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School finance still at issue

Lawmakers continue brangling over proposed legislation ...

AUSTIN (AP) — Prospects of restructuring Texas' system of paying for public schools seemed increasingly dismal Sunday, as frustration peaked and negotiators agreed to end talks for the night.

Lawmakers were working to replace school property taxes with new consumer and business taxes, including a higher sales tax and a tax on bottled water.

Throughout the day, which many said was the last opportunity to reach a compromise in time to get it to the full chambers for approval, top offi-

cials met behind closed doors in hopes of brokering a deal.

"I wouldn't kid you, this thing is flying on empty right now," said Republican Sen. Steve Ogden, who is the chief Senate negotiator on the bill designed to change the way Texans pay taxes. "I hope we'll make it. We don't need any more headwind."

The special session ends on Wednesday, but legislative rules require more time for bills to go through a mandatory 24-hour wait period after they are printed and ana-

lyzed. Without an agreement on Sunday, approving legislation this session would be extremely difficult.

Late Sunday House members signed a version of the tax bill without agreement from the Senate — a move that irritated Ogden.

"You don't pass a tax bill by, basically sending ultimatums back and forth," Ogden said. "I think we pass a tax bill by sitting in a conference committee and working out the differences. Sending over the bill sort of closes off debate."

Republican House Speaker Tom

Craddick, who presides over the House, refuted that the proposal was an ultimatum.

Ogden requested a meeting with his House counterparts to discuss the proposal and their differences Monday morning, well beyond the time many had hoped to have an agreement signed and printed.

Rep. Jim Keffer, an Eastland Republican who has led the House tax-writing effort, agreed to the meeting.

"We're running out of time," Keffer said.

Hoover VFD

Hay only casualty of dairy fire

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

No humans or animals were injured in a fire that broke out early Sunday in a stack of hay bales at Red River Dairy, east of Pampa at the junction of Highways 60 and 152.

"There were no injuries, and no animals were in danger at any time," said Joe Millican, chief of Hoover Volunteer Fire Department, which responded to the call concerning the fire.

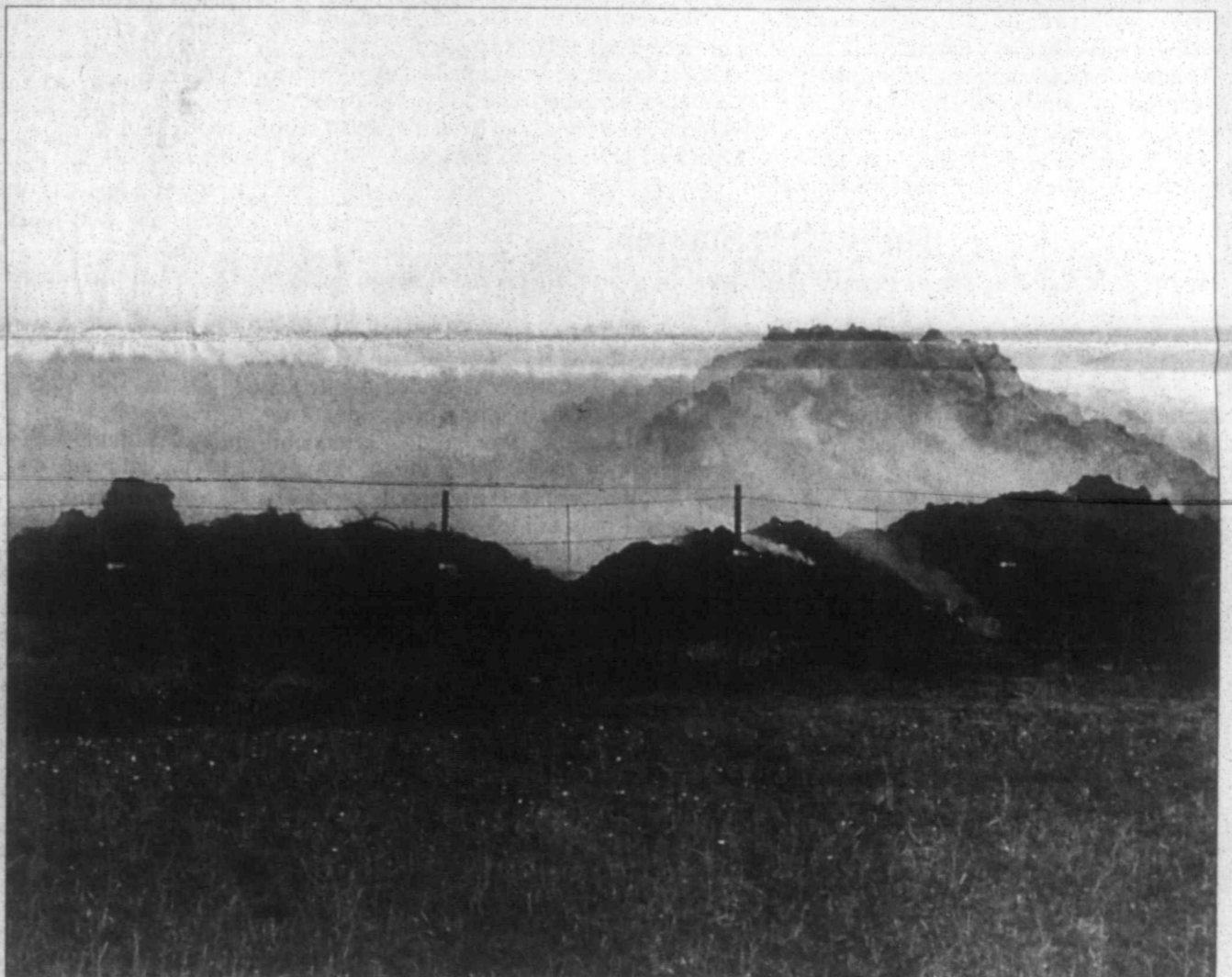
The first call came in at 3:44 a.m., Millican said. Hoover VFD sent 15 men and five trucks to the dairy, where they extinguished the hay fire and helped dairy employees drag salvageable hay away from the fire area.

