Mexico, Bush spoke in one of his favorite campaign forums, which the White House bills as a town hall forum and calls "Ask President Bush."

Scam

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you'd get charged for the phone calls," said Chief Deputy Kelly Rushing. The cost of calling the phone number may be very

high, he said. The letter also instructs the recipient to disregard the handwritten envelope it was mailed in, because "it is an international guise to remove suspicion." Instructions are also given to use a code word, provided in the letter, whenever making a call "to avoid impersonation and for security reasons."

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burgers, cheeseburgers, hot dogs, sausage-on-a-stick, nachos, cold drinks, homemade ice cream and cookies. Musical entertainment for the day will be provided by the 2004 winner of the Will Rogers Top Cowboy Singer, Robert Joe Vandygriff, beginning at 1 p.m. Vandygriff will be performing with songs of the Old West, as well as original tunes. He has performed with such notable artists as George Jones, Merle Haggard, Garth Brooks, and the Sons of the Pioneers. Also included in the museum's celebration are horse-drawn wagon ride and live pony rides for children, a water slide, dunking board, and games for young and old. Arts and craft booths will feature all types of jewelry, gourmet food, custom hunting knives, handmade wood items, painting by local artist and more. At noon Saturday, the Jaycees will serve a barbecue dinner with the trimmings at the Expo Center. Cost of the meal is \$2.

The WRCA Junior Ranch Rodeo, featuring Pokey the Clown, will be held in Leatherman Park. Registration will start at noon with rodeo to begin at 1 p.m. Saturday evening's activities begin with the second night at the TCRA Rodeo, starting at 7:30 p.m. An adult dance, sponsored by the Perryton Jaycees is scheduled for 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Expo Center. Admission is \$6 for single

and \$10 for couples. On Sunday afternoon, Aug. 22, Delta Upsilon will sponsor an Historical Walking Home Tour of the houses of Judge and Mrs. Ken Donahue, 221 S. Baylor; Tina Luther, 302 S. Baylor; and Dorothy Dollar, 310 S. Baylor. The tours are set from 1 p.m. until 3 p.m. Rounding out the celebration will be the popular demolition derby, which will start at 5 p.m. at the rodeo grounds.

Iraq

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of U.S. troops, details of planned offensives or other information considered relevant to operational security. Iraqi National Security Adviser Mouwaffaq al-Rubaie went to Najaf to deal with the situation, his office said. It was unclear what his mission entailed or whether he would negotiate with al-Sadr. U.S. military Humvees moved toward al-Sadr's house and fought with militants guarding the building, witnesses said. A large fire raged across the street and at least two helicopters flew above the area. U.S. officials said in recent days they had no plans to arrest al-Sadr. A column of U.S. tanks

lined one edge of the huge cemetery sprawling out from the Imam Ali mosque as a helicopter flew overhead. Soldiers crawled on the roofs of single-story buildings to fire at militants. "It's pretty standard: They'd push up here, fire off a few rounds, fire RPGs, then leave," Capt. Patrick McFall said of the insurgents. By afternoon, five civilians had been killed, said Nabil Mohammed, a health worker in Najaf. Two soldiers were wounded by a mortar shell while standing in an intersection on the cemetery's edge, the military said. Meanwhile, fighting between al-Sadr supporters and coalition forces killed at least 72 Iraqis in the southern city of Kut on Wednesday in one of the most intense battles in that city in months.

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Viewpoints

Work of legendary artist still touches souls

Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum in Canyon has recently loaned a terrific art object, courtesy, according to a news release from the museum, of the Gerald Peters Gallery out of Santa Fe, N.M.

The art object of which I speak, on display at PPHM, is a sculpture by legendary 20th Century artist, Georgia O'Keeffe. Historically, the city of Canyon, and the campus on which sits PPHM, has a special connection to O'Keeffe as she at one time taught at West Texas State Normal College, home of present-day West Texas A&M

University, in the early 1900s.

According to the press release, O'Keeffe began teaching at WT in Canyon in 1916 and left in 1918. Something I didn't know — O'Keeffe "was supervisor of drawing and penmanship," the press release notes, "for Amarillo schools from 1912 to 1914."

O'Keeffe's love of the West and of Palo Duro Canyon in particular is well-known.

The news release said she painted four notable oil-paintings while at her teaching post in Canyon. Sadly, one of these pieces, the news release reports, has

fallen victim to theft.

During my time as an art major at WT, I heard a lot about Ms. O'Keeffe. I marveled at her amazing ability, her awesome use of color and her almost magical exploitation of shape.

Skyla Bryant

News Editor

I am by no means an art history expert. My brief studies on the subject hardly qualify me to speak with any real sense of authority, but Georgia O'Keeffe's work always seemed to touch my psyche deeply, as

if with each painting she expressed a portion of her soul that bared a portion of mine.

When I consider the paltry few pieces of her work that I am familiar with (for the breadth and number of her art is staggering), I think of the loneliness and the beauty of our region.

Perhaps that is why I admire Ms. O'Keeffe so much, not as a woman, but strictly as an artist, because she loved and understood

the Texas Panhandle, a place many see as barren and empty, but a place very dear to me.

What a treat to be presently enrolled at a campus where this particular piece of art, titled "Abstraction," temporarily resides in easy view.

As it is, I may have to shuffle a few things on my calendar, take a road trip, venture up to Canyon to take a peek at this marvel the PPHM release said dates back to 1946. In a photo graciously provided with the release, "Abstraction" rises up and out of its base in a fantastic corkscrew motion, almost as if undu-

lating from up out of the earth itself, a hapless victim of the planet's soundless rhythm.

"Abstraction" swirls and drapes in a series of sweeping lines and motions that thoroughly conquer the eye and gladdens the heart with wonder.

What an opportunity to have this rare piece within our midst. Take a trip to PPHM and take in "Abstraction" before it departs at the end of October. I'm almost certain you won't be disappointed. O'Keeffe may touch your soul in that special way that has affected thousands of others.



Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, Aug. 12, the 225th day of 2004. There are 141 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Aug. 12, 1944, Joseph P. Kennedy Jr., eldest son of Joseph and Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy, was killed with his co-pilot when their explosives-laden Navy plane blew up over England.

On this date:

In 1851, Isaac Singer was granted a patent on his sewing machine.

In 1867, President Andrew Johnson sparked a move to impeach him as he defied Congress by suspending Secretary of War Edwin M. Stanton.

In 1898, the peace protocol ending the Spanish-American War was signed.

In 1898, Hawaii was formally annexed to the United States.

In 1953, the Soviet Union conducted a secret test of its first hydrogen bomb.

In 1960, the first balloon satellite — the Echo One — was launched by the United States from Cape Canaveral.

In 1962, one day after launching Andrian Nikolayev into orbit, the Soviet Union also sent up cosmonaut Pavel Popovich; both men landed safely August 15th.

