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Area veterans to enter Hall of Honor

Inductees include the late Bill Waters, Lucian Youngblood, and Chester Beasley

Three area veterans are to be inducted into the Panhandle Veterans Hall of Honor on Friday, Aug. 20.

Inductees this year include the late Bill Waters, a Pampa attorney and civic leader; Lucian Youngblood of Pampa who was one of the Tokyo Raiders, and Chester Beasley of Shamrock.

The event, which is open to the public, will begin at 7 p.m. Friday, at the post home of Pampa Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1657, 105 S. Cuyler. A meal is included with the ticket and all proceeds go toward the ongoing operations of the Freedom Museum USA.

"This yearly event is an integral part of the Freedom Museum USA,

and the officers and directors of the museum wish to encourage everyone, especially those friends and associates of Mr. Waters, to join us in an outpouring of respect and appreciation for this longtime community leader and friend of Pampa and Gray County," said John Tripplehorn of the local VFW and Freedom Museum USA.

"Also those who know the history are aware of the enormous morale boosting the American raid on Tokyo had on the American public during the early dark days of WWII," Tripplehorn said. "Mr. Beasley's story will also be very moving and one that Pampa residents will take great interest in."

— Dee Dee Laramore, Editor

Aggies issue challenge to give blood

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

The second annual Aggie Invitational Blood Drive will be from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 21 at Clarendon College - Pampa Center, to benefit Coffee Memorial Blood Bank.

"Of course, the Aggies will be out in full force and we'll figure out a way to cheat or something so we can win this year," said Dr. Ron Easley, a Pampa veterinarian and one of the event organizers.

Last year, Clarendon College "barely" took first place honors, Easley said, with Texas A&M second and the University of Texas earning third place.

Each blood donor is asked if they would like their donation credited to a particular college or college football team, Easley said, and the colleges and teams earn points accordingly.

Donors will receive T-shirts and hot dogs, said Janne Lawrence of the blood center. Blood types most crit-

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Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS

Mosquitoes beware!

Ruth Williams of the city's Public Service Department fogs for mosquitoes along Alameda Park on North Duncan Street this morning. Citizens who do not want their property sprayed can call 669-5706, Ext. 3, said Kimberly Lincycomb, Public Service superintendent. She encourages citizens to cut their grass and empty any containers of water around their property to help control mosquitoes. The city is targeting both day feeders and night feeders at this time, and is using an odorless spray, Lincycomb said.

Funding Texas public schools

Trial focuses on studies of education adequacy

AUSTIN (AP)— Schools in 46 plaintiff districts would need to spend as much as \$990 million more to adequately educate their students, a school finance expert has testified in the trial challenging the way Texas pays for public education.

About 300 school districts have sued the state over its school funding system, arguing that its dependence on local property taxes is unconstitutional and doesn't provide enough money to educate Texas' 4.3 million students.

Jim Smith, a consultant for the firm Management, Analysis and Planning, which specializes in school finance issues, testified Tuesday that he conducted his own "adequacy study" for one of the three plaintiff groups to determine the cost of an adequate education.

Using five panels of Texas educators he deemed highly qualified, Smith used a "professional judgment study" to determine that the 46 districts would need to spend between \$510 million and \$990 million more to ensure an adequate education for all students. Those districts spent about \$7.78 billion in the 2002-03 school year.

Attorneys for the suing school districts have said they do not advocate that a particular dollar amount be spent by the state on education.

In a different kind of adequacy study prepared by the state, researchers determined that, on average, Texas was paying slightly more than necessary to achieve adequacy. A day earlier, attorneys for the plaintiffs tried to discredit

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Letter: Cleric accepts plan to end fighting

NAJAF, Iraq (AP) — Radical Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr accepted a peace plan Wednesday to end the fighting in Najaf that would disarm his militia and remove them from a holy shrine where they are based, according to a letter read by a delegate at the Iraqi National Conference.

There was no immediate confirmation from al-Sadr's office of the acceptance, which came shortly after Iraq's defense minister threatened to raid the Imam Ali Shrine in a final push to root out the Shiite militants.

Al-Sadr's Mahdi Army militia has been battling U.S. and Iraqi forces in the holy city of Najaf for nearly two weeks. A previous effort to broker a truce collapsed over the weekend, and al-Sadr, whose forces fought a two-month insurgency in the spring, has made contradictory statements in the past.

On Tuesday, an eight-person dele-

gation from the conference traveled to Najaf to present a peace proposal to al-Sadr. It demanded the cleric's militia disarm, leave the Imam Ali Shrine where it has taken refuge, and

'Maqtada al-Sadr has agreed on the conditions set by the National Conference.'

— Safiya al-Suhail
Shiite delegate
reading from letter

transform itself into a political party in exchange for amnesty.

Al-Sadr declined to meet the peace delegation, and earlier Wednesday Iraqi Defense Minister Hazem Shaalan said the government could raid the shrine within hours.

On Wednesday evening, however, Safiya al-Suhail, an independent Shiite delegate at the conference, said she had received a letter from

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Obituaries

Esther Sweigart Fenno, 98

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Esther Sweigart Fenno, 98, of Albuquerque, died Monday, Aug. 16, 2004, at Albuquerque.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa, Texas.

Mrs. Fenno was born Oct. 7, 1905, in Lancaster County, Pa. She was reared on a farm and ranch near Perryton, Texas, where she met and married Ernest G. Fenno in June of 1925.

They later resided in Borger, Texas, and Lefors, Texas.

While in Lefors, she was a member of the Lefors Church of Christ and was an active member of the Lefors Senior Citizens Center, often helping with the preparation of meals.

She moved to Albuquerque in 1988 to make her home with her daughter and son-in-law.

Survivors include two daughters, Ruth Tucker and Betty Roark, all of Albuquerque, N.M.; one son, C.E. Fenno and wife Jo Ann of Pampa, Texas; four grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren;

numerous nieces and nephews; one sister in Indiana; a brother in Florida; and a very dear friend, Marcie Scott.

She was preceded in death by a son-in-law, Joe Roark; five sisters; and four brothers.

The family will receive friends at Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Home in Pampa, Texas, from 6-8 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 19, 2004.

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

Rose Nichols Johnson, 51

Rose Nichols Johnson, 51, of Pampa, Texas, died Wednesday, Aug. 18, 2004, at Pampa.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Johnson was born Sept. 6, 1952, in Pampa, where she was a lifelong resident. She was a 1970 graduate of Pampa High School. She married Chris Johnson on June 2, 1972, in Pampa.

She was a member of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic

Church. She was a registered esthetician.

Survivors include her husband, Chris Johnson, of the home; three sons, Ross Johnson and wife Toni of Amarillo, Scott Johnson, Bryan Johnson and wife Tiffany, all of Lubbock; one daughter, Valerie Johnson of Houston; her mother, Correne Nichols of Pampa; two sisters, Peggy Rodriguez and husband Domingo and Jan Trusty and husband Clyde, all of

Pampa; and four grandchildren, Taylor Vinson and Paten Johnson, both of Amarillo, Alexis Johnson and Alex Johnson, both of Lubbock.

The family requests memorial be to Scleroderma Foundation of America, 12 Kent Way, Suite 101, Byfield, MA 01922.

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

Services tomorrow

EMERY, Kelley Bridwell — Memorial graveside services, 10 a.m., Fairview Cemetery, Pampa.

MORRIS, Joyce Louise — Burial, 2 p.m., McLean Cemetery, McLean.

ACT scores up slightly

By **JUSTIN POPE**
AP Education Writer

Average scores on the ACT college entrance exam rose for the first time in seven years, with the high school class of 2004 improving modestly across all subjects and most ethnic groups.

The nationwide average composite score rose 0.1 points to 20.9, on a scale from 1 to 36, after two years at 20.8. However, that remains below the average score of 21.0 recorded by every graduating class from 1997 to 2001.

Test administrators said the increase was significant, given that a growing number of students who do not plan to attend college are taking the test and likely weighing down average scores. In Illinois and Colorado, the exam is taken by all students under a state-mandated program.

But the latest figures also reveal no progress in two key, related areas: the number of students taking a core, college-prep curriculum, and the number scoring high enough on the ACT to indicate they will succeed in higher education.

"Unfortunately, the class of 2004 is no better pre-

pared for college than the class of 2003," said Richard L. Ferguson, chief executive of the not-for-profit ACT.

The ACT test was taken by 40 percent of 2004-high school graduates, or about 1.2 million people nationwide. More students take the SAT, but the ACT is the predominant college admissions test in about half of the states and is accepted by most colleges.

The ACT includes English, math, reading and science sections, and next year will add an optional essay. Because it aims to measure mastery of a high school curriculum rather than general intelligence, some believe it is less "coachable" than the SAT. But many students still flock to ACT prep courses, and Princeton Review says its ACT enrollment is growing faster than for SAT courses.

The average composite score for Texas students rose slightly from last year, rising from 20.1 to 20.2. The score was still below the national composite average of 20.9, however, and Texas students, like last year, consistently scored below the national average in every ACT category.

Monitor: Ellis Co. flunks regs

FORT WORTH (AP) — Ellis County now formally violates tough, new federal ozone standards that took effect in June, according to the lone ozone monitor in Midlothian that recorded high levels of ozone this month.

Regional leaders say the latest readings prove they were right to insist in April that federal regulators include Ellis County in a nine-county ozone violation area — although at the time, the county complied with the standards.

Collin County Judge Ron Harris and Dallas County Judge Margaret Keliher traveled to Washington this spring to meet with the Environmental Protection Agency's administrator, Mike Leavitt, and convince him not to exclude Ellis.

