

Obituaries

Esther Fay Ferguson, 91

Esther Fay Ferguson, 91, of Miami, Texas, died Tuesday, July 12, 2005, at Amarillo, Texas.

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

Mrs. Ferguson was born April 21, 1914, in Ellis County, Okla. She married C.W. "Ferg" Ferguson on May 3, 1936, in Miami. He preceded her in death on Feb. 7, 1996. She and her husband farmed near Riverton, Wyo., for 12 years before returning to Miami in 1962. They owned and operated Ferg's Cafe until their retirement in 1990.

She and her husband built the Ferg & Esther Ferguson Addition and the Dugout at the Roberts County Museum. She was a member of the Miami Church of Christ. She was especially fond of her grandchildren and

great-grandchildren.

Survivors include one daughter, Lynda Shelton and husband Bob of Amarillo; one son, Max Ferguson and wife Carol of Riverton, Wyo.; three grandchildren, Max Seymour and wife Krystal, and Melvin Seymour and wife Robbie, all of Amarillo, and Judi Shinkle and husband Scott of Rock Springs, Wyo.; and five great-grandchildren, Katelyn Seymour, Cameron Seymour, and Allison Seymour, all of Amarillo, and Devin Shinkle and Amanda Shinkle, both of Rock Springs, Wyo.

The family requests memorials be to Olivia's Angels, c/o BSA Hospice, P.O. Box 950, Amarillo, TX 79176.

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The following grain quotations are provided by Aitebury Grain of Pampa.

Wheat 2.98
Milo 3.38
Corn 4.25
Soybeans 5.97

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

Oxy \$1.60 +0.37
BP PLC ADR 65.94 -0.49

Cabot Corp 33.44 -0.20
Cabot Oil Gas 38.74 -0.14
Coca Cola 42.69 -0.08
VLO 85.16 +0.56
HAL 48.65 -0.17
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Gray County Weather

Today: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1 p.m. Partly cloudy, with a high around 92. South wind around 5 mph becoming east.

Tonight: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 67. East wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Wednesday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 91. East-northeast wind around 5 mph.

Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low near 66. East-northeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south-south-east.

Thursday: Partly cloudy, with a high around 94. Southeast wind around 5 mph.

Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 67. Southeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Friday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 93. Southeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 67. South-southeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Saturday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 93. South wind between 5 and 15 mph.
Saturday Night:

Killer

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Reno said. "Erase all knowledge of him."

Rader, 60, pleaded guilty last month to killing 10 people in the Wichita area from 1974 to 1991. He called himself BTK, for "Bind, Torture, Kill," and sent taunting messages to police about the crimes — the same messages that eventually led to his arrest in February.

The Web site of the company auctioning the home didn't mention the case, but the site drew thousands of hits, and inquiries came from around the country. Since Rader's arrest, curiosity seekers have routinely driven down his street.

The home's assessed value is \$56,700. Rader's family accepted the \$90,000 bid, but what happens to the proceeds may ultimately be up to the courts. At least three wrongful-death lawsuits have been filed by relatives of the victims. The latest lawsuit was filed Monday by Steven Relford, who was locked in a bathroom while his mother was strangled.

The three-bedroom home, built in 1954, does not stand out among others on the street, but Lonny McCurdy, whose company conducted the auction, said the house is well-maintained.

Emergency Services

Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents and arrests today.

Monday, July 11

Twelve traffic stops were made. Traffic complaints were received from the 1400 block of North Hobart, the 2700 block of Navajo, the intersection of 25th and Navajo streets, Highway 60 East, and the 500 block of West McCullough.

Hit and run accidents were reported in the 1000 block of West Harvester and the 100 block of North Nelson.

Civil matters were reported in the 100 block of North Nelson, the 100 block of North Ballard, the 1300 block of Coffee, the 700 block of West Brown, and the 300 block of Davis.

Warrant service was attempted at four locations.

Law enforcement assistance was rendered in the 200 block of North Russell.

A welfare check was made in the 1200 block of North Hobart.

One business alarm was reported.

Suspicious persons were reported in the 1600 block of West Somerville, the 300 block of North Hobart, the 400 block of East Frederic, and the 1100 block of Varnon Drive.

A prowler was reported in the 600 block of North Gray.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 2100 block of North Faulkner. Tires were flattened on a vehicle in the 2000 block of North Faulkner, resulting in an

estimated \$280 damage.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 100 block of North Nelson. Tires were slashed on a camper.

Criminal trespass was reported in the police department lobby and in the 600 block of Magnolia.

Disorderly conduct/other was reported in the 1300 block of East Francis, the 1100 block of East Francis, and the intersection of 18th and Coffee streets.

A silent/abusive 911 call was received from the 800 block of East Craven.

Violation of a city ordinance concerning fireworks was reported at the intersection of Beryl and Jean streets.

A runaway was reported in the 100 block of South Dwight.

A narcotic drug law violation was reported in the 800 block of South Hobart.

Assault by threat was reported in the 300 block of North Dwight.

Identity theft was reported in the police department lobby.

Theft was reported in the police department lobby. A license plate was stolen.

Theft was reported in the 1100 block of South Banks. A car battery was taken.

Theft was reported in the 900 block of Cinderella.

Attempted burglary was reported in the 1500 block of North Dwight.

Burglary of a habitation was reported in the 1500 block of Oklahoma.

Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle was reported in the police department

lobby. Telephone harassment was reported in the 1300 block of Coffee.

Evaristo Jimenez, 26, 909 E. Gordon, was arrested in the 800 block of South Hobart for manufacture and delivery of over four grams of a controlled substance.

Tuesday, July 12

Tamara Price, 18, Lefors, was arrested in the 1100 block of Varnon Drive for possession of drug paraphernalia.

Sheriff

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

Monday, July 11

Billy Dale Bush, 49, 833 Gordon, turned himself in for driving while intoxicated.

Ambulance

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

Monday, July 11

9:51 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 700 block of Deane Drive and transported a patient(s) to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

1:44 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to 8000 County Road 10 and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

10:30 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1900 block of Hamilton and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

Leak

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revealed the name of Valerie Plame to the news media.

The revelation about Rove prompted Democratic calls for President Bush to follow through on his promise to fire leakers of Plame's identity, and triggered 61 questions during two press briefings Monday by McClellan.

It was McClellan who provided the previous assurances about no role for Rove, but he refused to repeat those assurances Monday.

"Did Karl Rove commit a crime?" a reporter asked McClellan.

"This is a question relating to an ongoing investigation," McClellan replied.

McClellan gave the same answer when asked whether President Bush has confidence in Rove, the architect of the president's successful political campaigns.

The investigation was ongoing in 2003 when McClellan assured the public Rove wasn't involved, a reporter pointed out, but the spokesman refused to elaborate.

In September and October 2003, McClellan said he had spoken directly with Rove about the matter and that "he was not

involved" in leaking Plame's identity to the news media. McClellan said at the time: "The president knows that Karl Rove wasn't involved," "It was a ridiculous suggestion" and "It's not true."

Rove's own public denials at the time and since have been more narrowly worded: "I didn't know her name and didn't leak her name," Rove said last year.

Democrats pressed Bush to act.

"The White House promised if anyone was involved in the Valerie Plame affair, they would no longer be in this administration," said Senate Minority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev. "I trust they will follow through on this pledge. If these allegations are true, this rises above politics and is about our national security."

Democratic consultant Paul Begala, appearing on ABC's "Good Morning America" Tuesday, said Rove has both a legal problem and a political problem.

He said the legal issue should be resolved by the grand jury. Begala also said the White House has a political problem because "people are going to look at this crowd and say, Gee, we can't trust a thing they say after the WMD (weapons of mass destruction) controversy."

New York Times reporter Judith Miller is in jail for refusing to reveal who in the administration talked to her about Plame.

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Case

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pled guilty to manslaughter charges in connection with the Hill case and has been sentenced to 20 years in prison. She is also currently in the Lafayette County Detention Center.

Williams and Cumberland have been charged with kidnapping and murder in a two-year-old Lafayette County case in which the body of the victim, Jennifer Hyman, 24, of Oklahoma City, Okla., was found in the Tallahatchie River near Highway 7, north of Oxford, Miss.