Our readers write

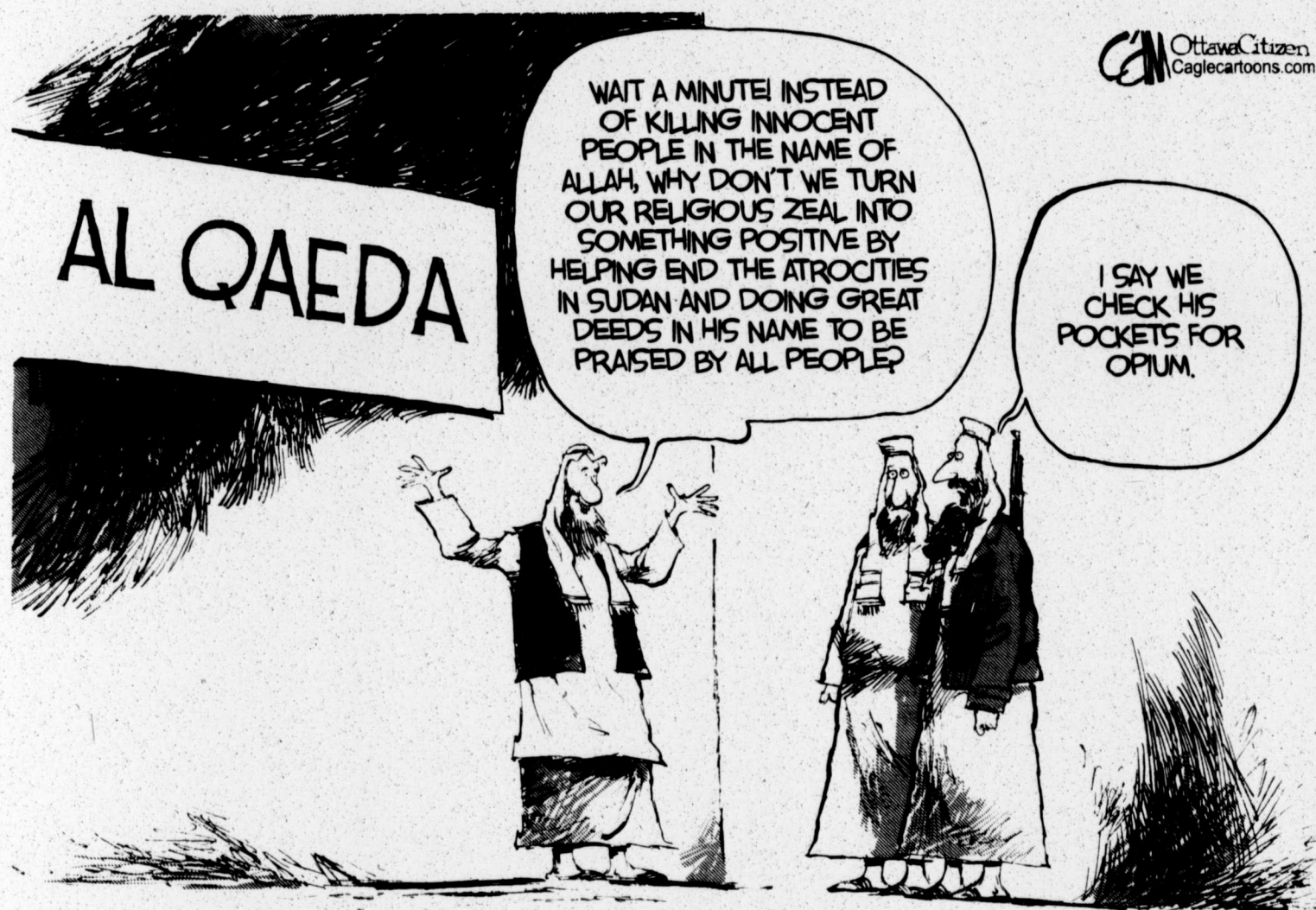
Clean up along tracks

To the editor:
All summer long I have watched the weeds and lots of elm trees growing taller and taller south of the railroad tracks on Tyng Street. The elm trees would be fine if the tall weeds were gone. This is a mosquito-infested area. The streets that are across the road from this infestation is Finley, Jean, Anne, Henry, Canadian, Miami, and Tignor streets. And (it is) such an eyesore, traveling down Tyng Street, coming east or going west. Those of you who live north of the tracks have no idea what a disgrace this is

to the people south of the tracks. We pay taxes and are part of Pampa, too. If this was someone's yard or alley, the city would be giving tickets to whomever let their yards and alleys get bad with tall grass and weeds.

We have yet to see or hear a mosquito fogger come into this area of town. We do live inside the city limits. This ridiculous mosquito-infested site south of the railroad tracks needs to be taken care of — whether it's the City of Pampa or the railroad — instead of cutting down all the beautiful trees on the highways. Which is a terrible shame, and I would bet no one can count on one

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U.S. sells out to 13 Democrats

For some insane reason the State Department has caved in to the outrageous demands of 13 House Democrats that foreign observers be invited to monitor the fall presidential election. It will be the first time such a team of outsiders has been present for a U.S. presidential election.

The 13 Democratic members of the House of Representatives wrote to U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan in July, and asked him to send observers.

Has the Bush administration lost its moorings? What in the world could they have been thinking when they allowed the State

Department to invite a bunch of foreign busybodies at the Vienna-based Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) to monitor the 2004 presidential election?

Did it not occur to the administration that by asking outsiders to come here to make sure that the election will be on the up-and-up they are tacitly admitting that the administration can't be trusted to run an election and must have foreign observers to make sure they

don't engage in electoral hanky-panky?

That, after all, was the real motive behind the demand of the 13 House Democrats that the U.N. be asked to monitor the election. They made it quite clear that they believe that the 2000 election results in Florida were rigged in Bush's favor and that the election was stolen from Al Gore. Thus outsiders had to be imported to keep us honest.

When Kofi Annan turned

them down on the grounds that the request had to come from the administration, and House Republicans amended a foreign aid bill to bar any use of federal funds for the United Nations to monitor U.S. elections, the 13 asked Secretary of State Colin Powell to invite the U.N. to send observers, and the State Department came to the Democrats' rescue.

In a July 30 letter Assistant Secretary of State Paul Kelly told the Democrats the OSCE, not the U.N., had been invited.

The Democrats were jubilant. And they should have

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Michael Reagan

Columnist



'Thank you' can never be enough

Amarillo Globe-News on thanks go to reservists:

Amarillo said "thank you" over the weekend to a group of Americans who answered the call to duty.

None of us can say it enough.

The U.S. Army Reserve's 974th Quartermaster Company came home after an 18-month deployment in Iraq. The reservists paraded from their unit headquarters at Duniven Circle to the vacant Kmart parking lot on Georgia Street. They were greeted along the way by cheers and by heartfelt

expressions of gratitude for a job well done.

It seems like only yesterday when soldiers came home from overseas to an entirely different "welcome."

The warriors coming home from Vietnam were given an indifferent greeting at best.

Happily, the nation has learned its lesson about how it should treat the warriors

who did their duty on behalf of all of us.

The demonstration of affection, respect — and yes, even love — put forward by the 1,000 or so Amarillo residents this past weekend shows how much we all should appreciate

the sacrifices made by our men and women in uniform.

It is said often that freedom isn't free; indeed, Mayor Trent Sisemore made

precisely that point in remarks Saturday. Men and women from all across the country pay a huge price to preserve it for the rest of us. Some of them pay the ultimate price, such as the more than 900 Americans who have died while serving in Iraq.