The EPA then placed Ellis in the noncompliance zone despite fierce lobbying by U.S. Rep. Joe Barton, R-Ennis, who argued that his home county does not have an ozone problem that contributes to air pollution in the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

But ozone levels were so severe last week in Ellis County that the monitor there recorded the highest eight-hour concentration in the North Texas area this year, the Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported in Wednesday editions.

"This shows us the people down there are breathing dirty air," said Mark Sather, an environmental scientist in the EPA's regional air-quality analysis section in Dallas.

Counties that violate the new standards must comply by 2010 or face severe sanctions, including the potential loss of tens of millions a year in federal highway transportation dollars.

Emergency Services

Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department today reported the following incidents and arrests.

Monday, Aug. 16

Criminal mischief was reported in the 400 block of West Foster. A large window was broken, for an estimated loss of \$600.

Tuesday, Aug. 17

Jimmy Johnson, 51, 1927 Evergreen, was arrested in the 2100 block of Mary Ellen for possession of drug paraphernalia.

Wednesday, Aug. 18

Criminal mischief was reported in the 400 block of West. A vehicle was egged, for estimated damage of \$20.

Accidents

Pampa Police Department today reported the following accidents.

Tuesday, Aug. 17

7:34 a.m. — A 2004 Ford pickup, driven by Dianeth Sanchez Cole, 38, 1708 W. Kentucky, and a 1997 Ford Mustang, driven by Magdalena Zubia Blanco, 38, 620 N. Zimmers, collided on a private drive in a trailer park in the 1700 block of West Kentucky. No injuries were reported, and

no citations were issued.

Sheriff

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

Tuesday, Aug. 17

Margaret B. Stevens, 44, 414 E. Browning, was arrested for Pampa Police Department for abandonment/endangerment of a child.

Brantley Landesdale, 27, 1113 Garland, was arrested for theft of property/check and two counts of theft by check, one out of Potter County and the other out of Randall County.

Jason Alton Carlson, 32, Clifton, was arrested on a motion to revoke probation for a charge of possession of a controlled substance.

Juan Manuel Salazar Jr., 21, Hereford, was arrested on a grand jury indictment for money laundering.

Fire

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

Tuesday, Aug. 17

9:52 a.m. — One unit and

three firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 500 block of South Somerville.

Wednesday, Aug. 18

3:10 a.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 2100 block of North Banks.

Ambulance

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

Tuesday, Aug. 17

9:50 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 500 block of South Somerville and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

12:51 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient to a local residence.

2:02 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Northwest Texas Hospital, Amarillo, and transported a patient to PRMC.

9:20 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded north of Morrison Ranch Road and transported a patient to PRMC.

Thursday, Aug. 18

3:08 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2100 block of Banks and transported a patient to PRMC.



Pampa News photo by BEN BRISCOE

Gray County Weather

Today: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1 p.m. Partly cloudy, with a high near 88. South southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Tonight: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 63. South wind between 5 and 15 mph.

Thursday: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high near 82. South southwest wind around 5 mph.

Thursday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low near 61. North northwest wind around 5 mph.

Friday: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly before 7 a.m. Mostly cloudy, with a



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high near 83. Northeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Friday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 60. East wind around 10 mph.

Saturday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 5 p.m. Partly cloudy, with a high around 85. East wind around 10 mph becoming south.

Saturday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 60. South southwest wind around 10 mph.

Sunday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 5 p.m. Partly cloudy, with a high near 87. South southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

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

Monday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 91.

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

Tuesday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1 p.m. Partly cloudy, with a high around 88.

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Soybeans	5.11

The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa.

OXY	50.05	+0.61
BP PLC ADR	53.78	+0.33

Cabot Corp	38.16	+0.11
Cabot Oil Gas	39.29	+0.49
Coca Cola	44.53	+0.20
VLO	64.59	+0.23
HAL	27.94	+0.64
Trud	33.19	-0.33
NOI	28.23	-0.20
KMI	59.77	+0.37
XCEL	17.27	-0.08
Kerr McGee	51.49	+0.44
XOM	44.72	+0.36
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MCD	26.62	+0.25

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COP	73.28	+0.90
SLB	59.08	+0.17
Tenneco	13.45	+0.03
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OKE	22.93	+0.27
NS GIP	15.73	+0.11
New York Gold	404.75	
Silver	6.72	
West Texas Crude	46.75	

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WASHINGTON — After months of decline by higher consumer prices, the U.S. factory production of new apartments fell their June swoon.

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Consumer prices down; factory output, construction up

WASHINGTON (AP) — After months of being buffeted by higher energy costs, consumer prices posted a rare decline in July while output at U.S. factories and construction of new homes and apartments rebounded from their June swoon.

Analysts said the trio of government reports released Tuesday gave hope that the economy is already emerging from what Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan termed a "soft patch" in early summer.

"The picture painted by today's numbers is very positive," said Mark Zandi, chief economist at Economy.com. "The economy is not stalling out."

The Labor Department reported that its closely watched Consumer Price Index fell by 0.1 percent in July, the first decrease since last November, as gasoline

prices, which had posted sharp increases in May and June, retreated by 4.2 percent last month.

Meanwhile, industrial production rose by a healthy 0.4 percent in July, after having fallen by 0.5 percent in June, while construction of new homes and apartments rose a better-than-expected 8.3 percent in July, erasing a 7.7 percent decline the previous month.

The setbacks in June were part of a pattern of weak economic data that helped drag down overall economic growth as measured by the gross domestic product to just 3 percent from April to June,

sharply below the 4.5 percent GDP growth rate in the first three months of the year.

The Bush administration, which is counting on a strong economy to bolster President Bush's re-election chances, has insisted that the recent slowdown, which included a disappointing increase of just 32,000 payroll jobs last month, was only temporary.

While many private economists agree with that assessment, they noted that job growth in August — the next-to-last employment report released before the Nov. 2 election — will very likely be depressed by

Hurricane Charley, which struck during the survey week for August employment.

"We think it is unlikely that the economy will stall out although there are dangers, such as higher oil prices," said Michael Carliner, an economist with the National Association of Home Builders.

Oil prices hit a record high of \$46.75 per barrel in New York trading Tuesday on worries about continuing problems at Russian oil giant Yukos.

But Wall Street chose to focus more on the favorable economic reports. The Dow Jones industrial average climbed 18.28 points to close at 9,972.83.

The 0.4 percent increase in industrial output last month reflected a big gain of 1.2 percent in mining, a category that covers oil production,

and 0.6 percent rise in production at U.S. manufacturing companies, which more than erased a 0.2 percent drop in manufacturing output in June.

Jerry Jasinowski, president of the National Association of Manufacturers, said that the July increase showed that the previous month's decline "was a temporary breather in an otherwise strong growth curve."

With last month's increase, U.S. factories operated at 76.3 percent of capacity, the highest operating rate in more than three years.

In a fourth report Tuesday, the Labor Department said

that weekly earnings of non-supervisory workers, after adjusting for inflation, rose by 0.7 percent in July, the first monthly improvement since January.

However, over the past 12 months, these inflation-adjusted earnings are down by 0.7 percent. The presidential campaign of Democratic challenger Sen. John Kerry focused on the wage decline over the past 12 months, saying it supported its argument that the middle-class is being squeezed by falling wages and soaring costs for health care, energy and education.

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— Michael Carliner
National Association of Home Builders

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— Mark Zandi
Economist

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blood center. Blood types most critically needed by the center at this time

Letter

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al-Sadr's Baghdad office saying he accepted the proposal.

"Muqtada al-Sadr has agreed on the conditions set by the National Conference," she said reading the letter to the conference.

"We call on the Iraqi government and the National Conference to participate in implementing what is proposed by Muqtada al-Sadr, otherwise everybody will bear the responsibility," the letter said.

After Shaalan's threat to raid the mosque, renewed bombing and gunfire were heard near Najaf's Old City, the center of much of the previous fighting.

The defense minister had said Iraqi

are O negative and B positive, she said, although all other blood types are also urgently needed.

Donors will have the option of scheduling an appointment to donate blood if they do not want to wait their turn or need to get in and out quickly, such as if they work on Saturdays,

forces were trained to raid one of Shiite Islam's holiest sites, and reiterated that U.S. forces would not enter the shrine, which almost certainly would cause an uproar among the country's majority Shiites.

"The only American intervention would be aerial protection and also securing some of the roads that lead to the compound," Shaalan said on Al-Arabiya.

While never referring to al-Sadr's Mahdi Army militia by name, Shaalan referred to those who occupied the shrine as a "gang dressed in the clothes of religion."

The latest fighting in Najaf, which began Aug. 5 after the breakdown of a two-month cease-fire, is presenting the greatest challenge yet to interim Prime Minister Ayad Allawi's fledgling government.

Lawrence said.

"Walk-ins are welcome, but appointments will get priority," she said.

Persons wishing to schedule an appointment for a specific time to make their donation may call 1-800-658-6178.

The U.S. military says the fighting in Najaf has killed hundreds of militants, though militants deny that. Eight U.S. soldiers and at least 40 Iraqi police have been killed.

In the capital, conference delegates suggested they were fed up with al-Sadr. "If there were anyone sympathizing with him in the past, there will be none from now on because of this stand," delegate Abdul-Halim al-Ruhaimi said.

Delegates prepared to vote for members of a new National Council, a 100-member body that will serve as a watchdog for the interim government until January election. As they did, a mortar round hit the roof of Iraq's Foreign Ministry building, causing no damage or injuries, Foreign Minister Hoshiyar Zebari told The Associated Press.

Trial

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those study results.

There was no testimony in the trial early Wednesday morning, as lawyers met behind closed doors with Judge John Dietz.

Tuesday's testimony focused on Smith's research, comparing his professional judgment method to the state's more mathematical method of studying adequacy.

During tense cross-examination, an attorney for the state criticized Smith's professional judgment study as unscientific and questioned the expertise of educators on the panel.