The couple may also face charges in connection with the kidnap and murder of Samantha P. Patrick, 22, of Oklahoma City, whose body was found behind a grocery store in Yukon, Okla., on Sept. 12, 2002, according to the release.

Representatives of law enforcement agencies from several state and local jurisdictions, as well as the Federal Bureau of Investigation, attended the Oklahoma City meeting, said Sheriff Don Copeland

this morning.

The 11 homicide victims have been found in Oklahoma, Texas, Tennessee, Mississippi, Arkansas, Indiana, Pennsylvania, and New Mexico. Copeland said at a Sept. 23 press conference where he announced the identity of Anderson, who had gone unidentified until a fingerprint match was made through the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation.

Anderson, 44, of Oklahoma City, was last seen alive at the Flying J. Truck Stop in Sayre, Okla., at about 2 a.m. Oct. 16. An autopsy of Anderson's body showed death by "homicidal violence" of variable cause. It listed massive crush injuries to the abdomen and chest, with partially torn away or separated areas of the internal organs. A tire pattern injury was found on her back. Both legs were broken, and head and neck injuries were present.

"The investigation continues. We're not going to make any comments at this time," said Lt. Joe B. Hoard of the sheriff's office.

"We're diligently working on the case," Copeland said.

Business Review

B&B Pharmacy offers personal service

A small town pharmacy offers services a larger pharmacy cannot provide.

Home-owned and operated, B&B Pharmacy is dedicated to providing personal service to all of its customers. Dennis Roark and his wife Donna have owned the local pharmacy since 1988.

The pharmacy offers a full line of medical needs, including ostomy supplies. Special orders can be obtained in one day. Crutches, canes, braces and wraps are always in stock. Medical needs for sports-related injuries can also be found.

Customers at B&B Pharmacy receive personal service from the Roarks. "We try to make our customers feel comfortable and free to ask any questions they might have," said Roark.

The staff at B&B Pharmacy strive to provide the personal service a big chain cannot provide.

"We try to stay away from the personalities of a big chain where you are just a number," he said. "Drugs have some interactions that can cause serious medical problems. We welcome our customers to come to us with

any concerns about interactions with their medications. It is important to us to know them and their needs."

"If any person has questions about the over-the-counter medications and possible reactions with their prescriptions, I would be more than happy to assist them."

Long time customers know that the staff at B&B Pharmacy will do all they can to meet the needs of their customers. New customers will find the personal service appealing to them.

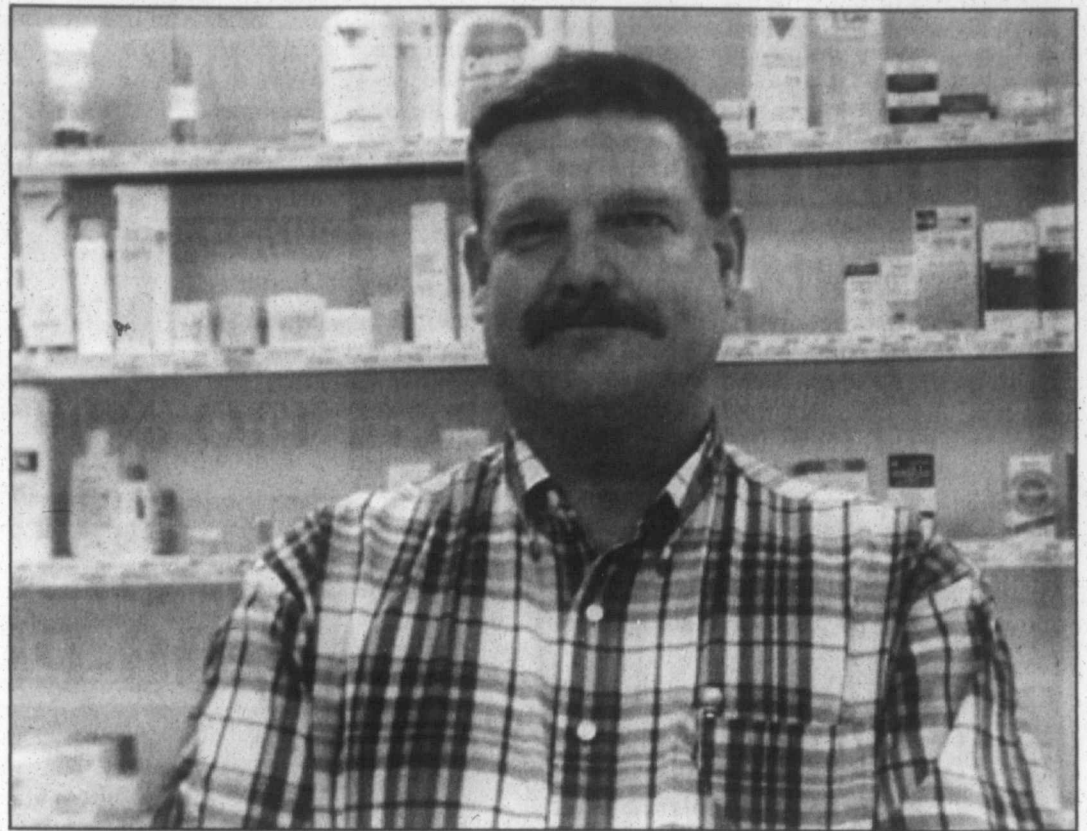
"We want to provide our customers with their needs," said Roark. "New customers are always welcome."

The store covers almost all insurance plans.

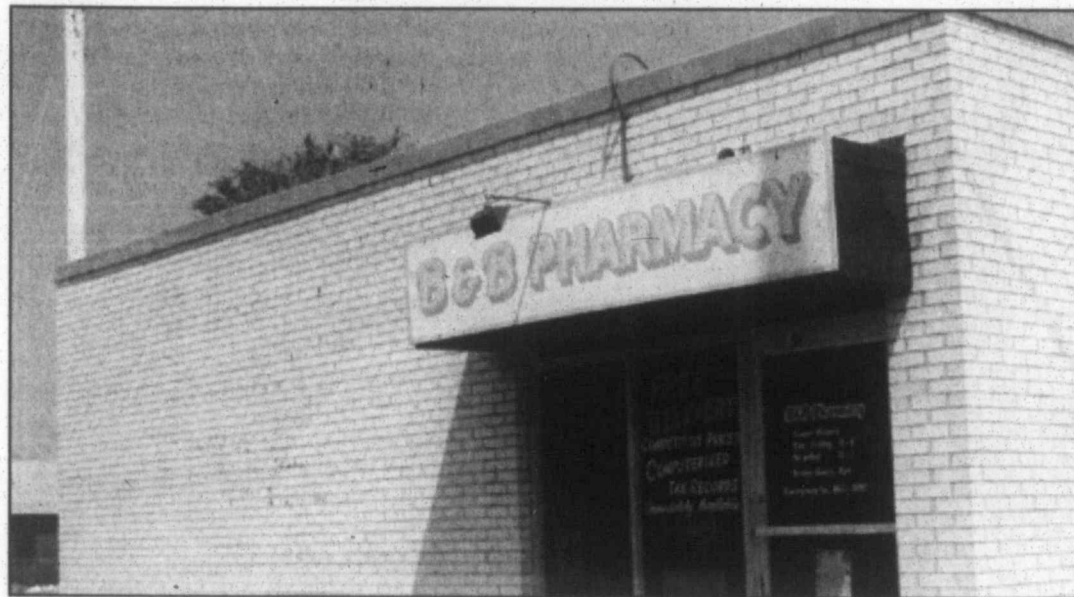
B&B also provides free prescription delivery service.

The pharmacy is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., on Saturdays. The business is closed on Sundays and holidays.

B&B Pharmacy is located at 300 N. Ballard, and their phone number is 665-5788.