The reservists who left their families and their livelihoods here in Amarillo know that all too well.

Welcome home to you all. And accept your community's countless expressions of thanks.

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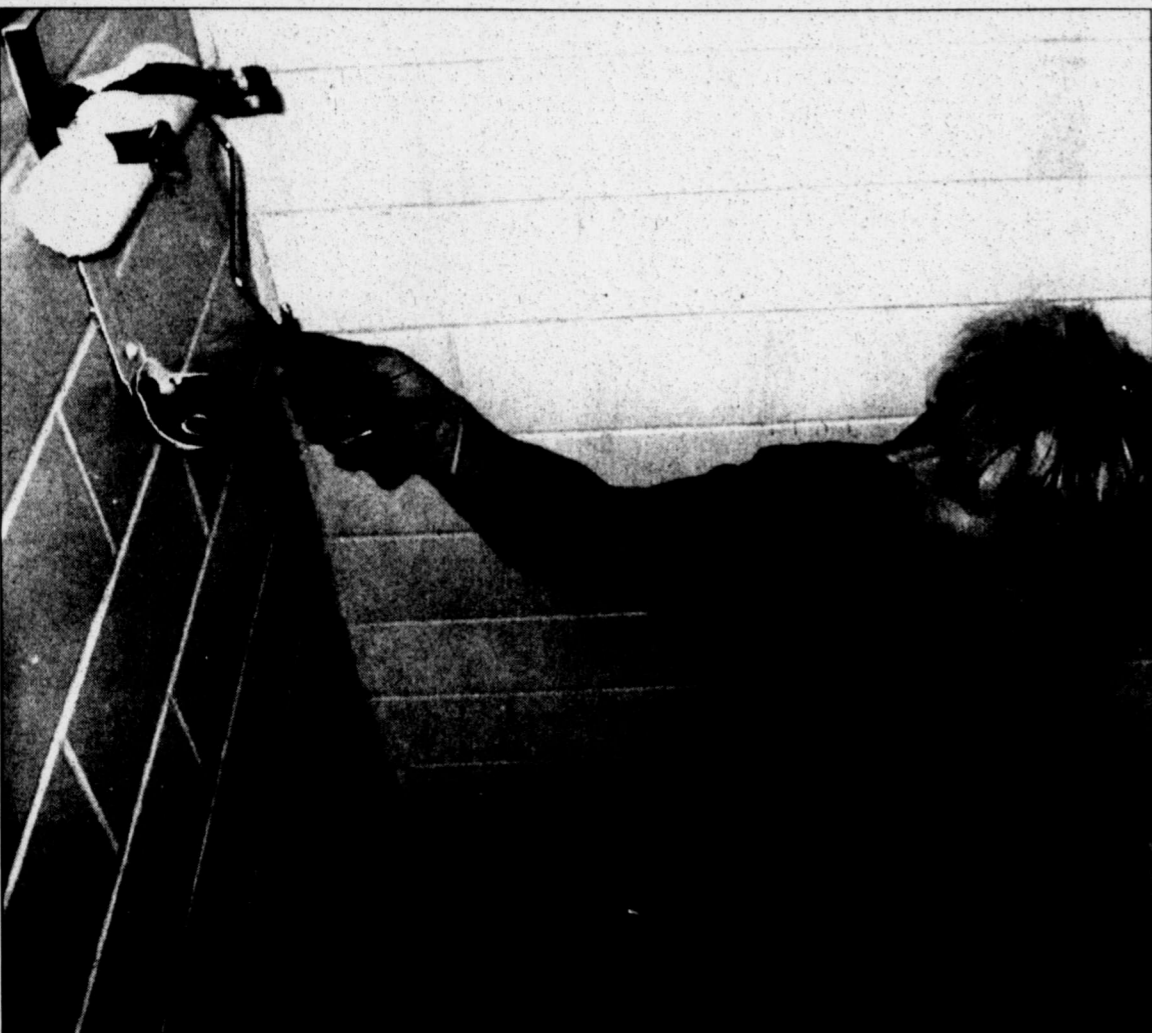
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Changing colors

Coach Janyth Bowers paints her office gold at Pampa Junior High School. The school, which changed its colors from red, white and blue to green and gold last spring has been going through stages of new paint treatments throughout the summer.

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been. The administration had all but told them that they were right about the 2000 election being stolen. Crowded Texas Democrat Rep. Eddie Bernice Johnson of Texas, "I am pleased that Secretary Powell is as committed as I am to a fair and democratic process. The presence of monitors will assure Americans that America cares about their votes and it cares about its standing in the world." An equally ecstatic California Democrat Rep. Barbara Lee chirped, "This represents a step in the right direction toward ensuring that this year's elections are fair and transparent. I am pleased that the State Department responded by acting on this need for international monitors. We sincerely hope that the presence of the monitors will make certain that every person's voice is heard, every person's vote is counted." In other words, that's not

what happened in 2000. Every person's voice was not heard, and every person's vote was not counted. Just what's going on here? Did the president approve of this knot-headed idea? What the administration has done, in effect is to give credence to the Democrats' false charge that the Bush campaign stole the election from Al Gore. The OSCE's job is to look at Third World countries and b a n a n a republics and monitor their elections. The United States is neither a Third World country nor a banana republic, and we can run our own elections, thank you. We have the freest and fairest elections in the world, and what Washington has now done is to tell the world that we have done something terribly wrong and must be

watched. But that's not all. The president should realize that whoever got this outrageous idea has put his re-election at risk. He is wrong in thinking that conservatives, who are always being asked to carry the weight no matter what he does, will continue to back him no matter how much he seeks to make the Democrats happy by buying into their stupidity. At what point does the last brick crumble and bring the administration's house tumbling down? At what point will conservatives simply stay home on Election Day, not vote and help John Kerry win? Sacrificing the sovereignty of this nation to placate a handful of 13 far-out Democrat liberals comes close to that point.

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— Michael Reagan
Columnist

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Letter

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hand that any of the beautiful trees on the highway

have caused accidents. Someone, the City of Pampa or railroad, needs to put the money out to clean up this horrible eyesore on Tyng Street. Take a leisure drive on

this side of town, on Tyng Street next to the railroad tracks, and you will see what I'm talking about.
R.L. Sheehan
Pampa

Calendar items

• ACT, Inc., education and career planning organization has announced the following do-it-yourself college planning resources on the Internet: www.act.org/fane, www.c3apply.org, www.collegenet.com, www.finaid.org, www.ed.gov/finaid.html and www.fafsa.ed.gov (financial aid sites), and www.bls.gov/ocohome.htm (career planning).
• AnimalPrints.com has dedicated \$1 from

each sale of a newly released series of artist's prints to benefit animals in need. For more information or to view the prints, go to AnimalPrints.com on the Internet.
• American Youth Student Exchange Program is seeking American high school students, ages 15-19, to participate in its foreign exchange program. Students will spend a semester or year with an

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Cheney criticizes Kerry's call for 'more sensitive' war

DAYTON, Ohio (AP) — Vice President Dick Cheney is criticizing John Kerry's call for a "more sensitive" war on terror, saying it won't impress the Sept. 11 terrorists or the Islamic militants who have beheaded U.S. citizens. "America has been in too many wars for any of our wishes, but not a one of them was won by being sensitive," Cheney said in remarks prepared for delivery Thursday. "A sensitive war will not destroy the evil men who killed 3,000 Americans. ... The men who beheaded Daniel Pearl and Paul Johnson will not be impressed by our sensitivity."