"What particular expertise do teachers have — teachers who have to teach from textbooks that are mandated by the state of Texas, that have to teach a curriculum that's mandated by the (state) — what particular expertise do teachers have in designing educational instructional programs?" attorney Linda Helper asked Smith.

"I'm actually offended by that question," Smith shot back. "I think it's unfair to characterize their job as just robots that just speak what the state tells them to speak. That's not what goes on in schools."

Nearly two-thirds of the state's education budget comes from property taxes, with the state using taxes raised by wealthy districts to help fund poorer districts.

The school districts say a cap on local property taxes limits their ability to raise money. About half of the state's more than 1,000 school districts have reached the cap of \$1.50 per \$100 in assessed value.

Texas' share-the-wealth education funding system has been under fire for years, and some school districts turned to the courts after struggling to get the changes they wanted from the Legislature.

The funding system was passed by the Legislature in the early 1990s. Since then, schools have been subject to new curriculum standards, the federal No Child Left Behind Act and growing student populations that have all added to their financial burden.

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Viewpoints

Don't judge total experience by the first day

By Ben Briscoe
Staff Intern

Monday morning I entered the glass double doors of the building that rightfully could be called my second household. After years of anticipation, I was finally there. I had reached the coveted role of a senior in high school.

I am not sure what I thought the first day of being a senior would feel like. However, I am sure that I never predicted it would have felt like this.

Instead of being a majestic milestone of my educa-

tional process, it seemed more like any other day of school.

I had to get up early and re-adjust myself to the realm of mathematical statistics, grammatical rules and scientific principals.

It was at best, lackluster. After discussing my feelings with several friends, I came to the conclusion that many others in my class felt the same way. That left me wondering why this was.

It did not take long to realize the reason was that we simply anticipated the wrong thing. Instead of

looking forward to all of the events throughout the year such as the senior breakfast, getting our senior portraits made and the prom, we were focused on this one day in time. My friends and I simply forgot to look at the bigger picture.

We neglected to remember that in less than a year, we would be experiencing one of our ultimate educational moments, crossing the

stage to receive our diplomas at graduation.

Knowing this fact, I was able to observe that the phenomenon of "in the moment orientation" strikes throughout life, not just the first day of the senior year.

Thinking back to when I was in grade school and taking art lessons, I remember anticipating painting a new picture. Before I started I would take

the time to tediously plan out how it would look, thinking that the work of art would be great from the first stroke of the brush if I did this.

Then reality would set in. When I actually started painting it looked awful. This could be because I am a terrible artist, but I would prefer to think that it was simply because the work was only in its beginning stages.

When I finally got to the end of the artistic process it would hit me that the picture I had started to detest, because of its horrid appear-

ance, had become halfway decent.

Once I learned to wait until I had finished painting the artwork to judge its worth, I became happier with the pieces I was producing in my art lessons.

Now I see that my friends and I must apply this same general principle to our senior year.

Sure the first day may not have been what we expected, but I am sure the year as a whole will be a blast because the first day is just that. It is the beginning of a great experience.

Ben Briscoe
News Intern



Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Aug. 18, the 231st day of 2004. There are 135 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
On August 18, 1983, Hurricane Alicia slammed into the Texas coast, leaving 22 dead and causing more than \$1 billion worth of damage.

On this date:
In 1587, Virginia Dare became the first child of English parents to be born on American soil, on what is now Roanoke Island, N.C.
In 1846, U.S. forces led by Gen. Stephen W. Kearney captured Santa Fe, N.M.
In 1894, Congress established the Bureau of Immigration.
In 1914, President Wilson issued his "Proclamation of Neutrality," aimed at keeping the United States out of World War I.

'New opinions are always suspected, and usually opposed, without any other reason but because they are not already common.'

— John Locke
English philosopher

In 1920, Tennessee became the 36th state to ratify the 19th Amendment to the Constitution, which guaranteed the right of all American women to vote.

In 1938, President Franklin D. Roosevelt dedicated the Thousand Islands Bridge connecting the United States and Canada.

In 1954, 50 years ago, during the Eisenhower administration, Assistant Secretary of Labor James E. Wilkins became the first black to attend a meeting of

a president's Cabinet as he sat in for Labor Secretary James P. Mitchell.

In 1958, the novel "Lolita" by Vladimir Nabokov was published.

In 1963, James Meredith became the first black to graduate from the University of Mississippi.

In 1982, for the first time, volume on the New York Stock exchange topped the 100 million level as 132.69 million shares were traded.

Ten years ago: Florida Gov. Lawton Chiles declared an immigration emergency and demanded federal help to cope with the largest surge of Cuban refugees since the 1980 Mariel boatlift.

Five years ago: A day after a deadly earthquake struck western Turkey, survivors denounced the rescue effort as sluggish and disorganized. (The death toll eventually topped 17,000.)

One year ago: A senior French health official resigned after France's health minister admitted that up to 5,000 people might have died in a heat wave.



Osama may decide next prez

More than any other single individual, more than George W. Bush, more than John Kerry, it is Osama bin Laden who will determine the winner of the election in November.

If Americans feel that they are at war, they will rally to Bush. By a strong majority, they feel that he is the best candidate to keep America safe, prosecute the War on Terror, and — even on his worst days — stabilize Iraq. But if they feel that the war is over or winding down, they are likely to vote for Kerry. By similar majorities, most surveys indicate that voters trust him more to cre-

ate jobs, help the economy, lower health-care costs, stabilize Medicare and Social Security, reduce prescription drug prices, help improve education and protect the environment.

So, the key issue is whether America is at war or at peace. And Osama bin Laden has more to say about that than any other person. If he ratchets up the terror threat to the United States and has us looking over our shoulders and thinking twice

before we fly, we will feel at war and will back Bush. But if he lets up and backs off for the election, we will revert back to our peacetime posture and likely elect the Democrat.

It is not unusual in Israeli politics for the terrorists to hold the balance of power in the election in their hands. In 1996, the pro-peace process Labor Party led Benjamin Netanyahu's Likud Party until right before the election. Then, a wave of terror

bombings, unleashed by Hamas and Hezbollah — likely with Yasser Arafat's blessings — torpedoed the chances of the doves and elected the hard-liners instead.

The terrorists on the West Bank have historically favored victories by the hard-liners in Israel so that they can have a hate figure against whom to rally their supporters. With a conciliatory leader in the West, they find it difficult to attract supporters and funds, but with a tough opponent, they can attract lots of support.

But in Spain, bin Laden

Dick Morris
Columnist



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Officials cannot flout state laws

Fort Worth Star-Telegram on San Francisco's gay marriages:

The California Supreme Court unanimously decided (last) week that San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom overstepped his bounds by ordering city officials to issue marriage licenses to same-sex couples.

The court properly ruled that local authorities cannot flout state laws — even if they think those laws are unconstitutional. A majority of the court also voted to nullify the marriages of about 4,000 same-sex couples who had taken advan-

tage of the mayor's unilateral action.

Those couples, obviously are disappointed, even though they had been warned that San Francisco's attempt to legalize gay marriage might not stand the legal test in court.

The issue of same-sex marriage is a serious one, and an emotional one, that ought to be debated in state legislatures, religious circles and educational institutions and around office water

coolers.

It is an issue that will be with us for years to come as citizens and lawmakers across the land try to navigate their way through ancient traditions, religious beliefs, and state and constitutional law to decide the best way to recognize relationships between people of the same sex.

Unfortunately, the debate has been muddled somewhat by the San Francisco experience and others around the

country, and further clouded by the fact that some would like it to be front and center in a presidential election year.

Long after the election is over, however, this controversy will still be with us. As the California court has indicated, this is an issue for the states to decide, and no one individual or group or political party should do anything that would contravene the state's authority in this matter.

Perhaps one day the U.S. Supreme Court will ultimately decide the issue, but

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Ex-state judge, others protest Bible display removal ruling

HOUSTON (AP) — A former state judge was among hundreds of people at a courthouse protest over a federal jurist's order to remove a Bible display.

John Devine, a former state district judge who aided efforts to refurbish the monument that includes the Bible, said Tuesday there's plenty of support for the display.

The rally outside the Harris County Civil Courts Building was to protest U.S. District Judge Sim Lake's Aug. 10 ruling that the county unconstitutionally endorsed Christianity by allowing the Bible to be displayed. Lake had ordered that the Bible display near the courthouse door be removed.

The county attorney's office is studying whether it should seek court permission to continue displaying the Bible near the courts building while appealing Lake's order.

Ministers and others spoke to about 200 protesters at the rally.

Devine, who helped organize the monument renovation efforts in 1995, said the rally showed that people are "unified together to support God's word in Houston, Texas."

The Houston Area Pastor Council organized the rally.

"We are a nation at war culturally and morally," said Devine.

Harris County officials have until Aug. 24 to remove the book, Lake ruled.

The Star of Hope Mission received permission from the county to erect the monument in 1956 to honor William S. Mosher, a major benefactor of the mission.

Dave Welch, the pastor council's director, said a number of ministers who spoke had urged congregants at services on Sunday to attend the protest.

"The issue is so charged, and the people are really incensed," Welch told the Houston Chronicle in Wednesday's editions. "So we put out the word to stand by your pastor."

Lake ruled that the Bible display unconstitutionally violated the First Amendment's establishment clause, which courts have ruled bars government from establishing or endorsing a religion.

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chose to play by different rules, bombing a few days before the election with the clear goal of toppling Prime Minister Jose Maria Aznar and his pro-American center-right party. Just as the terrorists kidnap troops and civilians from the ranks of America's allies in Iraq to deter their cooperation with U.S. forces, so the Madrid bombings appear to have been designed to knock Spain out of the war.

Which course will bin Laden pursue?