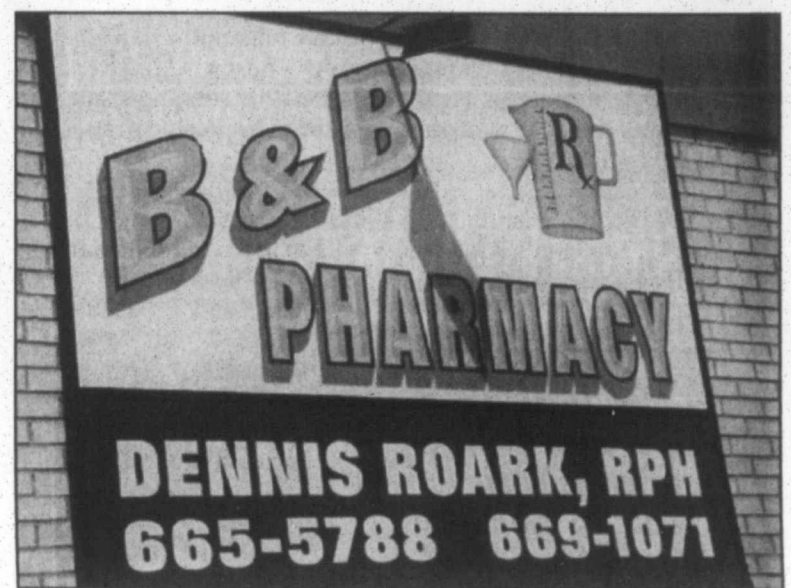


▲ Pharmacist Dennis Roark provides friendly service to customers at the local B&B Pharmacy at 300 N. Ballard. Business phone for the pharmacy is 665-5788.



▲ Located at 300 N. Ballard, B&B Pharmacy has been owned by Roark and his wife Donna since 1988. Customers at B&B Pharmacy receive personal service from the couple and their staff that a large company cannot provide.

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Viewpoints

Terror attacks acts of irrational people

Terrorists are nothing more than insane cowards.

They must be insane, or there wouldn't be so many of them engaging in suicide bombings. Suicide is often considered an act of temporary insanity.

Using a bomb to deliver a message isn't rational, either, especially if the people or organization responsible for the bombing doesn't claim credit for the act and explain the message they were trying to deliver.

It is cowardly to attack unarmed people who are merely going about their day's business. It is especially cowardly to do so anonymously.

Perhaps the person or persons responsible for the recent London bombings are just disgruntled because London was named the site of the 2012 Olympics. After all, the attack occurred suspiciously promptly after the announcement by Olympic Games officials.

If that's the reason for the bombings, someone truly needs to get a life and readjust their priorities.

Perhaps the bombings were meant to be blamed on the French, who were at the top of the list of possible hosts until the announcement named London. The French President had made some uncomplimentary

remarks about British food and other English features just before the Olympic committee's decision.

Marilyn Powers

Staff Writer

The bombings happened so quickly after the announcement, however, that they may have nothing whatsoever to do with the Olympics.

How do you fight terrorism? It is difficult and costly enough to do battle with an opponent who is identifiable and can be located. The less organized and more obscure

the attacker, the tougher it is to mount a counterattack, especially if you don't even

know for sure who you're up against or where they are.



Even if you're pretty sure who's responsible, you still have to find them. Remember Osama Bin Laden?

Some people believe that if they die in the course of attacking someone they perceive as their enemy, they will be richly rewarded in the afterlife. This belief

results in some of these people eagerly offering themselves as suicide bombers, suicide plane pilots, or suicide whatever.

This belief adds to the problem of combating terrorism. Fanaticism of any kind is another form of irrationality. It is very hard to reason with irrational people. They are absolutely convinced that they are right, and that everyone else is misguided or evil, and nothing anyone can say will shake their beliefs.

Great Britain is scrambling to cope with their recent bus and subway bombings, which claimed 52 lives at last count. They are

making repairs, recovering and identifying the dead, treating the injured, and trying to get back to normal, while remaining on the alert for any further attacks.

They are also working to find out who is responsible for the bombings. So far, however, that information remains elusive.

If and when they figure out who bombed them, Britishers will have to decide what to do next. Whatever they choose to do, not everyone in England and the British Isles will agree with that decision.

The U.S. should know. We've been there and done that.

Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, July 12, the 193rd day of 2005. There are 172 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 12, 1984, Democratic presidential candidate Walter F. Mondale announced he'd chosen U.S. Rep. Geraldine A. Ferraro of New York to be his running-mate; Ferraro was the first woman to run for vice president on a major-party ticket.

On this date:

In 100 B.C., Roman dictator Julius Caesar was born.

In 1543, England's King Henry VIII married his sixth and last wife, Catherine Parr.

In 1690, Protestant forces led by William of Orange defeated the Roman Catholic army of James II at the Battle of the Boyne in Ireland.

In 1817, naturalist-author Henry David Thoreau was born in Concord, Mass.

In 1862, Congress authorized the Medal of Honor.

In 1948, the Democratic national convention opened in Philadelphia.

In 1972, George McGovern won the Democratic presidential nomination at the party's convention in Miami Beach, Fla.

In 1977, President Carter defended Supreme Court decisions limiting government payments for poor women's abortions, saying, "There are many things in life that are not fair."

In 1985, doctors discovered what turned out to be a cancerous growth in President Reagan's large intestine, prompting surgery the following day.

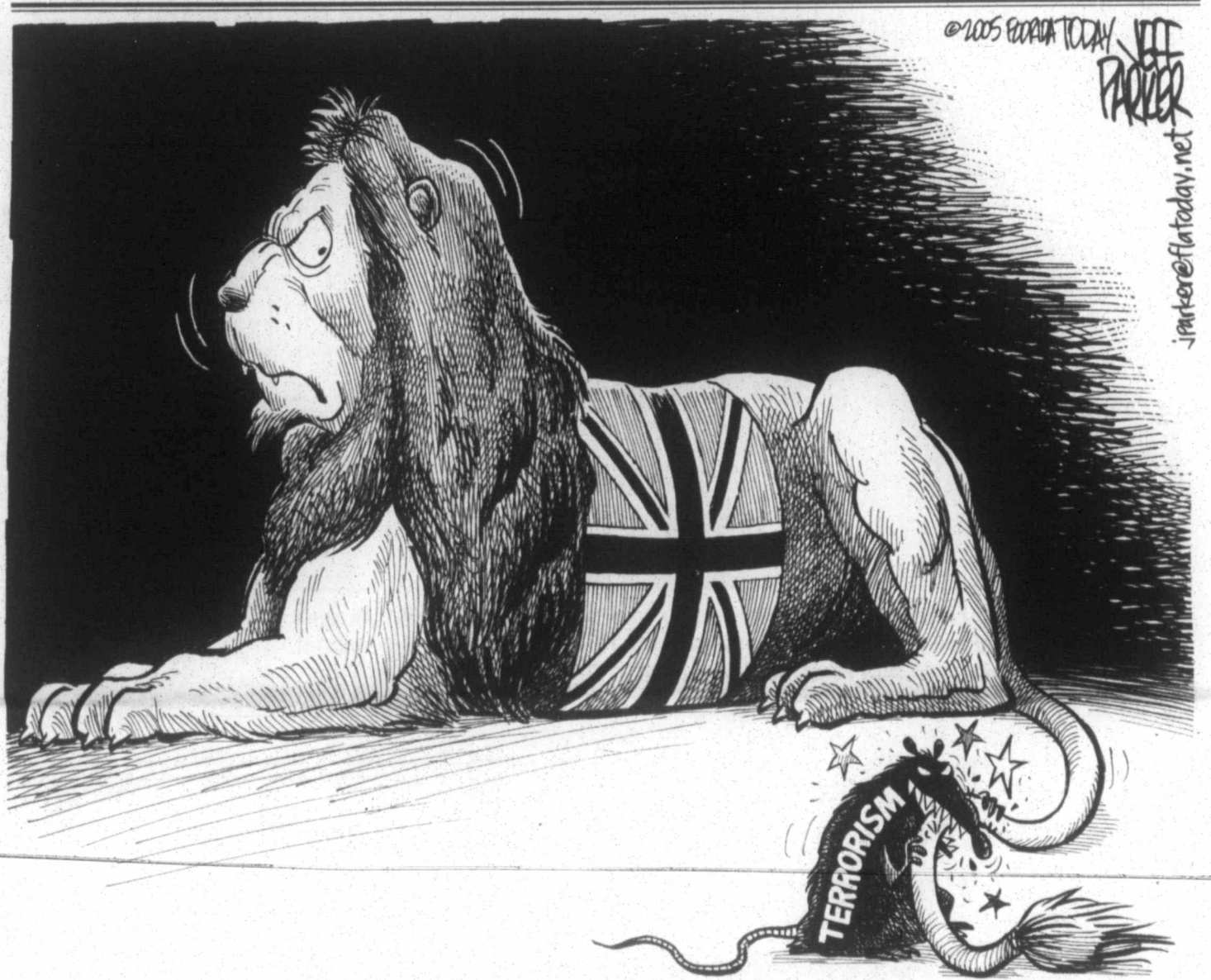
In 1993, 196 people were killed when an earthquake measuring a magnitude of 7.8 struck northern Japan.