He was referring to Kerry's statement last week at a minority journalists' convention, with the Democratic presidential candidate said: "I believe I can fight a more effective, more thoughtful, more strategic, more proactive, more sensitive war on terror that reaches out to other nations and brings them to our side and lives up to American values in history." Kerry spokesman Phil Singer said the Massachusetts senator was

alluding to the need to work with allies rather than pursue "an arrogant foreign policy," as Democrats contend Bush has done. In remarks prepared for supporters in this swing state, Cheney said none of the country's heroes would follow Kerry's advice. A questioner asked about Kerry's statement during a town hall meeting Wednesday. "President Lincoln and General Grant didn't wage sensitive wars. Nor did President Roosevelt or Generals Eisenhower and MacArthur," he said. Cheney's remarks were the latest in a string of attacks by the vice president on Kerry. On Wednesday, Cheney delivered a particularly harsh criticism, saying the Democratic nominee lacks "deeply held convictions about right and wrong." A Bush-Cheney campaign official said it was a coincidence that the issue of a "more sensitive" war came up a day before Cheney made it a centerpiece of a speech. During a forum with Cheney and his wife, Lynne, in Joplin, Mo., a questioner asked Mrs. Cheney "what in the world" Kerry was thinking about when he called for a more sensitive war. "I just kind of shook my head when I heard that," Lynne Cheney said. "With all due respect to the senator, it just sounded so foolish. I can't imagine that al-Qaida is going to be impressed by sensitivity." The vice president did not respond to this question.



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THE PAMPA NEWS COMICS

Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I'm writing in response to "The Girlfriend," who is having problems because of nasty comments from her boyfriend's mother.

I know all too well the damage that can result from such a situation. For 15 years, I endured potshots from the mother-in-law from hell. She ended up talking to my now 16-year-old daughter (her granddaughter) the same way she had talked to me. After 13 years of staying on the sidelines, my husband finally told her to lay off. Of course, by then our marriage was almost over. Ironically, our divorce was finalized on my former mother-in-law's birthday -- a fact from which I'm sure she got great pleasure.

My advice to "Girlfriend" is to check her boyfriend carefully for apron strings before tying the knot with him. If he's afraid to speak in her defense, perhaps he is no more ready for marriage than his mother wishes him to be. — WISER NOW IN WICHITA

DEAR WISER NOW: Thank you for sharing your own experience, and for pointing out that if verbal abuse is tolerated, the acid can spill over and damage innocent bystanders. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: My advice to "The Girlfriend" is to deal with those cutting remarks from her boyfriend's mother by herself.

When the mother criticizes her manner of dress, she should say something like, "Oh! You've hurt my feelings. I would never think of criticizing how YOU dress," and then change the subject. Under no circumstances should she allow herself to be drawn into an argument. If the mother criticizes her cooking, she should say, "I tried so hard to please you. I'm sorry you don't like it.

The next time we have dinner with you, we'll come to your house and you can cook or take us out." Do not cry, become hysterical or critical of her. You'll be surprised what you can accomplish if you refuse to be baited or put on the defensive.

One last thing: Explain to your future husband how you will handle his mother after you are married. You will not give her a house key, you'll expect her to call before she comes over, you will control how often you see her and when she will see the grandchildren, and you will not tolerate any marital interference. — QUEEN OF MY OWN HOUSEHOLD, COSTA MESA, CALIF.

DEAR QUEEN: Something tells me your mother-in-law had a rude awakening when she found out who rules your roost.

DEAR ABBY: Your response to "The Girlfriend" was right on the money. I hope she commands the respect she deserves, and walks away if "Roy" doesn't make it plain that she must be treated with respect.

If her boyfriend won't stand up for her now, believe me, he never will. She can save herself years of grief if she wakes up to the fact that there are real men out there who are willing to love and respect a woman and treat her as an equal partner. I found one, and so will she.

— STANDING TALL, STRATFORD, CONN.

DEAR STANDING TALL: What you said is true. A healthy marriage is a partnership, in every sense of the word.

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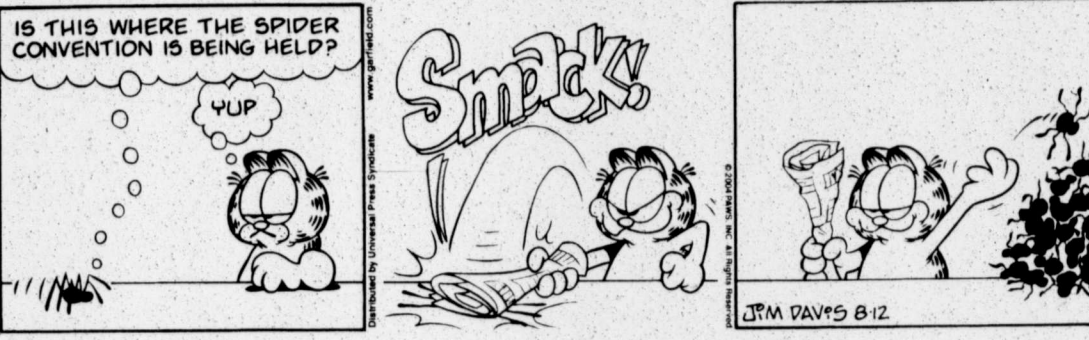
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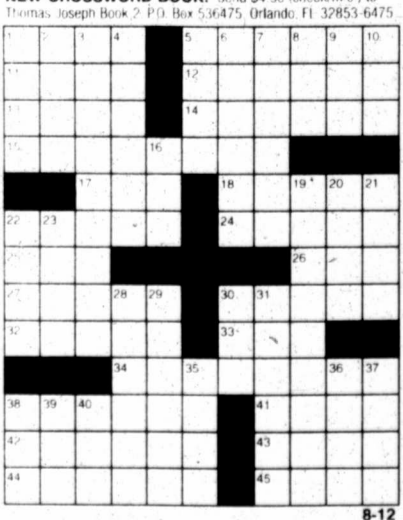
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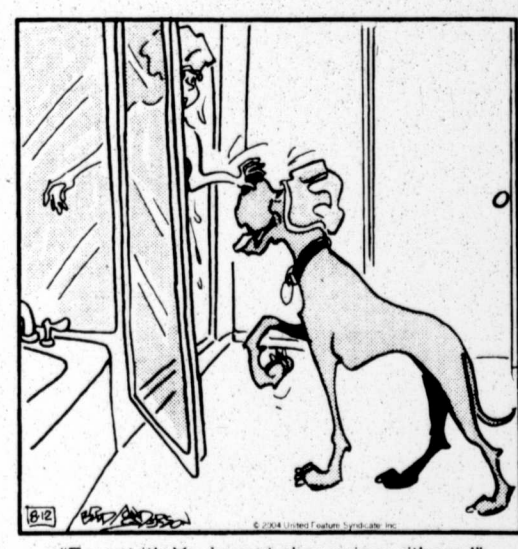
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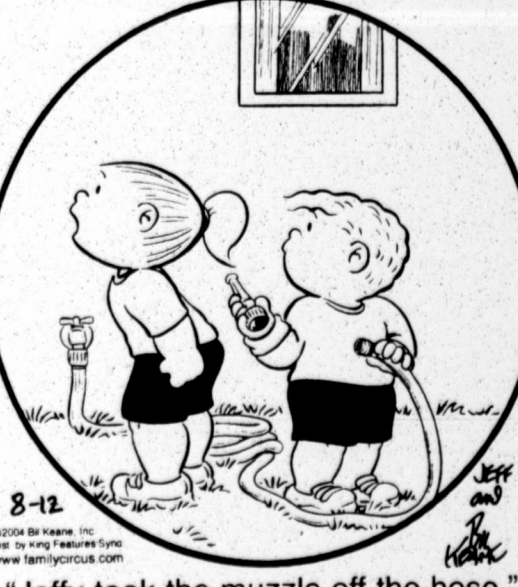