The current evidence suggests that he will tilt toward an aggressive posture. His recent threat to assassinate American political leaders and the evidence that he may be planning a terror strike to disrupt the elections here indicates that he is planning to become more aggressive as Election Day nears.

If, God forbid, he penetrates our guard and actually succeeds in pulling off a terror strike in the United States, will it help or hurt Bush?

My bet is that it will help. While many will criticize the president for failing to prevent the attack, the immediate reaction will be to rally around the White House and to grasp that we live in a dangerous world and that Bush's superior commitment to fighting terror effectively is the way to go.

While nations like France and Spain can be counted upon to react to a terror strike by surrendering and running for cover, the likely American reaction would be quite the opposite — just as

Israel's has been.

Voters face a tough decision in November: Are we at war or at peace. Their quandary is reminiscent of that which British voters faced in June of 1945 when they had to vote for Winston Churchill's Conservatives or Clement Atlee's Laborites. Despite the continuing war with Japan, they reacted to Hitler's suicide and Germany's surrender the month before the elections to vote for Labor and embrace a peacetime agenda.

But this year, I think that bin Laden will remind us frequently and graphically that we are at war. And I think that may re-elect George W. Bush.



What in the world is this?

Justin Carlton, left, and his dad, Marvin, dug up a strange weed last week. The above-ground vine plant wasn't much bigger around than a basketball, but the root was incredible. Marvin said that they probably broke off a couple of feet of the root with the back hoe they used to get it out. The root in the picture is 54" long. It is 20" around at the biggest part and weighed about 30 lbs.

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until then, let all of us — regardless of our positions — remain rational as we work

through this very sensitive and extremely challenging proposition.

Because we are dealing with laws that directly affect people's lives, we have an obligation to be deliberate, reasonable and fair. We, as a people, are capable of rising to that responsibility.

Calendar items

The Texas Department of Health will be offering immunization clinics for vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases including polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, rubella, mumps, HIB (haemophilus influenzae Type B) and chickenpox (varicella). Flu vaccines may also be offered at designated clinics. The TDH will charge money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability to pay. The following clinics will be offered: 9:30-11:45 a.m. and 1-4 p.m., Aug. 8 and 18, TDH, 736 S. Cuyler, Pampa; and from 12:30-4 p.m., Aug. 9, City Hall, Canadian.

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.

College-bound high school students planning to take the ACT Assessment in September need to register by Aug. 20. Cost of the test is \$28. Late registration will be accepted until Sept. 3 and will include an additional fee. For more information, log onto www.act.org on the Internet or contact your school counselor.

Pampa Shrine Club will present "Jody Nix and the Texas Cowboys" in concert at the Top O' Texas Rodeo Pavilion in Pampa from 9 p.m.-12 midnight, Saturday, Aug. 21. Cost is \$10 per person.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Pampa ISD will hold a public meeting at 6:00 PM, August 31, 2004 in the Carver Service Center, Board Room, 321 W. Albert, Pampa, TX. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$ 1.500000	\$ 0.061000	\$ 1.561000	\$3.718	\$2.439
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.463400	\$ 0.056500	\$ 1.519900	\$ 3.770	\$ 2.374
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.500000	\$ 0.060000	\$ 1.560000	\$3.984	\$ 2.362

*The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 32,364	\$ 32,699
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 17,364	\$ 17,699
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.561000	\$ 1.560000
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 271.05	\$ 276.10
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ 5.05

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$ 1.662213. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of \$ 1.662213.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment.

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$ 500,000
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 0

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Massacre in Burundi may re-ignite conflict

By CHRIS TOMLINSON
Associated Press Writer

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP) — Wielding guns and machetes, the attackers charged into a refugee camp for Congolese Tutsi, shouting threats to kill any member of that tribe they found.

Scores were slain in the raid on the U.N. camp in Burundi, and the fallout from the attack could re-ignite a long-standing conflict in central Africa.

It is not entirely clear who carried out the attack, or why. But the stakes are very high in Burundi, Rwanda, and Congo, neighboring countries that all are home to members of the Hutu and Tutsi tribes, as well as other groups enmeshed in a web of mutual hostility. Ethnic conflict between them has claimed millions of lives in the past three decades.

The latest atrocity triggered a flurry of threats and accusations, and has sparked grave concerns at the United Nations.

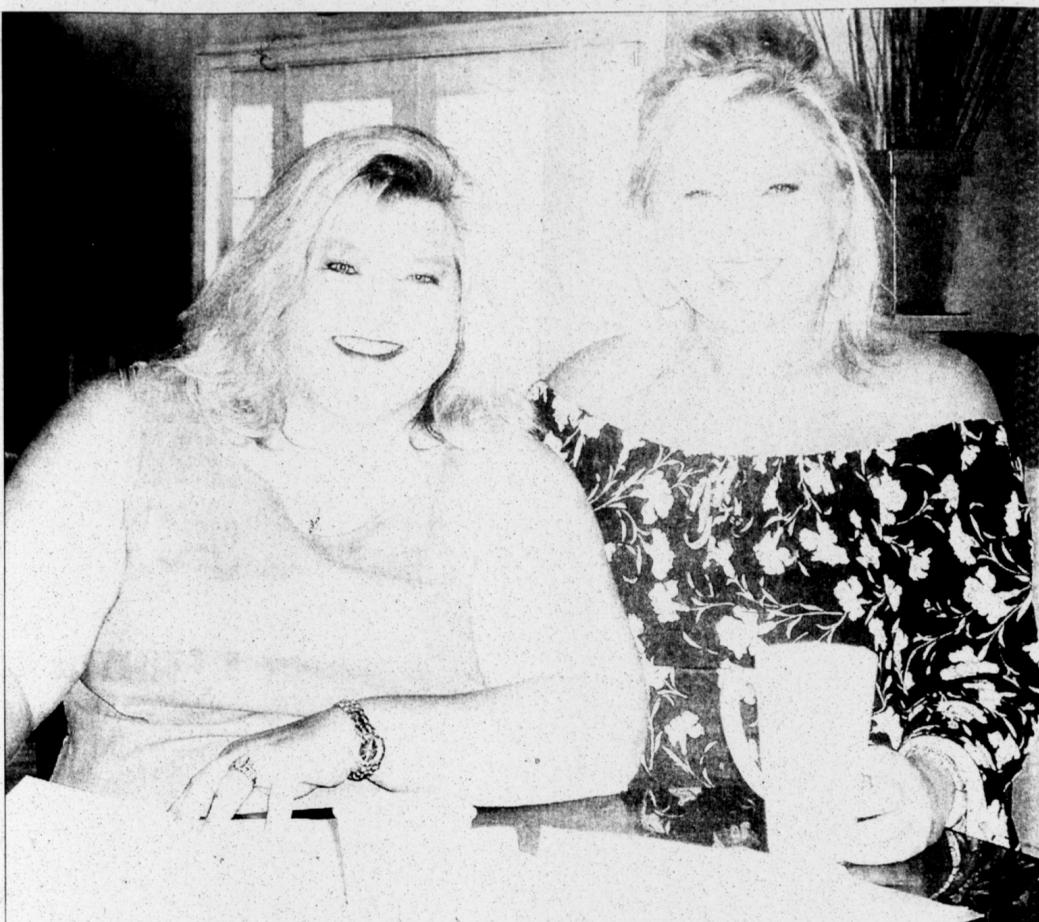
Both Burundi and Rwanda are threatening military action against Hutu bases in Congo — their far larger neighbor to the west — to make sure such attacks blamed on Hutu marauders don't happen again.

Conflicts between Hutus, who comprise a majority in Burundi and Rwanda, and Tutsis, a minority in those two countries and in eastern Congo, have wracked this corner of Africa for more than a decade, spawning a civil war in Burundi, the 1994 Rwandan genocide and two rebellions in Congo since 1996.

Burundi's army chief, Brig. Gen. Germain Niyoyankana, on Tuesday accused Congolese tribal fighters allied to that country's government of taking part in the massacre, saying the attackers included Burundian rebels who "acted as guides, former Rwandan (Hutu) soldiers, together with part of the Congolese army."

Despite denials from the Congolese that they were involved in the attack, Niyoyankana said the Burundian army is prepared to pursue the assailants, who used Congo's territory to launch Friday's raid on the camp sheltering Congolese Tutsi refugees.

Circle of Friends



Lora Baggerman, left, and Shannon Buck, right, plan the 2004 Backyard Party for Sept. 11 to benefit Harrington Cancer Center's Circle of Friends. Baggerman is a board member of Circle of Friends.

Report: O'Hare gets new agreement

CHICAGO (AP) — The U.S. Department of Transportation has developed a temporary flight-reduction agreement for O'Hare International Airport, according to a published report.

Officials from the Federal Aviation Administration and the airlines declined to comment on the deal, but a federal

official said the plan will be "proportionate and equitable" to all of the airport's carriers, the Chicago Tribune reported in Wednesday's editions.

Sixteen airlines participated in three days of negotiations in Washington earlier this month held by the FAA. Agency officials have

been trying to ease persistent delays at O'Hare that they say hamper the nation's entire air system.

Transportation Secretary Norman Minetti said the meeting was the last opportunity for airlines to voluntarily solve O'Hare's deadlock before the government would impose strict flight caps.

United Airlines and American Airlines, which handle 88 percent of all flights at the Chicago airport, had offered to support temporary flight caps, but they wanted other carriers also to make schedule cuts, according to documents released Monday.

Venezuela to conduct partial audit of recall referendum

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) — Hoping to defuse new political tension in Venezuela, former President Jimmy Carter and other international election monitors promised to double-check some voting results from a referendum that failed to oust Venezuela's leader, Hugo Chavez, after the opposition claimed the balloting was rigged.