Ten years ago: President Clinton spelled out school-prayer guidelines, asserting the First Amendment already guaranteed adequate freedom of religion.

Five years ago: In Philadelphia, a WPVI-TV news helicopter videotaped about a dozen police officers kicking and punching Thomas Jones, a wounded carjacking suspect. (Jones later pleaded guilty to carjacking and other crimes, and was sentenced to 18 to 36 years in prison; 13 police officers were later suspended for up to 15 days in connection with the incident.) New Hampshire Chief Justice David Brock was impeached by the Legislature, the first such action against an official in the state since 1790. (He was later acquitted in a state Senate trial.)

'Man is not made for society, but society is made for man. No institution can be good which does not tend to improve the individual.'

— Margaret Fuller
American social reformer (1810-1850)



Terrorists nothing but hard criminals

British Prime Minister Tony Blair and President George W. Bush went into their standard routine after the London bombings. This was an attack against civilization and all civilized nations, they said.

That's bosh and hokum, and it does a disservice to the people. The first step always in solving any problem is to define the problem correctly. There are no terrorists anywhere in the world whose goal is the destruction of civilization, Western or otherwise.

The terrorist attacks against the U.S., Great Britain and Spain are motivated exclusively by Western policies toward the Palestinian-Israeli conflict and the presence of Western military forces in Islamic

countries. Al-Qaida, the ideological source of these attacks, has always been crystal-clear and specific about its reasons for declaring war against the United States.

Now, I'm not suggesting that we suddenly comply with al-Qaida's demands. I am saying that you can't win a war unless you know who your enemy is, know why he is your enemy and know what his objectives are. Only then can you properly direct your military and political forces to combat him successfully.

Unfortunately, very early on, President Bush decided

to create a mythical enemy of vague and ambiguous proportions and irrational motives. This was done to give carte blanche to the government to pursue policies that really had nothing to do with fighting al-Qaida — e.g., invading Iraq, putting North Korea and Iran in the "axis of evil" and including groups on the enemies list that were in fact not our enemies.

The confusion this causes was illustrated by television coverage of the London attacks. Several commentators lumped together the terrorist attacks against public

transport in Moscow, Madrid and London. However, the Moscow attack had nothing to do with the attacks in Madrid and London, or with us. Moscow is fighting Chechen rebels who want independence for Chechnya. Chechen attacks against Russia, like Palestinian attacks against Israel, are not directed at us. They are motivated by specific political objectives. Chechens and Palestinians have no desire to destroy civilization; they simply wish to take their place in the family of nations as independent countries.

You can't have a war against terrorism because, as many people have pointed out, terrorism is a tactic

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Our readers write

What community is all about ...

What is a community? Aren't communities made up of people rich and poor, old and young? Our town needs to learn what one is all about.

People can just walk in your homes, yards, and garages and take what they want there — even steal baby blankets and bed sheets off the clothes lines.

You know it's bad enough when the elderly and disabled are denied the right to a good life, and it's like pulling a nail out of a board to get the help they need and told there's no funds or "we don't do that."

We hear about the neglect of children. Who is willing to help solve that problem here? What makes society turn their backs on them?

I have a daughter here with two babies. I'm sure there are more like her in town. She works at least eight to 10 hours a day most of the time six days a week at one of the nursing homes to provide for her babies.

She wanted to buy a home and get out of the drug-infested apartments. She kept being denied that right. Mostly because she didn't bring in, I guess, enough income. She finally managed to get one in a nice neighborhood.

She needs a cook stove and some more furniture. She has asked all over town if somebody could help her. The thing of it is, people aren't willing to cook meals for children. They complain about the way people live. It's like they have something against the babies here and want to punish the children and the working mothers.

Don't you think it's time for this to become a true community? And if they want this to be the kind of town they want, then go to helping these babies to live normal healthy lives.

Let them grow up in a home that at least has a cook stove in it. Go to meeting some of these babies' needs by helping them stay in their own homes. They can't help it because they're not from the most prominent families.

Sue Meeks
Pampa

London attack

Troops blast their way into home in northern England in hunt for explosives after bombing

LEEDS, England (AP) — Army troops blasted their way into a home in northern England on Tuesday in what they said was a search for explosives, part of a series of raids linked to last week's London bombings.

Streets were cordoned off and about 500 people were evacuated from the rundown site of modest row houses in Leeds, 185 miles north of London, police said.

Hours earlier, police searched five residences elsewhere in the city as part of the investigation of Thursday's subway and bus bombings that killed at least 52 people.

There was no immediate word of any arrests.

The military carried out the controlled explosion at 11:30 a.m. so detectives could enter the home in the Burley neighborhood, police said. Ministry of Defense spokesman Charles Morton said an army bomb squad had participated.

No one was inside the house at the time, said police Inspector Miles Himsforth. Detectives were scouring it for explosives and other items, possibly including comput-

ers, he said. "It's a very, very complicated investigation," he said. "It will be a

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— Sir Ian Blair
Metropolitan Police
Commissioner

very slow and very meticulous search in order that any evidence that is there can be gathered carefully."

Cordons kept bystanders about 100 yards away from the site and police helped make arrangements for prayers scheduled at a nearby mosque to be moved to other mosques nearby, Himsforth said.

Just a few miles away, police had earlier raided five homes. Britain's Press Association news agency reported another house was being

searched in the town of Dewsbury, just south of Leeds, but police refused to comment on whether that was linked to the bombing investigation.

Metropolitan Police Commissioner Sir Ian Blair declined to give details about the raids, which began about 6:30 a.m.

"There have been a series of searches carried out in Yorkshire. Those searches are still going on. There's very little else I can say at the moment, but this activity is directly connected to the outrages on Thursday," he told BBC radio.

Metropolitan Police described the raids as part of an "intelligence-led operation."

Prime Minister Tony Blair promised authorities would hunt relentlessly for the bombers. Police said their painstaking investigation was moving ahead, and warned that the death toll, which went from 49 to 52 on Monday, would rise. Some 700 were injured in the attacks; 56 of those remained hospitalized.

Blair went to City Hall on Tuesday and signed a book of condolence for the victims, his office said.

Terror

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employed by people who have no real military power. It is not an entity. There is no worldwide terrorist organization.

Terrorist tactics work because we live in a wired world. Ten or 12 people can set off a few bombs in London, and the world turns its electronic eyes on the story and chats, discusses and shows video clips until some other event distracts it. The media attention and the inflated rhetoric of politicians magnify the terrorist act far beyond its actual import.

These attacks — pinpricks, really, in terms of any damage they do to national power — cannot be completely stopped. A few malcontents inspired by someone's rhetoric can get together and set off a bomb or two or shoot some people. Terrorists should be considered criminals,

and their acts as ordinary crimes. Physically dealing with terrorists is properly ordinary police work. There is no war involved.

What the United States should be doing, instead of invading and occupying countries, is re-examining its foreign policy vis-à-vis the Islamic world. There is no natural conflict between the West and Islam. The followers and true believers of Osama bin Laden are a tiny minority. The best way to cut the ground out from under him is to develop and pursue policies that treat all of the Islamic countries with fairness and respect.

We don't do that at the present time. Because of the power of the Israeli lobby to skew our policy to benefit Israel, our Middle East policies are riddled with double and triple standards and reek of hypocrisy. Because of that, we are the best recruiter Osama bin Laden has.