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Sports Day

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Is baseball still the game it once was

Baseball is held to a higher standard than any other professional sport in America. Baseball is part of the American fabric. Baseball is that one special tradition that is handed down to your children for them to carry on. These and comments like them were made, and will continue to be made today by the media and others as they observe the 10th anniversary of the Major League Baseball strike of 1994.

Since the strike, many fans have refused to return to the game while others feel the game was made stronger by the strike. Where do you fall?

Michael J. Stevens
Sports Editor



this is true, why is it I have never received anything from a professional, college, minor league or even high school concerning their team, its schedule, players, hopes, dreams...anything? The only thing I have seen with frequency are results from little league teams. However, in the past two weeks alone, I have received books from Texas A&M, Oklahoma, Oklahoma State and others. Magazines from statisticians and record keepers. I bet I have 40 pounds worth of reading and research material on my desk for the upcoming college and professional football season. These are thick, well put together, laminated books.

There is a change on the sporting horizon. The pool from which talent is drawn for any sport is far different than it was in 1994. All one needs to do is watch an X Games event. This is where your player and fan of tomorrow is coming from. I think football and basketball have overtaken baseball as a desired sport to either participate in or watch. They are fast-paced for the most part. They are certainly physical. Baseball is interesting in September and October for many people because by then you have eliminated the pretenders and narrowed the field down to those teams that should offer up good, heated competition.

Is baseball still the sport it was even ten short years ago? Not at all. No sport is. However, while others are adjusting to the changing times, it appears baseball, or at least many fans of the game, continue to hold on to the notion that their sport's nostalgia is enough to maintain interest. Again, I would suggest a visit to a high school or minor league game might tell you otherwise.

And unless it changes soon, baseball's fan base will start to die off, literally.

As I listen to the debate, I can't help wonder if baseball is really the icon of childhood sport dreams that it obviously once was. Do kids today really hope to one day grow up and play big league ball? If so, shouldn't interest, if not attendance at the high school level be more than what it is today? It's interesting to watch the Little League World Series, currently taking place, and see the number of parents and fans that support the pint-size players. Yet, take a look at high school attendance. It seems to wane. So too minor league attendance. In the past couple years, the Amarillo Dillas, struggling or not, only seem to manage little more than 1,300 fans at home. The only time that number seems to grow is if The Chicken is on hand. By contrast, the new football team, the Amarillo Dusters, draws around 3,000. Route 66 Motor Speedway entertains roughly 3,000 or more every Saturday night.

Baseball is held to a higher standard than any other professional sport in America. I cannot bring myself to believe that statement, made by journalist and baseball aficionado George Will during the Mike & Mike show on ESPN just this morning. If



From left to right, Jerod Imel, Dr. Jack Albracht, Gavin Porter and Russ Martindale take a moment to pose for this picture during the Lion's Club Day/Night Scramble at Hidden Hills.

Hidden Hills Day/Night results

By **MICHAEL J. STEVENS**
Sports Editor

The Pampa Lion's Club Day/Night Scramble at Hidden Hills was as close as it was exciting. The tournament was held Friday, Aug. 6.

Taking first place was the team of Clint Miller, Mike Killgo, Jimmy Fossett and Kelly Hickman with a 55. Shane Fields, Ron Fields, G. Kauk and Mickey Manor's 58 was good enough for second.

The third place foursome was made up of Larry McReynolds, Larry Neighbors, Phil

Behrens and Gary Anderson who finished with a 58.

Fourth place went to Daniel Williams, Benny Silva, Donnie Nail and Greg Vanderlinden's 60.

J. Hicks, S. Walsh, T. Jack and M. McKinney round out the top five.

Daniel Williams took first place in the putting contest with second going to Benny Silva.

Prize winners included Eddie Vinson's set of new clubs, Jed Martin's new driver and Mathew Woodruff's new DVD player.

Griffey Jr. tears hamstring

CINCINNATI (AP) — Ken Griffey Jr.'s season-ending injury hit Barry Larkin hard. "He's my buddy. I hate to see it happen to him, both personally and professionally," Larkin said Wednesday.

"He was doing well. He seemed to be getting his stroke back. And he was happy again. In years past, I don't think he had as much fun as this year."

Griffey will miss the rest of the season because of a torn right hamstring, the latest setback in a long line of injuries for Cincinnati's All-Star outfielder.

Team medical director Dr. Timothy Kremchek said an MRI exam showed Griffey ruptured his right hamstring last week in San Francisco. He will have sur-

gery Monday.

Griffey, who hit his 500th career home run earlier this season, could be fully recovered in time for spring training, Kremchek said.

The Reds said Griffey was hurt while making a sliding catch in right field. He had moved over from his usual spot in center field for the game, his first action in nearly four weeks since tearing his hamstring in Milwaukee.

"He had a complete rupture of the hamstring off the bone," Kremchek said. "He knew it wasn't right, and that's why he hadn't really played since he injured it in San Francisco."

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Adams stands out for Cowboys

OXNARD, Calif. (AP) — Flozell Adams is an imposing figure, standing a head above the crowd even as massive lines of bodies collide after the ball is snapped.

During another practice drill, the Dallas Cowboys' 6-foot-7, 345-pound left tackle frustrates defensive end Eric Ogbogu in his futile attempt to get even a hand on the quarterback.

"Hotel Flozell" is the largest Dallas player and an almost impenetrable force. And coach Bill Parcells believes he can be one of the NFL's best players, more than just the first-time Pro Bowl starter he was last sea-

son, when he allowed just one sack.

"I told him I'm not settling for less than what you've got ... you're going to understand that or I'm going to be a pain in your know what," Parcells said. "I want Flo to be the best guy in football. That's what I'm talking to Flo about."

Parcells often reminds Adams of his expectations, such as spending 10 minutes talking on the field after practice. Or yelling, when he moves before a snap during drills. "Come on Flo, be still son."

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Lion's play

From left to right, Leslie Jones, John McCay, Monty Joiner and Nathan Bailey strike a pose during the Lion's Club Day/Night Scramble at Hidden Hills Aug. 6.