On Wednesday, they will be witnesses as local election officials check a random sampling of results from 150 voting stations — a rare follow-up move to an election they have already said looked clean.

"We have no reason to doubt the integrity of the electoral process nor the accuracy of the referendum results," Carter asserted at a news conference Tuesday.

Carter and Cesar Gaviria, the head of the Organization of American States, have been working for two years to find a solution to the often bloody political crisis that has gripped Venezuela, the world's fifth-largest oil exporting nation.

Chavez is praised by supporters for giving the poor majority better services and a voice in politics, while some critics fear he intends to install a Cuban-style dictatorship.

Carter and Gaviria on Monday endorsed results of Sunday's referendum, in which Venezuelans voted by almost 58 percent to keep the leftist firebrand in office.

Leaders of an opposition coalition immediately cried fraud and called for mass

protest demonstrations, Guimera fired on an opposition demonstration later Monday, wounding a woman who died in the riot on Tuesday.

Dozens died in a failed coup against Chavez in April 2002 and in political riots over several years.

Unwilling to simply pack up and go home after giving their blessing, Carter and Gaviria decided they needed to stick around.

On Wednesday, they and members of the OAS and the Carter Center staff will watch, along with representatives of the opposition, as national election officials compare electronic and paper ballots.

The referendum was carried out on touch-screen voting machines, which produced a paper receipt of each vote, much like an ATM. Voters then deposited the receipts into a ballot box.

Amid charges that the electronic machines were rigged, the monitors will be checking the results from the machines against the paper ballots to make sure there are no major discrepancies.

The paper ballots will be checked at election offices while votes recorded in the machines will be examined at an army base.

Carter made clear that the opposition would look foolish if it keeps crying foul after the audit, which he said should be completed by Thursday.

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Halliburton given more time to justify bills to U.S. Army

HOUSTON (AP) — Halliburton Co. will have more time to justify its bills to the Army after the Pentagon appeared to ease back from an earlier threat to

mand had refused to grant a third extension before implementing the clause, which allows the government to withhold 15 percent of payments until contractors prove their costs.

A Halliburton spokeswoman did not return calls or an e-mail request from The Associated Press for later comment, and Pentagon officials did not return two calls Tuesday. Theis did not return an earlier call from the AP seeking comment.

Halliburton has been awarded more than \$6 billion in contracts related to the U.S.-led invasion of Iraq, but the company has been under

fire for allegedly overcharging the government. Halliburton says it is a political target, denies wrongdoing and disputes whether the withhold is legally justified.

Halliburton received extensions because there is insufficient staff in the government or at Halliburton to review the company's numerous bills, Theis told The Washington Post for a story in Wednesday's editions.

"It was the pace. It was the magnitude of this contract," she said, adding that the Army is trying to be "fair and equitable."

withhold 15 percent of its payments on the company's future invoices for support of U.S. troops in the Middle East.

The latest twist in a two-day skirmish between the military and the company once led by Vice President Dick Cheney came late Tuesday, when the Army decided to continue the payments pending further reviews of the bills, according to published reports.

Earlier, Houston-based Halliburton had said the government planned to keep about \$60 million per month in payments for the company's Kellogg Brown & Root subsidiary, which provides meal services, laundry, mail and housing for soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Spokeswomen for the Army Materiel Command said in published reports that a decision on whether to withhold money from Halliburton was on hold.

Linda Theis, a spokeswoman for the Army Materiel Command, said the military would have a decision within a week.

"We have not decided yet whether or not to implement the withhold," Theis told the Houston Chronicle late Tuesday after markets had closed. "We are not going to start withholding money from the company Wednesday."

On Monday, Halliburton said the Army Materiel Command had given the company more time to explain and account for its costs before implementing a clause in a contract allowing withholding of payments. But a day later, the company said it had learned the com-

Halliburton said KBR, its engineering and construction arm that performs much of its government contract work, would offset any loss by simply keeping 15 percent from payments to sub-contractors.

"At the end of the day, we do not expect this will have a significant or sustained impact on liquidity," Halliburton finance chief Cris Gaut said.

Halliburton similarly disputes withholding of 15 percent of payments on its contracts with the Army Corps of Engineers to fight oil well fires and rebuild Iraq's oil infrastructure.

'We have not decided yet whether or not to implement the withhold. We are not going to start withholding money from the company Wednesday.'

— Linda Theis
Spokeswoman for the Army Materiel Command

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Halliburton finance chief



Paul Harris Fellowships

Rotary District Gov. Charles Cotton recently bestowed Paul Harris Fellowships to several members of the Pampa club. Fellowships are awarded for service and contributions to Rotary Foundation which works to eradicate polio and to reduce world hunger. Above: Kathy Cota, Doris Smith, Paula Goff, Mike Ruff, Rotary donor, and John Forister. Not pictured: Katrina Bigham and Suzie Wilkinson.

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Mysterious illness hits island on Lake Erie

PUT-IN-BAY, Ohio (AP) — A mysterious illness on Lake Erie's South Bass Island has sickened dozens of tourists and residents, baffling health officials who are searching for a connection.

In the past two weeks, the Ottawa County Health Department has documented 78 cases and is investigating more than 90 other claims, said Director Nancy Osborn.

"We're still looking for the link," Osborn said.

The Ohio Environmental Protection Agency has ordered a winery and a bar to stop using their septic systems after finding wells at the sites tested positive for E. coli, said spokeswoman Dina Pierce.

She cautioned there is no known connection between the illnesses and the businesses, and added some people who became sick did not

visit either business.

EPA workers plan to take more well samples Wednesday at the two businesses, which are near each other.

Those who have become sick say they've suffered from nausea, chills, fever, abdominal cramps and vomiting. The symptoms have generally lasted about 24 hours.

Tracy Bennett, 42, said she and her sister spent a day at the island three weeks ago. "We both got very sick, like clockwork after two days," Bennett said. "We were sick for two days."

The wave of illnesses comes at the height of tourist season on the island, which sits just a few miles offshore and is about halfway between Toledo and Cleveland.

THE PAMPA NEWS COMICS

Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend, "Ron," and I have been together for six years and have lived together for two. We are planning to be married.

I work close to home and sometimes Ron meets me for lunch nearby. When he drops me off, he insists on kissing me in the car in front of the building, a long, lingering tongue kiss. I think it is inappropriate, because my bosses and co-workers have windows right there, and there are often clients outside.

When I try to pull away, or explain why it makes me uncomfortable, Ron gets upset and says I must be ashamed of him or something. That's not true! I would simply rather keep such displays of affection confined to our house, or at least away from my workplace. Am I wrong?

— EMBARRASSED IN BOSTON

DEAR EMBARRASSED: You are right to be embarrassed. What your boyfriend is doing isn't showing affection; it is displaying the extent of his insecurity. By kissing you in such an inappropriate way, he is trying to show others the control he has over you. To insist on doing it after you have told him it makes you uncomfortable is insensitive, immature and disrespectful of your feelings. Please consider putting marriage on "hold" until your boyfriend grows up, which may be never.

DEAR ABBY: I am divorced and the father of two girls, ages 6 and 5. I am actively involved in their lives. My ex-wife, "Erin," is a teacher, so I pick the kids up from school and watch them until dinner every night.

Erin and I separated in 2001. She started dating the following July, and by August, my 6-year-old told me that Mom's "friend from high school" was sleeping in her bed and taking showers in the morning.

I was furious. I told Erin that what she did when I had the kids was her business. But when the kids were with her, her boyfriend

should not spend the night. She told me her bedroom was no longer any of my business. The sleepovers continued, and in November, Erin informed me that her boyfriend had officially moved in. She claims that this is a loving and committed relationship -- but they have broken up twice that I know of in the past six months.

I am legally powerless to fight this, but I think that in addition to being confusing and unsettling for our daughters, Erin is setting a bad example.

What is your opinion, Abby? Do you feel (as Erin maintains steadfastly) that she is doing "nothing wrong"?

— LEGALLY POWERLESS IN NEW YORK

DEAR POWERLESS: No, I do not. Your ex-wife is setting a bad example and sending a poor message to her impressionable daughters. When the girls are older, Erin may come to regret her stance on this. Although you are legally powerless in this situation, I hope that you will continue to be a stabilizing influence in your daughters' lives, because it appears they are going to need one.

DEAR ABBY: I am married, with a 12-year-old daughter. We share a three-bedroom apartment with a lady who is a friend of the family. She is always doing dishes, even though I have repeatedly requested that she not do so.

When she does the dishes, more than half of them are still dirty. What should I do about this? Continue to rewash them? It seems like a waste of effort and water.

— FRUSTRATED IN WASHINGTON

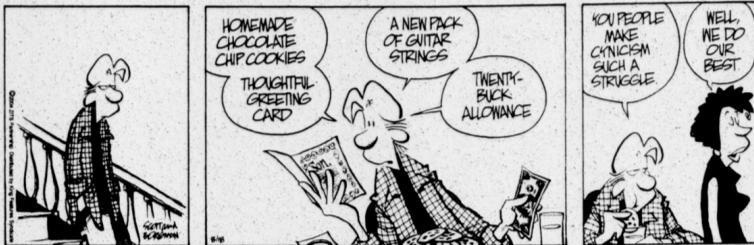
DEAR FRUSTRATED: Try this: Assign another chore to this well-intentioned but vision-challenged lady. That way she will feel like she's doing something useful -- and you won't have to worry about sanitation.