But in the meantime, remember that terrorist attacks are primarily media events. You still have more to fear from the flu or accidents than you do from terrorists.

Wounded soldiers cross country on bikes to raise money for veterans group

ANNAPOLIS, Md. (AP) — Missing two legs he lost in the Iraq war, Heath Calhoun is nearing the end of a 4,200-mile cross-country journey by hand-propelled bicycle. His goal: to remind Americans the war is not over and that wounded soldiers are returning home with their lives changed forever.

"More than anything, we just want people to know that their troops are coming back and they need your support, whether you support the war or not," Calhoun said as he and a band of fellow Iraq veterans arrived in Annapolis Monday.

The former soldiers are

raising money for the Wounded Warrior Project, a private organization that provides services to help those who were seriously wounded in the war.

"Money is desperately needed," Calhoun said, adding that the group helped him "when just getting out of bed seemed impossible."

Calhoun, 24, is one of three people — along with Ryan Kelly and Chris Carney — who have made the entire Soldier Ride National Tour, which began May 21 in Marina Del Ray, Calif., and is scheduled to end July 19 in Montauk, N.Y. Other veterans have joined for one or more stages along the way.

Carney, who helped to organize the trip, is not a military veteran, but Kelly lost a leg after a roadside bomb exploded south of Baghdad three years ago. He said the Wounded Warrior Project was also there to help him.

The organization provides backpacks containing items

like underwear, telephone cards and CD players for soldiers who may arrive at hospitals in the United States with nothing but the clothes they're wearing, said John Melia, a former Marine who was injured in a helicopter crash in Somalia and helped found the group in 2003.

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Dallam 4-H Arts & Crafts Bazaar will be held Friday and Saturday, Aug. 5 and 6 at Ranch Market Building in Dalhart during the 69th Annual XIT Rodeo and Reunion Celebration. Hours will be 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday and 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday. Forty-six booth spaces are available. Registration deadline is Monday, July 25. For more information, call (806) 244-4434.

The USS Long Beach CGN-9 Association, Inc., is organizing its 2005 reunion Sept. 11-19 at San Francisco, Calif. For more information, contact Don Shade at (866) 352-2469.

The next Pampa Area Singles Dance is scheduled between 7 and 11 p.m. Saturday, July 16, at the Sportsman's Club on South Barnes with Mike Porter. No smoking or alcohol allowed. Please bring a covered dish. Admission is \$6 per person. For more information, call 665-7059.

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My parents divorced when I was 5, after my father was sent to prison on drug charges. He was released a couple of years ago. When we were little, Mom never talked about him. She never told us what he did that landed him in jail. After his release, my sister and I didn't want to see him.

Eventually, I met a wonderful guy I'll call "Mike." Mike's aunt is a loving woman and we have a warm relationship. Then she met and fell in love with my father.

Now that I have spent time with them, I have heard the whole story. Mom was my father's partner in dealing the drugs. My father didn't implicate her in any of the charges because he wanted her free to raise me and my sisters. I was shocked, because Mom never told us any of this.

My mother refuses to be anywhere near my father, or at any gathering where he is present. Because of this, Mike and I have postponed having a wedding, baptizing our son or giving him a first birthday party. My father doesn't understand why, since he and Mom are both remarried, she can't just move on with her life.

We want our son to enjoy both of his grandparents. I have considered holding these events and inviting both of them, and letting them know I want both of them to be part of my life. Please tell me what to do. -- IN THE MIDDLE IN INDIANA

DEAR IN THE MIDDLE: The first thing you should do is have a talk with your mother and tell her exactly what your father told you. She may not want to be around him because she doesn't want to face her past, or he may have abused her -- but give her a chance to explain.

You should not put your life on hold trying to please your parents. You are all adults now. So have your wedding, baptize your son and celebrate his special events. If they can't be in the same room together, then invite them to alternate events.

DEAR ABBY: I am about to be divorced from an alcoholic. At the time I filed, he said he would get his own place and move the furniture he wanted out of my home. (Some of it is hand-me-downs from his family.)

Now that things are in the final stages, he still hasn't saved any money and shows no sign of getting a place of his own. He's staying with friends and has very limited space.

According to the divorce agreement, we have settled all property disputes, and whatever each has in his or her possession belongs to him or her. I have a lot of his possessions -- mostly furniture.

I don't want or need this stuff. He still says he wants some of it and expects me to hold it indefinitely. I am ready to move on with my life, and can't do it in a house filled with all of his belongings. I have tried to be nice and have been repaid with alcoholic rampages. What should I do about his belongings? -- TRYING TO MOVE ON IN FLORIDA

DEAR TRYING TO MOVE ON: Discuss this with your lawyer. Have your lawyer contact his lawyer, and give him a date after which the furniture must be out of your house. Make it plain that if it isn't out, it will either be donated to charity or put in storage under his name and at his expense.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

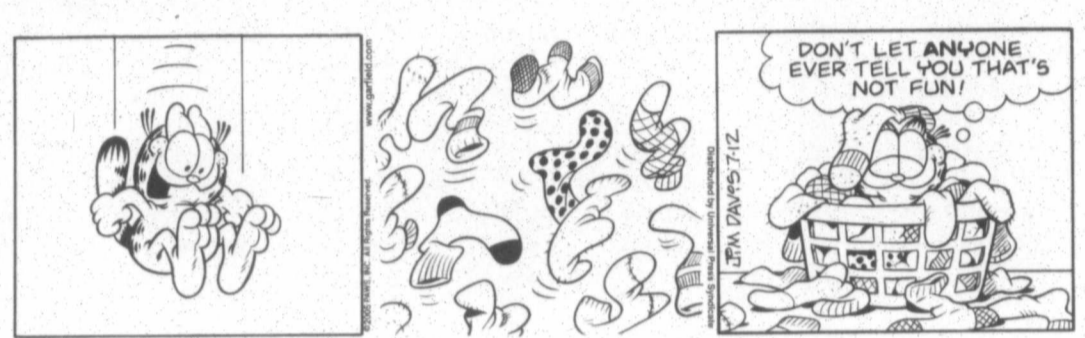
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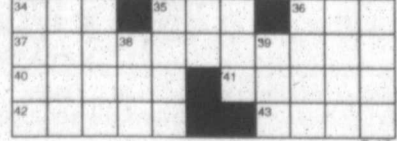
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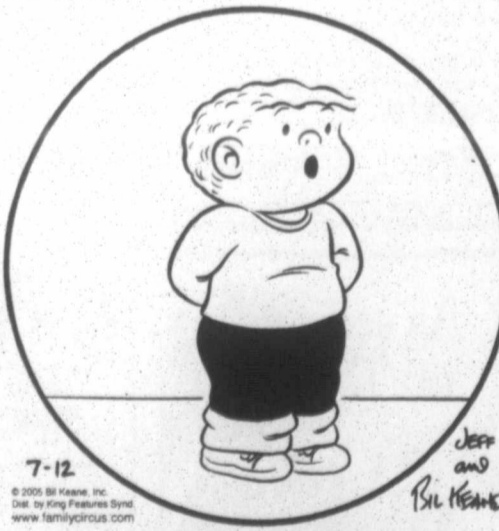


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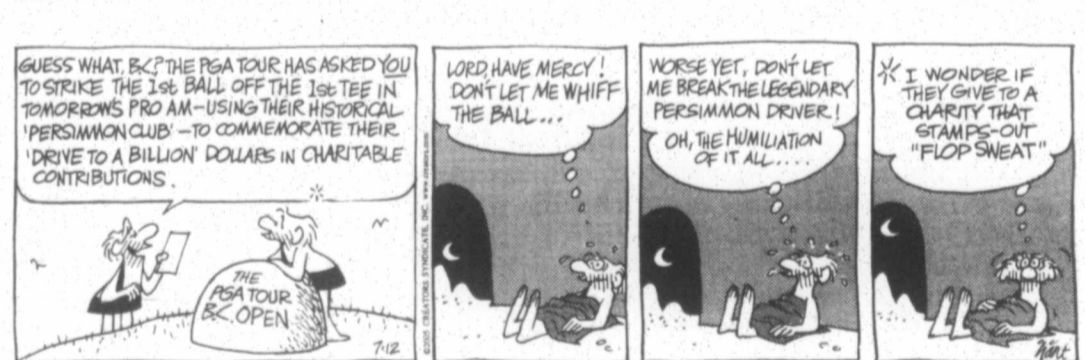


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Bush conferring with senators over nominations

WASHINGTON (AP) — Four leading senators went to the White House Tuesday for an "advice-and-consent" meeting with President Bush on the Supreme Court vacancy but came away without a list of candidates to ponder.