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AMERICAN LEAGUE

Detroit 003 320 300 — 11 13 1
Oakland 002 000 001 — 3 8 0

Ledezma, Levine (6), Novoa (8), Yan (9) and I Rodriguez, Shelton (8); MRedman, Lehr (5), Garcia (6), CHammond (7), RRincon (9) and DMiller. W—Ledezma 2-0. L—MRedman 8-9. HRs—Detroit, DYoung (9), RoWhite (16).

Toronto 000 011 000 — 2 7 0
Cleveland 001 011 00x — 3 7 1

JMiller, Frederick (5), Speier (7), Chulk (8) and Cash, Zaun (8); Sabathia, Howry (8), Wickman (9) and VMartinez. W—Sabathia 9-6. L—Frederick 0-1. Sv—Wickman (6). HR—Cleveland, Lawton (19).

Tampa Bay 100 002 100 — 4 12 1
Boston 355 000 10x — 14 15 1

Brazelton, JeGonzalez (2), TreMiller (8) and Fordyce; DLowe, Mendoza (6), MMyers (8) and Varitek, Mirabelli (7). W—DLowe 10-10. L—Brazelton 4-4. HR—Boston, Millar (12).

Kansas City 002 002 000 — 4 9 1
Chicago 000 000 101 — 2 4 3

May, Cerda (9) and Buck; Buehrle, Politte (8), Marte (8) and SALomar. W—May 9-12. L—Buehrle 10-6. Sv—Cerda (2). HR—Kansas City, MISweeney (22).

New York 120 000 010 — 4 6 0
Texas 200 000 000 — 2 5 0

Sturtze, Quantrill (6), Gordon (8), MRivera (9) and Posada; Regilio, Brocail (4), Almanzar (7), Mahay (9) and Barajas. W—Sturtze 4-2. L—Regilio 0-4. Sv—MRivera (39). HR—New York, Jeter (15).

NATIONAL LEAGUE
Los Angeles 403 400 000 — 11 11 0
Cincinnati 000 100 000 — 15 0

Weaver, Sanchez (9) and Ross; Claussen, Van Poppel (4), RWagner (6), GWhite (8), Graves (9) and Valentin. W—Weaver 10-10. L—Claussen 1-3. HRs—Los Angeles, ShGreen (16), JHernandez (10), Ross (4).

St. Louis 000 001 000 — 16 0
Florida 000 000 000 — 0 2 0

Suppan, Kline (9), Isringhausen (9) and Matheny; Pavano, Mota (9) and Lo Duca. W—Suppan 10-6. L—Pavano 12-5. Sv—Isringhausen (31).

Arizona 000 000 300 — 3 8 0
Montreal 000 601 00x — 7 8 0

Webb, Randolph (6), Dessens (7) and Hill; JoPatterson, Eischen (7), Tucker (8) and Schneider. W—JoPatterson 2-2. L—Webb 4-14. HR—Montreal, Schneider (11).

Milwaukee 010 000 101 — 3 12 1
Atlanta 021 041 02x — 10 15 0

VSantos, JBennett (5), Wise (7), Burba (7) and GBennett; Hampton, Gryboski (6), JuCruz (7), Alfonseca (9) and JEstrada, EddPerez (7). W—Hampton 8-8. L—VSantos 9-8. HRs—Atlanta, JDrew (25), Laroche (27).

San Francisco 300 100 002 00 — 6 11 1
Pittsburgh 301 200 000 02 — 8 12 0

(11 innings)
Rueter, TyWalker (6), Brower (9), Eyre (9), Hermanson (11) and Pierzynski; SBurnett, Meadows (6), Gonzalez (7), STorres (8), Mesa (9), Grabow (11) and Kendall. W—Grabow 2-4. L—Hermanson 4-5. HRs—San Francisco, Durham (12), Pittsburgh, Bay (15), CWilson (20), Castillo (4).

San Diego 000 001 000 — 1 6 0
Chicago 002 012 00x — 5 8 0

Hitchcock, Beck (6), Witasick (8) and RaHernandez; Zambrano, Hawkins (9) and Barrett. W—Zambrano 11-6. L—Hitchcock 0-1. HR—Chicago, CPatterson (14).

Colorado 000 400 000 — 4 10 0
Philadelphia 014 202 33x — 15 14 0

JJennings, JrLopez (5), Bernero (6), Simpson (7) and CJohnson; Wolf, Cormier (8), RHernandez (9) and Lieberthal. W—Wolf 5-7. L—JJennings 10-10. HRs—Philadelphia, Rollins (8), Utley (12), Thome 2 (35), Wolf 2 (3).

Houston 020 000 200 1 — 5 12 1
New York 010 100 200 0 — 4 6 0

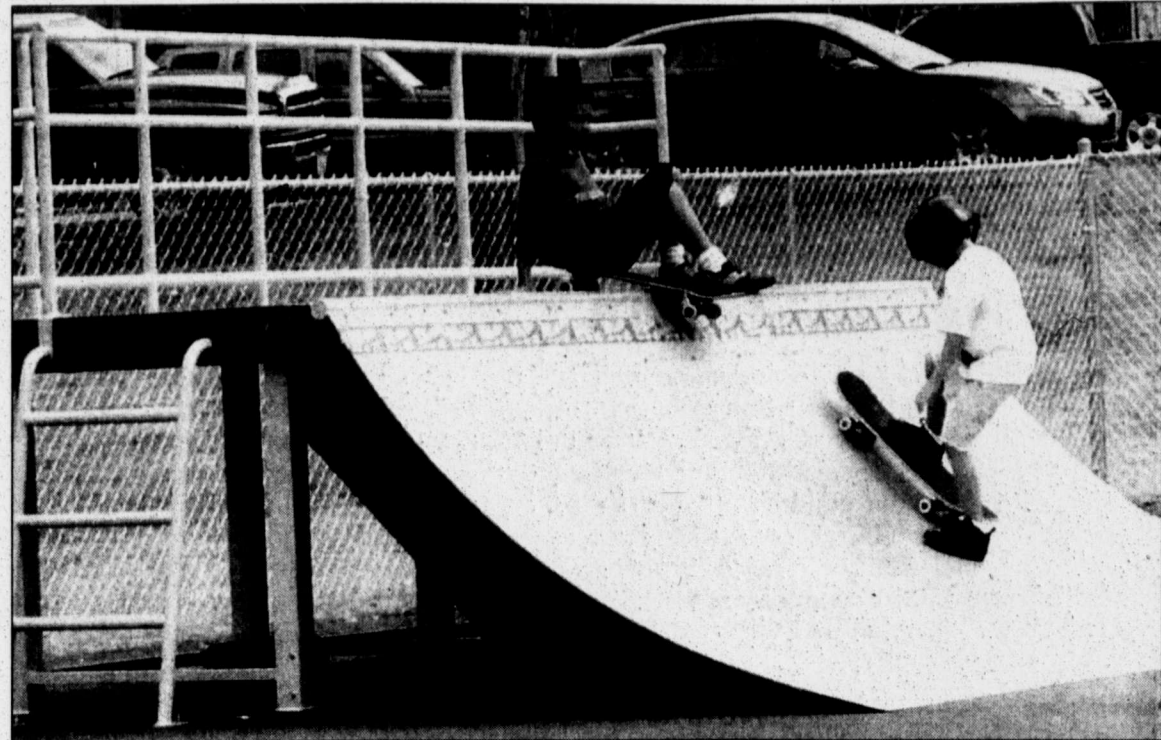
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Oswalt, Harville (6), Weathers (7), DMiceli (7), Lidge (8), Bullinger (10) and RChavez, Ausmus (8); MGinter, Bottalico (7), DeJean (8), Looper (9) and VWilson. W—Lidge 3-5. L—Looper 2-3. Sv—Bullinger (1).