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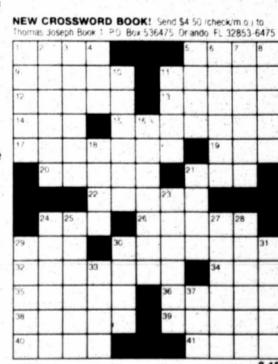
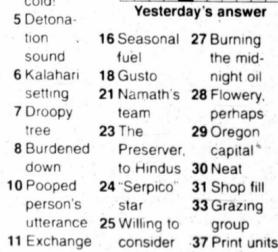
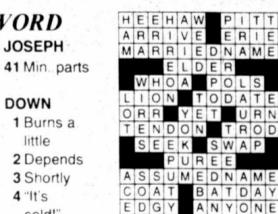
Crossword Puzzle

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS 41 Min. parts

- 1 Baby's place
- 5 Baby's outcry
- 9 Painter
- 11 Director
- 12 Warning
- 13 Our home
- 14 Vault arch
- 15 Easily
- 17 Stop working
- 19 Swindle
- 20 Take the wrong way?
- 21 Mouth mover
- 22 Canyon of comics
- 24 Poker prize
- 26 Illuminated
- 29 Dupe
- 30 Drunk
- 32 Like some straights
- 34 Summer sign
- 35 Creased
- 36 "Cool!"
- 38 Dictionary bit
- 39 Before
- 40 State of mind



Marmaduke



"He'll be back when the popcorn stops popping."

The Family Circus



"I wonder if the angels ever play connect-the-stars."

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Sports Day



Among the best

Aaron Holmes of Hugoton, Kan., took part in the 2004 Babe Ruth All Star Classic in Ulysses, Kan., Aug. 15. Holmes and his parents are former Pampa residents. His grandparents, Larry and Darlene Holmes and Aubrey and Mary McCord still reside in Pampa.

Biker sought in boxer's death

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Central Texas law officers reportedly want to question a member of the Bandidos in connection with the stabbing death of retired boxing champion Robert Quiroga, who had associated with members of the motor-cycle club.

Quiroga, the first San Antonio boxer to win a major world title, was found covered in blood from multiple stab wounds in the driveway of a house this week.

Police who spoke on condition of anonymity told the San Antonio Express-News in Wednesday's online edition that a witness said Quiroga had been inside the house hours earlier and that his killer belonged to the Bandidos. Authorities are now searching for that man, according to the report.

Quiroga, who beat Juan Polo-Perez in 1990 in England, winning the International Boxing Federation super flyweight title, was pronounced dead Monday morning at University Hospital in San Antonio.

A rosary was scheduled for 7 p.m. Thursday at Holy Rosary Catholic Church. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at

Holy Rosary, followed by the burial in San Fernando Cemetery No. 2.

The 34-year-old Quiroga, who held the International Boxing Federation's junior bantamweight title from 1990 to 1993, grew up on San Antonio's West Side and maintained ties to the neighborhood, including friends who joined the Bandidos.

But Quiroga's mother said an invitation to join the club resulted from the way her gregarious son easily made friends. Elidia Solis said she told her son: "You don't want to belong. You want to be your own individual."

Friends said the only real link between the Bandidos and the ex-boxer was a love of Harley-Davidson motorcycles. Quiroga's black Ford F-150 pickup was a Harley-Davidson edition and his bike, bought in November from Javelina Harley-Davidson in Boerne for about \$17,000, was a black Springer Soft Tail.

"As long as the weather was good, he was on it," said Kyle Lewis, one of several co-workers at the Red McCombs Ford dealership on Interstate 10.

'You don't want to belong. You want to be your own individual.'

— Elidia Solis
Mother

Crayton making impression on Cowboys

By STEPHEN HAWKINS
AP Sports Writer

OXNARD, Calif. (AP) — Patrick Crayton had never seen a Dallas Cowboys game in person — until he was on the field playing for the team he grew up watching on television.

There were more than 70,000 fans in the stands. That was nearly three times as many people who watched Crayton's 13 games combined last season as a senior at NAIA Northwestern Oklahoma.

The seventh-round pick, a kid with huge hands and seemingly unlimited confidence, didn't wilt in the spotlight.

"I'll tell you what I liked the most, he didn't act like he had stage fright," Cowboys coach Bill Parcells said. "He just went out there and started playing."

Parcells warns people about being instant evaluators, but Crayton certainly has made an impression in the first 2 1/2 weeks of training camp. The college quarterback has shown versatility, making a solid transition so far to being a receiver.

In the exhibition opener Saturday night at Houston, Crayton had one catch for 26 yards. He also returned four punts for a 13-yard average, with a long of 26.

Crayton wasn't nervous. He was just playing football.

"It's confidence," Crayton said. "I know it's a different stage than what we're used to

in college. A lot of Division I guys came from 70,000, 80,000-seat stadiums. I guess they would expect me to be the most nervous. ... It's just more people."

In college, Crayton was a quarterback, a receiver and a kick returner who amassed 5,688 all-purpose yards over four seasons. That included 3,718 yards in total offense with 46 touchdowns — 17 passing, 17 receiving, 10 punt returns and two kickoff returns.

The Cowboys got him with the 216th overall pick in April, the kind of versatile player and late-round pick Parcells has had success with in the past.

"I want to be wherever they need me," Crayton said.

Catching the ball isn't really a problem, especially with his oversized hands that stretch nearly 10 1/2 inches from pinkie to thumb. He's obviously got enough speed.

Crayton just has to keep learning the Cowboys offense, and sharpening his pass routes. His time as a quarterback certainly helps.

"It helped a whole lot knowing most positions and knowing where the quarterback is going to look for you to be, and reading defenses," Crayton said. "The main thing is getting comfortable with the offense. Then you can play full speed and be relaxed."

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Teixeria hits for cycle as Rangers romp, Walker clubs Grand Slam

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American League

Mark Teixeira needed only a single to hit for the cycle, and his Texas Rangers teammates wanted to see him make some baseball history.

"They were kidding me, telling me to trip over first base if I hit one into the gap," Teixeira said.

Teixeira lined a clean single to center off Cliff Bartosh, becoming the second player in Rangers history — and first in more than 19 years — to hit for the cycle, leading Texas to a 16-4 home victory over Cleveland on Tuesday night.

"I just wanted to swing at a good pitch," said Teixeira, who went 4-for-5 and drove in a career-high seven runs. "I didn't want to get myself out on my last at-bat."

He also hit a two-run double in the third, a three-run homer in the fourth and a two-run triple in the fifth. It was the club's first cycle since Oddibe McDowell accomplished the feat on July 23, 1985, against the Indians at Arlington Stadium.

"This gave us a chance to relax," said Kevin Mench, who fell a triple short of also hitting for the cycle. "(The game) was a part of history."

Teixeira is the fifth player to hit for the cycle this season, joining Milwaukee's Chad Moeller, Pittsburgh's Daryle Ward, Philadelphia's David Bell and the New York Mets' Eric Valent.

Teixeira left for a pinch-runner after his single, leaving to a standing ovation from the crowd of 24,864 with his team ahead 16-1. He showed little emotion as he came off the field.

"Anytime you're up 16-1, you never want to show the other team up, show too

much on the field," Teixeira said. "I was definitely happy and excited inside, but you don't want to be celebrating in a situation like that."

In other American League games, it was: Tampa Bay 8, Anaheim 3; Seattle 16, Kansas City 3; Oakland 11, Baltimore 0; Boston 5, Toronto 4; Minnesota 8, New York 2; and Detroit 11, Chicago 8.

National League

Larry Walker has learned quickly that St. Louis Cardinals' fans know how to celebrate.

Tony Womack scored the go-ahead run on a bases-loaded walk from Danny Graves in the eighth inning and Walker hit the next pitch for a grand slam in the Cardinals' 7-2 victory over the Cincinnati Reds on Tuesday night.

Walker has three homers and is hitting .370 in nine games with St. Louis, which acquired the 1997 NL MVP from Colorado on Aug. 6. He earned his first curtain call with the Cardinals.

"I was pushed out of the dugout to get out there, not sure knowing what to do," said Walker, who hit his sixth career slam. "It was fun to go out there, it was fun to win, it was fun to hear the crowd get as loud as they were."

The NL Central leaders are 13-2 against the Reds this season and will try to complete a three-game sweep Wednesday night. St. Louis opened a 15-game lead over second-place Chicago — the Cardinals' largest advantage since Aug. 10, 1968, a year they won the NL pennant.

In other National League games, it was: San Francisco 5, Montreal 4; San Diego 11, Atlanta 6; Milwaukee 3, Chicago 1; Los Angeles 6, Florida 1; Houston 5, Philadelphia 0; Colorado 6, New York 4; and Pittsburgh 7, Arizona 1.

'I just wanted to swing at a good pitch. I didn't want to get myself out on my last at-bat.'

— Mark Teixeira
Infielder, Texas Rangers

TIME TO COWBOY UP

Rodeo set for Labor Day weekend

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

The 60th Annual Cal Farley's Boys Ranch Rodeo is just around the corner, as is the 5th Annual Old Tascosa Rendezvous.

The Old Tascosa Rendezvous is scheduled for 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. September 3, and 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. September 4-5. The rendezvous offers a glimpse into the past with historical re-enactors displaying their wares in primitive campsites and teepees typical of the 1800s.

The rodeo is scheduled for September 4-

5, at 2:30 p.m. each day and will feature participants from both Cal Farley's Boys Ranch and Cal Farley's Girlstown, USA, competing for buckles and saddles in events like pole bending, barrel racing, bull riding, bull fighting and bronc bustin'.

Younger contestants will be taking part in mutton bustin' and stick horse barrel races.

A barbecue lunch will be served each day prior to the rodeo. The lunch is free with the purchase of a rodeo ticket. Tickets are \$5 general admission and \$8 for box seats.

Call 373-6600 for additional information.

Keller edges Thorpe for team gold

ATHENS, Greece (AP) — Klete Keller held off Ian Thorpe by 12-hundredths of a second with a lunge for the wall that gave the Americans a gold medal in the 800-meter freestyle relay.