"He didn't give us any names," Democratic Leader Harry Reid of Nevada told reporters after the breakfast meeting.

Besides Reid, Bush met with Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee; Sen. Patrick Leahy of Vermont, the ranking Democrat on the committee; and Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn.

While the president has held telephone conversations with the four before, his breakfast with them was their first meeting in person on the issue since Justice Sandra Day O'Connor announced her retirement. All four lawmakers said the meeting was the first step in bipartisan consultation with the White House on whom Bush will nominate to replace O'Connor.

Laura Bush, meanwhile, said she hoped her husband would pick a woman.

"I would really like him to name another woman," Mrs. Bush said Tuesday on NBC's "Today" show, in an interview from Cape Town, South Africa, where she is traveling. "I admire and respect Sandra Day O'Connor, but I know that my husband will pick somebody who has a lot of integrity and strength."

White House press secretary Scott McClellan said Bush and his advisers have reached out to more than 60 senators. "He wants to hear what their views are and hear what they have to say as we move forward on a Supreme Court nominee," he said.

Bush has said that he wants his nominee confirmed and sitting on the bench of the high court when it resumes in October. Unless the president announces his nominee soon, that might be difficult to achieve, given that Congress is typically out on recess in August.

"The schedule is something that we took up in some detail," Specter said. "There are some limitations as to August."

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— Laura Bush
First Lady

Difference of opinion Legislative chairmen disagree on Patriot Act

WASHINGTON (AP) — They agree the Patriot Act should not be allowed to expire, but the House and Senate judiciary committee chairmen disagree on whether to extend all the law's expiring provisions permanently.

The House Judiciary Committee chairman, Rep. James Sensenbrenner, R-Wis., plans to push through legislation Wednesday that would eliminate all expiration dates in the government's premier anti-terrorism act, which would make it permanent law.

The Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman, Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., is working on a proposal that would keep some of the Patriot Act's expiration dates while continuing the law in force.

President Bush called on Congress again Monday to make permanent the expiring provisions of the nation's premier anti-terrorism law, days after London was struck by terrorist bombs.

"The terrorist threats against us will not expire at the end of this year, and neither should the protections of the Patriot Act," Bush said in a speech at the FBI's training academy in Quantico, Va.

The Patriot Act, the result of Congress' swift response to the Sept. 11 attacks, allowed expanded surveillance of terror suspects, increased use of material witness warrants to hold suspects incommunicado and permitted secret proceedings in immigration cases.

More than a dozen provisions are set to expire at the end of this year, some of which have aroused civil liberties concerns among liberals and conservatives.

Sensenbrenner plans to go along with Bush's call on the House side, with his committee on Wednesday working on legislation that would strike all the "sunset" provisions — the predetermined dates when a law or provision expires — from the Patriot Act.

Treasury rates mixed in auction

WASHINGTON (AP) — Interest rates on short-term Treasury bills were mixed in Monday's auction, with rates on three-month bills declining and rates on six-month bills rising to the highest level since July 2001.

The Treasury Department auctioned \$17 billion in three-month bills at a discount rate of 3.135 percent, down from 3.145 percent last week. Another \$15 billion in six-month bills was auctioned at a discount rate of 3.355 percent, up from 3.325 percent last week.

The three-month rate was the lowest since three-month bills averaged 3.080 percent two weeks ago. The six-month rate was the highest since it averaged 3.380 percent on July 30, 2001.

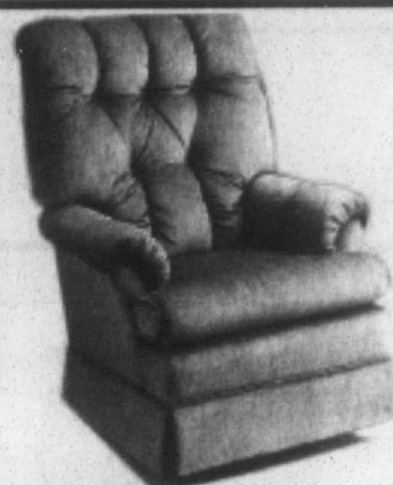
The new discount rates understate the actual return to investors — 3.204 percent for three-month bills, with a \$10,000 bill selling for \$9,920.75, and 3.460 percent for a six-month bill selling for \$9,830.39.

Separately, the Federal Reserve said Monday that the average yield for one-year Treasury bills, a popular index for making changes in adjustable rate mortgages, rose to 3.52 percent last week from 3.46 percent the previous week.

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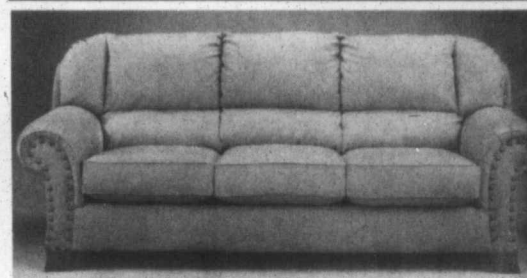
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Sports Day



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Brown signs with Clarendon College

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

He was one of the most unassuming leaders in Coach Dennis Doughty's dug out this past season. He led by example, and what an example he set.

Recent Pampa High School graduate Shea Brown had what can only be described as one of the very best quiet seasons a player could experience, helping his Harvester baseball team to an undefeated district 3-4A record and subsequent championship, and a deep run into the 2005

playoff season.

Brown has since signed on to ply his trade at Clarendon College playing for Coach Cory Hall and his Bulldogs.

Shea Brown's Final 2005 Stats

Batting Average: .505
Slugging percentage: .639
On-Base Average: .614
RBI: 21
Stolen Bases: 22
Home Runs: 2

◀ With parents Greg and Renee seated at the table with him, Shea Brown signs a letter of commitment to attend Clarendon College. Looking on are former PHS head baseball coach Dennis Doughty and Coach Dale Ammons.

Swope, Hall serve up solid performances at PCC Championship

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Gross Joyce Swope (166)
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Joyce Rasco (7)
Kim Davis (9)
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Harrold Salmon (16)

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Sean Smith (5)
Greg Logan (7)
Ron Hess (9)
Eddie Duenkel (12)
Eddie Duenkel (16)

Abreu wins HR Derby; Boone a Twin

DETROIT (AP) — Bobby Abreu won the Home Run Derby with a record-setting performance, hitting an astounding 24 homers in his first turn at bat before outslugging hometown favorite Ivan Rodriguez in the finals.

He also smashed the mark for total homers with 41, besting Miguel Tejada's 2004 total of 27 by the second round. Abreu hit 11 in the finals, another derby record, to Rodriguez's five in an event that lasted 3 hours, 3 minutes.

Abreu was the first contestant — he also will hit leadoff for the National League in the All-Star game Tuesday night — and he gave fans a spectacular show right from the start.

He homered on his first swing and didn't stop until he obliterated Tejada's previous mark of 15 homers in a round, set last year in Houston.

Chris Carpenter of the St. Louis Cardinals will get the ball for the National League on Tuesday night at Detroit's Comerica Park.

His AL opponent on the mound will be Chicago White Sox lefty Mark Buehrle.

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Three-time All-Star second baseman Bret Boone was acquired by Minnesota — eight days after being dumped by Seattle.

The Mariners had designated the 36-year-old Boone for assignment, which meant they had 10 days to trade him before he became a free agent.

They will pay the balance of his \$9.25 million salary, minus the prorated portion of the major league minimum salary (approximately half of \$316,000) that the Twins will pick up. Minnesota is also on the hook for a player to be named.

PAMCEL GOLF CLUB

2-man scramble set for July 23-24

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

The 2005 Pamcel Golf Club 2-Man Scramble is scheduled for July 23-24. Registration deadline is 12 p.m. July 22 with entry fees costing \$120 per team. Fees will include mulligan and day money. This year's scramble will be limited to the first 40 teams to register. 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. tee times are available for Saturday's round (July 23). Sunday's tee times will

be issued according to flight.