Minnesota 200 001 000 — 3 6 2
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Radke, Romero (7), JRincon (8) and Bowen, HBlanco (7); Madritsch, Atchison (8), Sherrill (8) and DWilson. W—Sherrill 1-1. L—JRincon 9-5.

Baltimore 000 010 001 — 2 9 1
Anaheim 000 001 30x — 4 6 1

Bedard, Grimsley (6), BRyan (7), Rodriguez (8) and JvLopez; KEscobar, FRodriguez (8), Percival (9) and JMolina. W—KEscobar 7-8. L—Grimsley 4-6. Sv—Percival (22). HRs—Baltimore, Surhoff (5), Anaheim, VGuerrero (25).



Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS

Travis Hinkle, 9, gets ready to launch himself from the top of the westernmost ramp at Pampa's new Skate Park, while Brandon Stokes, 8, practices on his board before last Saturday's competition. The competition was part of the park's Grand Opening in Central Park.

Skateboard park opens with competition

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

The new skateboard park located at Central Park held a Grand Opening competition last Saturday.

First place, 12 and under, went to Rodee Barr with 33 points. He was followed by Gavin Ward with 27 points and Ryan Holt with 22 points.

In the 13 and over class, it was Michael Waldrip and Dustin Neef needed a tie-breaker to decide the winner as each finished with 43 points. Waldrip took the tie-breaker. Rounding out the top five were Neef, Deiter Long, Jeremy Klink and Jake Crane.

The winners in each class took home a new skateboard courtesy of Halls Auto Sound and the City of Pampa.

Adams

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The Cowboys have always seen the raw talent and potential in Adams, a second-round pick from Michigan State in 1998. He has started 85 straight games since becoming a starter as a rookie, and two years ago was made the team's first franchise player to ensure he didn't get away in free agency.

Parcells' arrival last year, along with a new \$25 million, five-year contract, have seemingly brought out the best in Adams.

"I just build upon everything I need to do every year to get myself better," Adams said. "It was definitely a big jump (last year), but it wasn't like the year before was too bad."

But Parcells has his own way of motivating and pushing players. And the coach is admittedly harder on those who he thinks are more talented, like Adams.

"I know he can be way up there," Parcells said. "I've already seen it. And now that I've seen it, I'm worse on him."

That doesn't bother Adams, who shares Parcells' high expectations.

"It feels good coming from a coach like

that. It makes you want to work with him and work harder, and that's what I'm doing," Adams said. "It's not about only his expectations, it's mine. Mine are way above his."

Parcells doesn't allow Adams to get content, especially during practice drills when the tackle dominates so often that he could easily get bored with the process.

While Adams insists it's not as easy as it appears, he said he concentrates on each play during workouts to make sure nobody gets by him.

Ogbogu knows how difficult a task that is, grunting in frustration as he tries to a quarterback in practice. Adams shuffles his feet, keeping the defender away as they virtually circle around the quarterback.

"Flo being here with Bill, his game has changed dramatically," Ogbogu said. "I see a big difference in him going against him. Last year, he was great. This year, he's even better."

Adams is sound in his techniques, and even with his big size is able to move quickly on his feet.

"It's hard getting him," Ogbogu said. "You have to keep at it, keep at it, and you might get him one time. He's good on his recovery."

Griffey

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"He didn't come back (to Cincinnati) earlier because I think he was hoping he would be able to get over this and pinch hit or he'd be able to do something to help the team."

The injury is similar to one Griffey had on his left side three years ago. But that one was a partial tear that healed without surgery, Kremchek said.

"Knowing he's going to be out for the year, it's a really big blow," Reds closer Danny Graves said after Cincinnati's 11-1 loss to Los Angeles. "Nobody really suspected anything. To find out in the middle of the game was very discouraging."

Catcher Jason LaRue said he was surprised by the news that reached the dugout in about the third inning.

"He said he didn't really feel anything," LaRue said. "But I guess it wasn't getting better."

Larkin said Griffey often endured pain in silence, or wasn't affected by it as much as some players.

"He's got a tremendously high tolerance for pain," Larkin said.

In recent years, Griffey has been plagued by injuries.

He missed more than a month in 2001 because of a torn hamstring that bothered him throughout that season. He then spent two long stints on the disabled list in 2002 because of a torn knee tendon and a torn right hamstring.

Griffey went on the DL twice again last year for a dislocated right shoulder and torn ankle tendon.

This year, he was voted an All-Star starter for the 12th time, but had to drop out after straining his right hamstring right before the All-Star game.

Griffey has played in 83 of the Reds' 113 games, hitting .253 with 20 homers and 60 RBIs. He had just one homer once since hitting No. 500 on June 20.

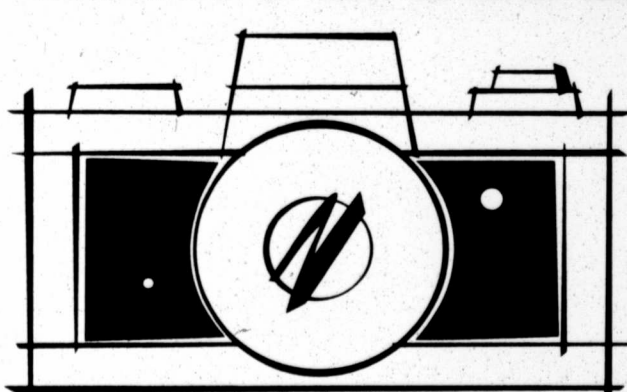
Gordon sorry

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Jeff Gordon apologized for skipping Victory Lane after his win at Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

NASCAR did not punish him, but said it expected all winning drivers to follow post-race protocol in the future.

Gordon did not drive into Victory Lane after his win Sunday in the Brickyard 400. Instead, he celebrated on the race track with his team. In avoiding the official celebration, Gordon was not photographed with a bottle of sports drink that is a NASCAR sponsor but conflicts with his own endorsement deals.

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In new chaos, angry Palestinians occupy Gaza office

RAFAH, Gaza Strip (AP) — Dozens of Palestinians, some of them armed, occupied local government offices in a Gaza refugee camp Thursday, demanding assistance after a series of home demolitions by the Israeli army.

No injuries were reported, but the standoff was the latest sign of growing lawlessness in the Gaza Strip ahead of Israel's planned withdrawal from the area next year.

Palestinian security forces, severely weakened by four years of conflict with Israel, have been vying for power ahead of the planned withdrawal. Taking advantage of the power vacuum, violent gangs roam freely, and militants accuse local officials of corruption and ineffectiveness.