With Michael Phelps leading off, the United States bested Australia in the most thrilling race of the Athens Games night. Phelps earned his third, gold medal of the Olympics, having won the 200-meter butterfly about an hour earlier.

The 19-year-old started things right for the Americans in the relay, building about a

one-second lead, but this one will be remembered for Keller's gutsy swim against Thorpe that sent 10,000 fans into an uproar.

Phelps and the other U.S. swimmers, Ryan Lochte and Peter Vanderkaay, hopped up and down on the deck as Keller dug for home. When he touched first — his hand just ahead of Thorpe's — Phelps showed more emotion than he has at the entire Olympics. The teenager threw up his arms and screamed "Yeaahhh!" toward the jubilant American contingent in the stands.

America pays price for small mistakes

ATHENS, Greece (AP) — She was shaking her hips, twirling her hands, letting that high-wattage smile shine and turning the arena into her own little disco.

Then, oops ... Courtney Kupets bobbed a bit during a routine dance move.

Anyone looking away for a second would've missed it. Too bad gymnastics judges are always paying attention.

Mistakes, both big and small, were the difference between silver and gold Tuesday night. A tenth by a tenth, the Americans kept losing points. When it was over, Romania had won its second straight Olympic gold medal and the United States had taken silver.

"We wanted to win, but they did a good job, and they deserved it," Kupets said. "It's not bad winning silver at the Olympics."

Had a few things gone differently, though, first place could have been theirs.

But Carly Patterson got hung up on the uneven bars, forced to muscle her way out of a huge mistake and clipping her foot against the lower bar as she tried to save the routine.

Mohini Bhardwaj wobbled a bit on the balance beam.

Terin Humphrey took a little step backward when she jumped off the beam after an otherwise clean routine.

The United States lost by 0.699 points in what Bela Karolyi, the husband of American team coordinator Martha, called the best international meet he'd seen in 20 years.

"We made small mistakes," Karolyi said. "Small mistakes are to be paid for. And we paid."

Russia, led by Svetlana Khorkina, took the bronze medal and shared hugs and kisses to celebrate third place.

The Americans didn't look nearly as happy watching Romania close the night on the floor. Patterson, Kupets and company sat stoically at one end of the arena, and gave perfunctory applause to the clutch efforts put in by Oana Ban, Daniela Sofronie and the Romanian star of the night, Catalina Ponor.

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Olympic Medal Table

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Through Aug. 17
50 medal events

Country	G	S	B	Tot
United States	6	7	6	19
China	10	6	2	18
Australia	6	3	5	14
Russia	2	5	5	12
Japan	6	2	1	9
France	2	2	4	8
Italy	2	3	2	7
Ukraine	4	0	1	5
Netherlands	0	2	3	5
Germany	1	2	1	4
South Korea	1	1	2	4
Cuba	0	0	4	4
Greece	2	0	1	3
Romania	2	0	1	3
Turkey	2	0	1	3
Hungary	1	1	1	3
Thailand	1	0	2	3
North Korea	0	2	1	3
Austria	0	2	0	2
Poland	0	2	0	2
Britain	0	1	1	2
Slovakia	0	1	1	2
Zimbabwe	0	1	1	2
Belgium	0	0	2	2
Brazil	0	0	2	2
Bulgaria	0	0	2	2
South Africa	1	0	0	1
Switzerland	1	0	0	1
United Arab Emirates	1	0	0	1
Georgia	0	1	0	1
India	0	1	0	1
Indonesia	0	1	0	1
Portugal	0	1	0	1
Serbia-Montenegro	0	1	0	1
Spain	0	1	0	1
Argentina	0	0	1	1
Canada	0	0	1	1
Colombia	0	0	1	1
Czech Republic	0	0	1	1
Mongolia	0	0	1	1
Slovenia	0	0	1	1

United States 77, Greece 71

ATHENS, Greece (AP) — Tim Duncan had fouled out, Allen Iverson was playing with a broken thumb, and Greece had a chance to pull within two points with 18 seconds left.

Lamar Odom defended the play perfectly for the Americans, keeping his hand high and preventing Dimitris Papanikolaou from getting a clean layup attempt. Odom, playing despite severe dehydration, rebounded the miss and made two free throws to lock up the U.S. team's 77-71 victory Tuesday night in its second game of the Olympics.

In a much closer contest than expected, the Americans bounced back from their embarrassing loss to Puerto Rico in their opener and avoided dropping to 0-2, which would have matched their loss total from the previous 68 years.

The U.S. team got the win because of big plays

from Odom and Carlos Boozer down the stretch after Duncan fouled out and Iverson cooled off following a strong start.

The game was a spectacle in many ways, from the Greek fans waving blue and white flags to U.S. coach Larry Brown angrily gesturing at the referees. A close game such as this was rare in previous Olympics, but now it appears to be something the Americans should get used to.

Iverson scored 17 points, 13 of them in the first half, and Duncan had 13 of his 14 points in a third quarter in which he picked up three fouls, setting the stage for a tight fourth quarter.

It was 64-61 when Duncan returned with 5:46 left, and 67-63 when he fouled out about two minutes later on a questionable loose-ball foul call that left him staring in disbelief and Brown pointing in anger at the official.



Here kitty, kitty

Dylan Cain, left, shows off the eight pound channel catfish he took recently at Lake McClellan. His father, Tracy Cain, holds the 10 pound blue catfish he caught. Both were caught on minnows.

USC player under investigation

LOS ANGELES (AP) — At least one member of the top-ranked Southern California football team is under investigation for sexual assault, the Los Angeles Police Department said.

The assault allegedly occurred Monday morning,

according to Officer Esther Reyes, a police spokeswoman.

She declined to elaborate. Neither police nor the university would identify which player or players were involved.

Sprinters withdraw from games

ATHENS, Greece (AP) — Greek sprinters Kostas Kenteris and Katerina Thanou withdrew Wednesday from the Athens Games, nearly a week after they missed a drug test and were later hospitalized following a suspicious motorcycle crash.

"I'm withdrawing from the Olympics," Kenteris said after meeting with the International Olympic Committee's disciplinary commission.

He also said he cut ties with his coach, Christos Tsekos, who had been suspended by the Greek Olympic Committee, along with the two runners.

His announcement had no bearing on the hearing. The IOC's executive board met to discuss whether the two were guilty of doping violations and should be expelled. A decision was

expected later Wednesday.

Kenteris, the reigning 200-meter Olympic champion, is the country's most celebrated athlete and was Greece's best hope for gold in track at the Athens Games. He was considered a leading candidate to light the Olympic cauldron during the opening ceremony, but a Greek windsurfing champion got the honor instead.

The scandal overshadowed the games' opening ceremony and shamed a nation in one of its most eagerly awaited moments.

"I declared all the facts of my case which state that I am innocent," Kenteris said. "I was never informed that I had to attend a doping test at the Olympic Village."

Thanou was the 100-meter silver medalist in Sydney four years ago.

Tuesday's Major League box scores

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AMERICAN LEAGUE

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Boston 110 200 001 — 5 8 7

Lilly, Frederick (8), Speier (9) and Zaun, Cash (8); PMartinez, Timlin (8), MMyers (8), Foulke (9) and Varitek. W—Foulke 3-3. L—Frederick 0-2. HRs—Toronto, VWells (14), Hinske (11), Boston, Damon (14), Varitek (15).

Oakland 000 016 220 — 11 13 0
Baltimore 000 000 000 — 0 5 0

THudson and Melhuse; RLopez, Parrish (6), Williams (6), Rodriguez (8) and JVLopez, Machado (8). W—THudson 8-4. L—RLopez 10-8. HRs—Oakland, Byrnes (18), Dye (19), Hatteberg (14), Melhuse (7).

Anaheim 001 020 000 — 3 9 0
Tampa Bay 101 030 03x — 8 9 1

KEscobar, Donnelly (5), Gregg (7) and JMolina; Brazelton, Colome (6), DBaez (9) and THall. W—Brazelton 5-4. L—KEscobar 7-9. HRs—Anaheim, Erstad (5), Tampa Bay, Upton (1).

New York 000 001 010 — 2 9 2
Minnesota 021 010 22x — 8 13 0

JVazquez, Nitkowski (7), Proctor (7) and Posada; Radke, JRincon (8), Romero (9) and HBlanco. W—Radke 8-6. L—JVazquez 13-7. HRs—New York, Sheffield (28), Minnesota, Morneau (11), Koskie (18).

Cleveland 010 000 003 — 4 9 1
Texas 023 740 00x — 16 17 0

CILee, RiWhite (4), Bartosh (6), Miller (8) and VMartinez, Laker (6); Erickson, Brocail (7) and Laird. W—Erickson 1-2. L—CILee 10-5. Sv—Brocail (1). HRs—Texas,

Teixeira (29), Mench (17), Matthews (10).

Seattle 162 001 402 — 16 20 1
Kansas City 010 000 002 — 3 8 2

Madritsch, Hasegawa (8), Nageotte (9) and Olivo; May, Kinney (3), Vasquez (6), Cerda (9) and Buck. W—Madritsch 3-0. L—May 9-13. HRs—Seattle, ISuzuki (6), BBoone 2 (17).

Detroit 130 230 002 — 11 15 2
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Vogelsong, Meadows (8), Corey (9) and Kendall; Randolph, Cormier (4), Fetters (8), Koplove (9) and Hill, Brito (5). W—Vogelsong 4-9. L—Randolph 2-3. HRs—Pittsburgh, CWilson (22), Wigginton (13), Arizona, Terrero (1).