The scramble will be flighted by total team handicap and past performance. All handicaps must be verifiable.

Pamcel will offer a practice round on Friday, July 22.

Carts will be available for \$20. Personal carts are welcome.

For more information, please contact Gard Gershmel, 663-4479; Don Alexander, 663-4942; Marcus Schock, 663-4137; Terry Garner, 663-4306.

Armstrong blows away rivals on Tour's first Alpine stage

COURCHEVEL, France (AP) — Lance Armstrong took a decisive step toward a seventh consecutive Tour de France victory, recapturing the overall

leader's yellow jersey by blowing away his main rivals Tuesday on this year's first Alpine stage.

Armstrong did the damage on the punishing 13.8-mile climb to the ski station of Courchevel, eating up the ascent with ease while Jan Ullrich and other challengers grimaced in pain behind.

Spain's Alejandro Valverde won the 10th stage, just beating Armstrong to the finish line, but is not considered one of Armstrong's main rivals in this year's race. Valverde and Armstrong finished the 110.9-mile stage in 4 hours, 50 min-

utes, 35 seconds.

Mickaël Rasmussen is second in the overall standings, 38 seconds behind Armstrong. Ivan Basso, among the main challengers left behind by Armstrong on Tuesday's ascent, is third overall — 2:40 behind the Texan.

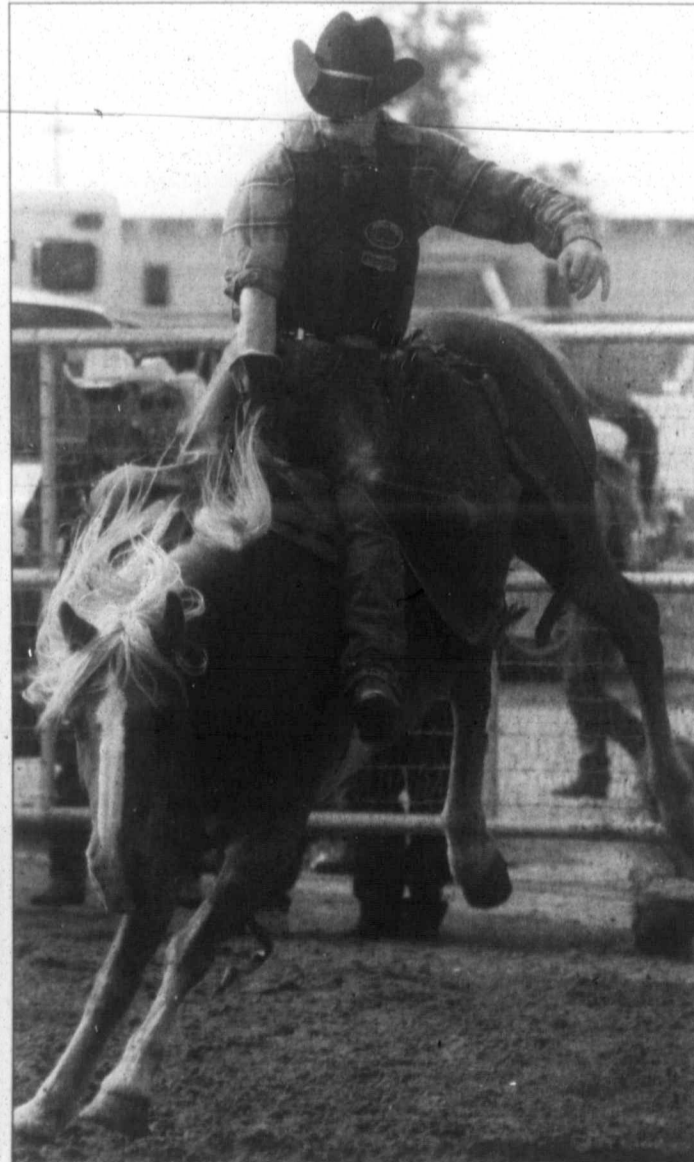
Valverde and Armstrong shook hands in the saddle after they crossed the line.

"Today I had good legs," Armstrong said, praising his Discovery Channel team, which piled on the pace in the first sections of the ascent, whittling down the field. He also praised Valverde, who is racing his first Tour but already has been mentioned as a potential future winner.

"Everybody has seen the future of cycling," Armstrong said.

'Everybody has seen the future of cycling.'

— Lance Armstrong
Defending Champion,
Tour de France



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Rodeo hand

Cody Meyer competes in the 12-14 age bareback riding contest at the Junior Rodeo Cowboys Association event, which took place at the Top o' Texas rodeo grounds on Saturday.

NRC awaits tonight's winner; Pampa alive in Snyder

PAMPA — The 2005 Texas State 9-10 Babe Ruth Tournament continued at Pampa Optimist Park yesterday North Randall County defeating a scrappy Plainview squad, 4-2 in the first game of the evening (winner's bracket).

Abernathy and Seminole squared off in the nightcap, a loser's bracket meeting, with Abernathy eliminating Seminole, 2-0.

Abernathy will face Plainview in an elimination game tonight. First pitch is set for 7 p.m.

The winner will advance to meet North Randall County tomorrow.

SNYDER — The Pampa Optimist 14-15 Babe Ruth team was on its way back.

Behind 10-3 to Plainview in the bottom of the seventh inning in the West Texas Babe Ruth State Tournament here Monday, John Anguiano started a one-out rally with a single to right field. Blake Sieck followed with a single.

Chase Herriman loaded the bases by

being safe on an error. Colden Fortenberry delivered a run-scoring single.

Dakota Gowin clubbed a two-run double bringing the score to 10-6 with runners on second and third and Heath Skinner at bat.

Plainview changed pitchers by putting David Padina, who had pitched the fourth and fifth innings, back in at pitcher after he had been removed from the game.

After one pitch, Pampa Manager Kevin Sieck protested.

The rule book and the State Commissioner were consulted. The pitcher was declared illegal. Pampa won by forfeit, 7-0.

"We really hate to win a game that way," said Sieck.

Pampa will play Levelland tonight at 8 p.m. in its third straight elimination game.

Pampa had scored once in the second inning on walks to Skinner, Aaron Carr and John Luke Covalt followed by a wild pitch. They added two in the bottom of the sixth on singles by

Herriman and Fortenberry and a double by Gowin.

Gowin started and gave up only one earned run in the first three innings but errors handed Plainview a 5-1 lead. Four hits and a pair of walks in the fourth against a tiring Gowin netted Plainview a 9-1 lead. He struck out five, walked two and hit a batter.

Fortenberry took over in the fifth inning and surrendered one unearned run and no hits in three innings pitched for be credited for his second win in the tournament. He walked one, hit a batter and struck out two.

Pampa's outfield continued to perform well with two outstanding running catches by Hayden Skinner in left field and other catches by Skinner and Gowin in center.

Pampa lost to host Snyder, 5-1 on Saturday and defeated Dimmitt 9-5 Sunday. Dumas and Snyder will play at 6 p.m. today with the loser playing the winner of the Pampa-Levelland game at 7 p.m. Wednesday.

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Settling dust around feed yards could be matter of management

By KAY LEDBETTER
Texas A&M News/Public Affairs

AMARILLO — Cattle move, dirt stirs, dust rises — it's an inevitable part of the livestock industry.

But it's something feedlot management and researchers are working to minimize and control.

The Texas Beef Cattle Air Quality Emphasis, administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service as a part of the Environmental Quality Incentives Program, is a partnership with Texas A&M University and Texas Cattle Feeders Association.

"We believe in our industry and want to be more progressive, to be better stewards," said Kevin Bunch at the Bar G Feedyard near Hereford during a recent tour by the Agricultural Air Quality Task Force.

"We have procedures and policies in place that are doable and we want to present these things to the legislature, so they see we are doing the things that should be done," Bunch said.

At Bar G, he said, dust is managed through frequent manure removal, as well as a sprinkler system.