The facts

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The takeover occurred a day after Palestinian militants detonated a bomb at a West Bank checkpoint. The attack, aimed at Israeli troops, killed two Palestinian bystanders and wounded 16 people, including six Israeli guards.

On Thursday, demonstrators marched into the governor's office in the Rafah refugee camp and ejected local officials. At least 10 gunmen were among the crowd.

The gunmen, including some wearing uniforms of the militant Al Aqsa Martyrs' Brigades that was responsible for Wednesday's bombing, prevented photographers from reaching the scene.

Yusef Shaat said the protesters' homes were destroyed by Israeli troops about a week ago.

"Our houses have been demolished. We have no homes, no beds, no clothes and nobody from the Palestinian Authority comes to see us," he said.

The group demanded that the Palestinian Authority rebuild their homes or give them compensation. The governor was not in the office at the time and could not be reached for comment. Employees said they believed he was on vacation in Egypt.

Shaat said Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat telephoned Thursday morning and promised to send an envoy to hear the demonstrators' grievances, but he insisted they leave the government building. Shaat

said the protesters would stay until they met with Arafat's envoy.

Israel frequently operates in Rafah, which is on the border with Egypt, searching for cross-

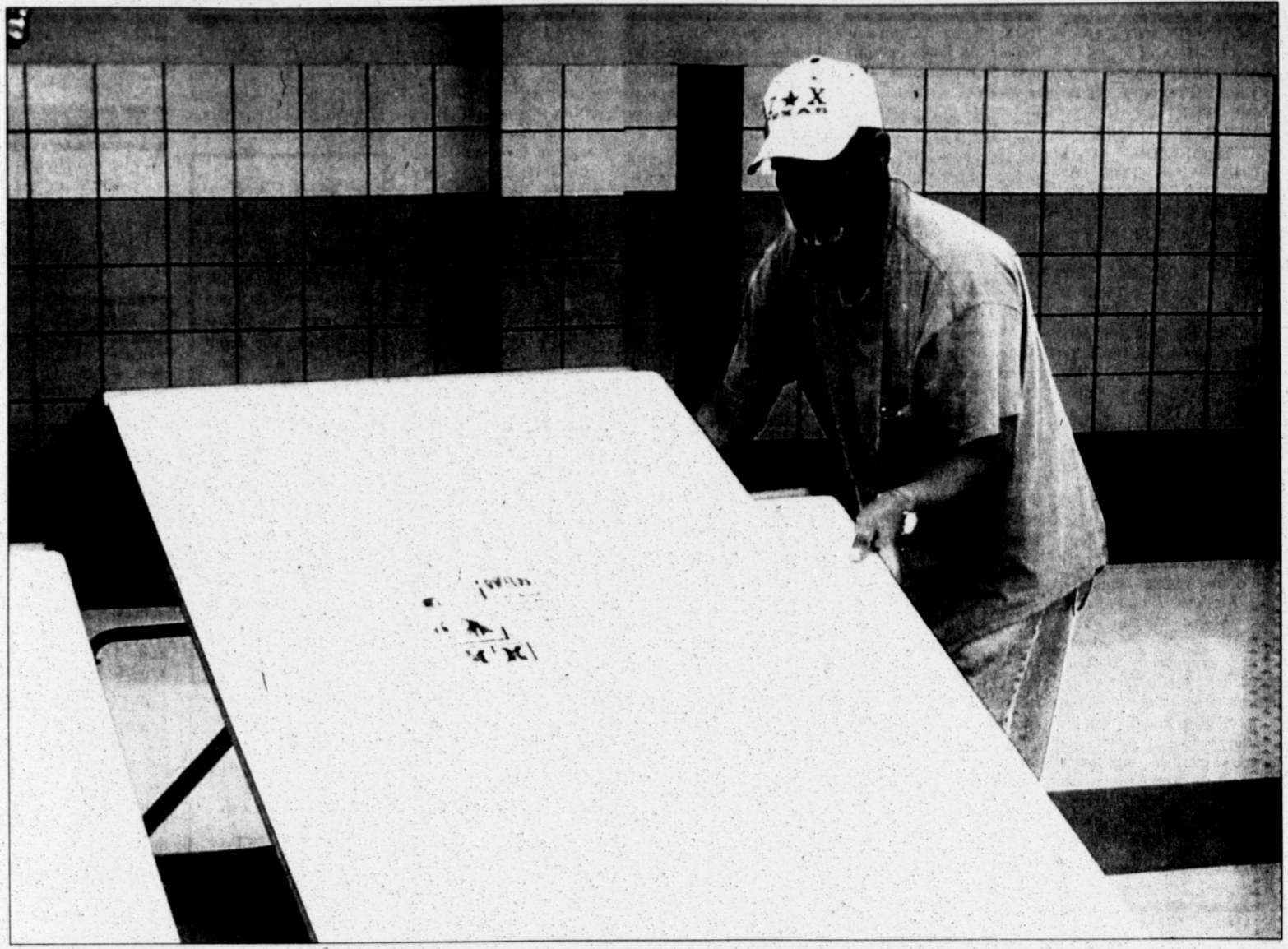
border tunnels used by weapons smugglers. On Thursday, an Israeli soldier was critically wounded in the head by a Palestinian sniper in Rafah, the army said.

Since the latest wave of violence started in September 2000, Israel has destroyed hundreds of homes in Rafah, leaving more than 10,000 people homeless. Israel says the buildings are used for cover by militants.

Israeli troops demolished eight homes in Rafah overnight, five of which were inhabited, Palestinian residents said.

Amira Ayyash, a 51-year-old mother of six, said she fled to a relative's house overnight when she heard Israeli bulldozers operating near her home in the strip.

"Today we came to see what happened to our house, and we found it in rubble," she said as her children cried in the background.



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Setting the table

Joe Cash unfolds a cafeteria table at Wilson Elementary School in preparation for the start of the school year.

Afghan volunteers fight uphill battle against opium

JALALABAD, Afghanistan (AP) — They are the fighters in Afghanistan's new drug war — a small team of specially trained Afghan warriors working with British advisers to attack opium smuggling, which has flourished anew since the fall of the Taliban.

Everyone from visiting U.S. Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld to the United Nations says they face a very uphill battle, with opium production expected to reach a record high this year.

Rumsfeld and Gen. Richard Myers, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, reviewed about 20 members of the unit Wednesday at a U.S. base in Jalalabad. At a news conference later in Kabul, Rumsfeld spoke of the importance of addressing the drug trade.

"It is a very dangerous thing," he said. "To deal with it will require close cooperation among the government of Afghanistan and the international community and certainly the United States."

The Jalalabad unit's commander, Ahmad Khalid, says the group's first operation took out a drug lab guarded by 15 armed men. He said they have eliminated 18

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—Ahmad Khalid
Jalalabad unit commander

more labs. Neither Khalid nor the unit's adviser, a British army major who requested anonymity, would say how large the unit is.

Asked what motivates his team, Khalid spoke of "human feelings" that trump greed, including hatred of a drug trade that enriches criminals and warlords.

Khalid said he hasn't had a man desert, even though they could expect to do exceedingly well in the narcotics trade.

"They are ready to confront drug dealers," he said. They are all volunteers. They are young, wear their hair short and bear serious expressions.

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