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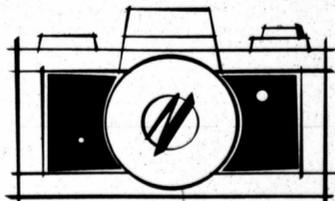
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Crayton

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Things are going good so far, but Crayton doesn't yet have a permanent star on his helmet. That's something Dallas rookies get only for exhibition games and when they make the final roster.

And while Parcells is talking positively about him, Crayton knows that alone isn't enough.

"It means they are taking some notice. I'm kind of opening eyes," Crayton said. "I want to get them to where they are open as an elephant's trunk nose or something, get them wide. I want them to say OK, we can give him the ball when we need a play. I want them to get that."

There are some similarities between Crayton and Woody Dantzler, an undrafted college quarterback who

was a returner, running back and even a safety for Dallas before being released at the end of Parcells' first camp.

But there is one big difference for Crayton.

"He has a more defined role as a player than Dantzler did," Parcells said. "He has a chance to be a receiver. With Woody, it was a question about what he could be."

Extra points: Parcells said he has not been contacted about making any deposition in the grievance filed by the NFL Players Association against the Cowboys over the unexplained Aug. 4 release of QB Quincy Carter. ... QB Vinny Testaverde will start Saturday night's preseason game at Oakland. But instead of trying to play both Drew Henson and Tony Romo after that, Parcells may use one of them this week and the other the next game. The coach didn't indicate which would play after Testaverde this week.

Mistakes

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A few minutes later, the U.S. girls turned on the spin cycle.

Sure, they said, everyone was happy to win a medal. No, there's no shame finishing second to a powerhouse like Romania. And remember, this was lots better than the last Olympics, when the program left Sydney in disarray after finishing fourth, without a single medal for the first time since 1976.

All of it was true. But the Americans were the defending world champions. They hadn't lost a meet in nearly two years. Martha Karolyi hand-picked this team to perform under the pressure of the world's biggest stage. She preached perfection without end, and on the day the United States needed it most, perfection was nowhere to be seen.

"We do all we can do to put these girls under pressure during our selection process," Karolyi said of the controversial, somewhat secret system she put in place. "But anything you do is still not the Olympic games — there's always more pressure."

The Americans did manage to come through on many counts. Bhardwaj wasn't scheduled to perform on beam, but went out on short notice after Kupets decided to sit due to a pulled hamstring that had been bugging her for weeks. Bhardwaj scored a 9.4 and coach Kelli Hill called it a "phenomenal performance" given the cir-

cumstances.

Might things have been different if Kupets had pulled herself from the floor, too? Or what if she had gone on the beam? Those questions will forever be in the "What If?" file.

"It was her choice," Hill said. "She felt like it was bothering her on beam, but not on floor."

Patterson recovered from the busted bars routine to dazzle on the floor in the final U.S. routine of the night. She exploded off the mat, hit all her landings and even drew the attention of Khorkina, who went up to her after the meet, jokingly talking about the show-down they'll have in the all-around on Thursday.

Patterson scored a 9.662, matching America's highest score of the night, but it was too late.

The Romanians came to the floor next needing to average 9.35 over the three routines. In football terms, that's like asking a kicker to make an extra point with the game on the line — practically automatic.

Ponor was the perfect closer. She brought the fans to their feet with one of the finest routines of the night. Her teammates were hugging each other and crying before her music stopped, and Ponor sprinted off the mat with a grin on her face. Even Bela Karolyi, a native Romanian, had to applaud.

"I'm happy because these children have a crown, a medal," said Romanian coach Octavian Belu, who took Karolyi's place when the Karolyis defected.

The Americans have a medal, too. It's just a different color.

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Medical experts fear aftermath of Hurricane Charley

PUNTA GORDA, Fla. (AP) — Bill Nylander survived Hurricane Charley, but the storm still managed to hurt him days after it cut a swath of destruction through his hometown.

Nylander burned his leg while trying to repair his sun-scorched roof. The 68-year-old retiree needed treatment Tuesday at a medical center set up in four tents outside a hospital closed for repairs.

Until the electricity hums again and the debris is cleared, health officials are worried that there could be more deaths and injuries in the aftermath of Hurricane Charley than during the storm itself.

"We're seeing lacerations, injuries post-hurricane," said Karen Mulvaney, a critical care nurse. "A lot of people are coming here now because people are now returning to their homes."

In addition to injuries suffered during repairs, residents are being sickened by eating spoiled food and contaminated water. They are skipping their prescription drugs and, with no air conditioning and with window screens blown away, exposing themselves to mosquitoes carrying diseases such as West Nile virus.

"It really gets back to getting electricity as soon as possible because that's going to solve a lot of problems," said Tommy Thompson, secretary of the U.S. Department

of Health and Human Services. "Right now there are a lot of heart attacks in people who are going out and cleaning out their property."

On Wednesday, Sanibel Island was reopened to permanent residents for the first time since it was evacuated before the hurricane. Roads had been cleared of storm debris but there was no power or drinkable water on the barrier island of about 6,000 residents.

Michael Brown, director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, said Wednesday that Charley's 145 mph wind could have destroyed even more homes if not for the stronger building codes enacted after Hurricane Andrew 12 years ago over the objection of some contractors, who said they were too costly. He described seeing new buildings that were relatively

undamaged next to older buildings that were destroyed.

"Governor (Jeb) Bush said it best — if anyone in Florida starts minimizing the building code, that idea should have been obliterated by Charley," Brown said.

The U.S. death toll rose Tuesday from 19 to 20, when an 86-year-old man who had evacuated his home fell and died in a motel. Officials in Charlotte County said three new deaths may be linked to the aftermath of Charley — victims of a crash Monday at an intersection where the traffic lights were not working. Charley also killed four people in Cuba and one in Jamaica.

For thousands of Floridians, Tuesday was a day when services cut off by Charley's rampage Friday were being gradually restored and federal disaster assistance money began flowing.

'We're seeing lacerations, injuries post-hurricane.'

— Karen Mulvaney
Critical care nurse

Judge: Probable cause existed to search ranch

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Child molestation allegations by a 12-year-old boy provided authorities with legal justification for a massive search of Michael Jackson's Neverland Ranch last year, a judge ruled, rejecting defense efforts to challenge the search as illegal.

In his ruling Tuesday, Superior Court Judge Rodney Melville short-cir-

cuitied a plan by Jackson's lawyers to call multiple witnesses in an effort to show that prosecutors had insufficient information to justify the invasion of Jackson's estate last November.

Defense attorney Steve Cochran had argued that authorities "relied on a lot of pontificating" from people without sufficient expertise.

"The point was to smear my client, to make it appear

there was a menace to society out there whose house needed to be searched immediately," he argued.

Deputy District Attorney Ron Zonen said the only thing that could invalidate the search would be significant misrepresentations on the search warrant.

Those, he said, were not present, and the judge agreed.

Melville conceded that

there may have been "some relevant omissions," but he concluded: "There was probable cause to believe Michael Jackson had committed the offenses based on the statements of the minor witness."

The judge said he was basing his ruling on extensive written briefs, most of which he has sealed from public view.

NJ governor weathers storm, Corzine looks at possible run

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TRENTON, N.J. (AP) — As pressure mounts on both sides of the political aisle for Gov. James E. McGreevey to step down before his self-imposed deadline, U.S. Sen. Jon Corzine has begun to explore the idea of running

we're going," Codey said. By staying in office beyond Sept. 3, McGreevey would stave off the need for a special election to fill the balance of his term, which expires in January 2006.

McGreevey, 47, announced his resignation nearly a week ago, stunning the political establishment with the news that he was gay and had an adulterous affair with a man.

Former Republican Gov. Christie Whitman added her voice to the chorus of those demanding McGreevey step down immediately.

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— David Wald
Corzine spokesman

to replace the embattled governor.

Corzine was discussing the possibility of being the party's candidate in a special election with state Democratic leaders Tuesday and gauging support from special interest groups, according to two sources who spoke on condition of anonymity; one was from within the party and another was familiar with the calls.

The Star-Ledger of Newark reported that he began the process at state Senate President Richard Codey's home. He then spent the rest of the day in talks with

Democrats split on whether McGreevey should quit now.

"There's obviously a decision to be made. There are people out there saying, 'Jon Corzine should be our candidate.' It is something he is considering," Corzine spokesman David Wald told the newspaper in Wednesday's editions.

Wald said Corzine would not pressure McGreevey, a fellow Democrat, to leave before his Nov. 15 deadline.

"We still have a governor. Jon Corzine is not pushing McGreevey to get out," Wald said.

Codey said little about the meeting he had with Corzine.

"I spoke to Jon about the government and where

done," she said.

McGreevey on Tuesday continued to resist renewed pressure to leave before November, and administration officials discounted charges that he could not effectively govern between now and then.

"Everybody who knows Gov. McGreevey knows he is a hard worker; he's been anxious to get back to work," spokesman Micah Rasmussen said.

McGreevey spent Tuesday meeting with cabinet members and his homeland security advisers and working on plans to hand

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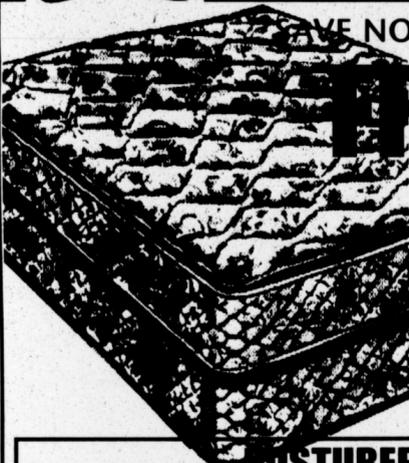
— Christie Whitman
Former Republican Governor

over his administration to Codey, who will take over as acting governor.

If there is an election, several Republicans have expressed an interest in running, and party leaders are looking to veterans like Whitman or Tom Kean, a former two-term governor.

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