Greg Sokora, a conservation service civil engineer from Lubbock, said the sprinkler system is designed to put out one-eighth inch of water per day across the yard.

The system takes 2.5 hours to make a complete cycle through the yard, spending six minutes per pen. It rotates across the yard throughout the day, except for a short period in the afternoon, he said.

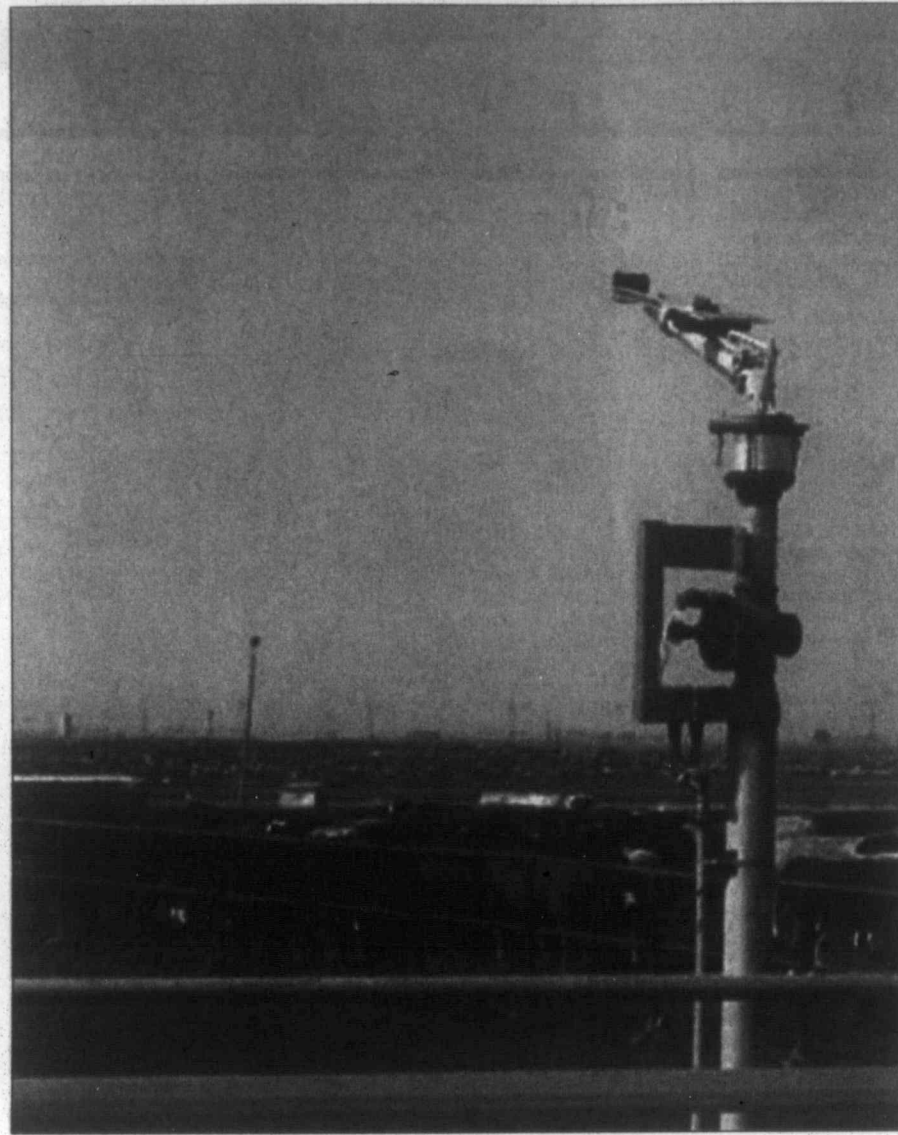
Computer controlled and based on golf course irrigation, the solid-set sprinkler system pumps 2,100 gallons per minute with 80-90 pounds per square inch of pressure at the nozzles, Sokora said.

Four such systems were installed in feed yards last year. This year is the first for monitoring and logging how much water is needed to keep the manure packed and somewhere between 20 and 30 percent moisture, he said.

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Meteorological conditions — wind speed, temperature and moisture — are figured into the system, Sokora said, because "our water is very precious. As a general rule, we're going to stay as close to the dry side as we can."



(Texas Agricultural Experiment Station photo by Kay Ledbetter)
Solid-set sprinkler system nozzles are capable of shooting water across feedlot pens to help settle dust.

The system should help keep odors down and can be used to help control flies by putting insecticides in with the water, he said.

Dr. Brent Auvermann, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station associate professor of agricultural engineering in Amarillo, said corn at its peak water usage takes more than one-half inch of water per day.

Comparatively, cool season data this year shows the sprinkler systems require less than one-quarter inch per day to replace evaporation from the feedlot surface, he said.

The solid-set sprinkler systems are one method of dust control; however, feed yard operators have found no one solution is right for every location.

Older yards that sprawl along the topography of the land are difficult to retrofit with solid-set sprinkler systems, Auvermann said.

A water curtain is an option for these yards where dust control may be critical, he said. A pilot-scale water curtain designed for a Hereford-area feed yard uses about the same amount of water, or less, as a sprinkler system to suppress dust at the corral boundary.

Spraying about 1-2 gallons per minute per foot, the 270-foot long, 43-foot high booms put out 300-320 gallons per minute of water each evening. That's when dust concentrations are highest and atmospheric conditions are stable, he said.

The prototype's effectiveness is being tested using monitors and samplers downwind, with initial results showing about a 40 percent reduction in dust concentrations,

Auvermann said.

It is not advantageous to operate the water curtain in the afternoon when there is too much turbulence in the air or after midnight when the cattle activity drops off, Auvermann said.

In feed yards where the water is not available or sprinkler systems have not been installed, frequent manure harvesting is the key to dust control, he said.

For years, university agricultural engineers in Texas have advocated "harvesting manure" as a measure of dust control. Harvesting manure means scraping the pens in a way that will yield better quality manure, reduce mud, dust and odor, and improve pen drainage.

Manure harvesting scrapes the loose mixture of manure and dirt on top, but does not disturb the compacted layer underneath, Auvermann said. The goal is to leave a hard, smooth uniform and well-drained pen, he said.

Most beef feedlots conduct at least one annual pen cleaning, but the environmental incentive plan requires yards to make three manure harvests per year in order to qualify for cost-share payments, Sokora said.

Ben Weinheimer, Texas Cattle Feeders Association regulation manager in Amarillo, said for 20 years the industry has been sponsoring research to get to this point and is now working to build these programs.

"We're making big progress as far as dust control," Weinheimer said.

NASA managers confident Discovery will launch on schedule Wednesday

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — NASA managers forged ahead with the countdown to the launch of space shuttle Discovery, confident they would be able to fix a few minor problems and would remain untroubled by summer storms.

"I think we're on our way," Bill Parsons, manager of the space shuttle program, said Monday following a meeting to review any potential problems.

The minor problems weren't expected to delay Wednesday's scheduled afternoon launch, the first since the Columbia disaster 2 1/2 years ago. They dealt with fuel tank sensors that didn't read properly during a recent test and a balloon monitor that gathers data on upper-level wind speed.

NASA officials also wanted to review some of the tools that will be used during a spacewalk to test the shuttle's thermal protection system. The answers to those problems were expected to be finalized at a readiness meeting on Tuesday.

"We'll get it done," Parsons said. "We have every feeling that we will be ready to go."

Typical summer afternoon thunderstorms were in the forecast for Wednesday, but shuttle meteorologists put the chances of an on-time launch at 70 percent. A new tropical storm was also brewing in the Atlantic Ocean following on the heels of Hurricane Dennis,

which left the Kennedy Space Center untouched.

A worst-case scenario would place Tropical Storm Emily at the space center by Monday, well after NASA would have three chances to launch Discovery.

Monday's two-days-

before launch readiness meeting lasted 3 1/2 hours, considerably longer than was customary before Columbia took off on its final, fatally flawed mission. Deputy shuttle program manager Wayne Hale said there was a spirited discussion, and dissenting opinions were heard over a few technical issues.

Preparations

• Yesterday saw a three-and-a-half hour long meeting about the launch.

• With new tropical storms brewing off the coast, NASA is planning alternate launch days.

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