After leaving the scene at 12:30 p.m. Sunday, Hoover VFD was called out again to the dairy at 1:30 p.m. for a second fire which had broken out in the hay. Twelve men and five trucks responded, Millican said.

Lefors Fire Department assisted, and Gray County Red Cross provided drinks and food for the fire-

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Dairy catches fire



Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS

Flames could be seen here and there at times this morning in a pile of smoking, smoldering hay at Red River Dairy, at the intersection of Highways 60 and 152 east of Pampa. The fire was first reported at 3:44 a.m. Sunday, and will be allowed to burn itself out, said Hoover Volunteer Fire Department Chief Joe Millican. The haystack had been topped by tires, which are visible at various places in the smoking vegetation.

Rosin up your bows: Old Mobeetie Music Fest approaching

MOBEETIE — Music lovers are invited to tap, strum, fiddle and hum to the sounds of the 2005 Old Mobeetie Music Festival. This year's celebration will be held July 29, 30 and 31 on the historic grounds of the Old Mobeetie Jail Museum.

Frank Cleveland will be in charge of sound and Gina Seitz will serve as emcee at the upcoming festival which will be dedicated to the memory of Bill Elliott.

"Bill, along with his wife Dutch," a news release from Old Mobeetie Texas

Association said, "has long been a supporter of the Old Mobeetie Jail Museum, and contributed to past festivals by selling ads for the festival book, helping care for the grounds, organizing the parking and serving as Master of Ceremonies and emcee."

Bands returning to the festival this year will include Star Canyon and The Magic City Cowboys. Star Canyon, the press release said, hails all the way from San Antonio. The release said the group specializes in "blue-

grass, softened with a little country," and "a touch of folk music."

Another annual favorite, The Magic City Cowboys will focus on Western swing, performing Dixieland, jazz, blues and big western band sounds. The Magic City Cowboys, the press release said, "are brought to you by a talented group ... many who made the circuit with the likes of Bob Wills in the days of old."

The Magic City Cowboys will take the stage Saturday night.

Other performers will include the Batten Family, The Saltgrass Band, J.W. Lane and the West Texas Dry Land, Jim Kays and the Kays Grass Band, Texas Country, North Fork Music Ministries, and Blue Persuasion.

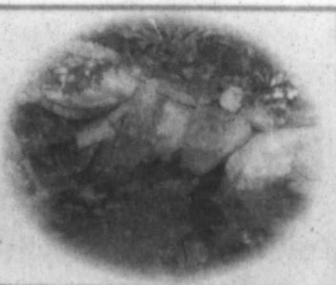
The Batten Family, based out of Lubbock, has made various appearances throughout Texas and Oklahoma and "currently boasts," the news release said, "four generations of

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Obituaries

Samuel D. 'S.D.' Garrison, 68

Samuel D. "S.D." Garrison, 68, of Pampa, Texas, died Sunday, July 17, 2005, at Amarillo, Texas. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors.

Mr. Garrison was born Aug. 29, 1936, in Hall County, Texas, near Lakeview, to Samuel G. and Lueler Garrison. He married Shirley Stone on March 30, 1958, in Perryton. He worked for Electrical Power Companies for 41 years, retiring from the Deaf Smith Electric Co-Op in Hereford in 1999.

He was a dedicated member of the Cornerstone Baptist Church. He served on the Board of Directors for the Friona Federal Credit Union and was a member of the Bovina Lions Club.

Survivors include his wife, Shirley Garrison, of the home; one son, Kirtus

Glynn Garrison of Canyon; one daughter, Samie Shirleen Corse and husband Steven D. of Mobeetie; one grandson, Davis Steven Corse of Mobeetie; three sisters, Elba Chandler of Oklahoma City, Okla., Lela Fay Redwine of Whitewright, and Sherry Wagner of Fritch; two brothers, Billy Bob Garrison of Keller and Dwight Garrison of Perryton; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by two sisters, Gladys Townsend and Clea Green; and five brothers, Elmer Garrison, GERAL Garrison, W.E. Garrison, Nolen Garrison, and Cecil Garrison.

The family requests memorials be to Cornerstone Baptist Church Vision Fund, 1304 N. Banks, Pampa, TX 79065.

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

Billy Kyle Germany, 81

AMARILLO — Billy Kyle Germany, 81, of Amarillo, died Friday, July 15, 2005, of cancer. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Holt Cemetery in San Saba County with the Rev. Ava Berry officiating.

Arrangements are under the direction of Boxwell Brothers Funeral Directors of Amarillo.

Mr. Germany was born Nov. 17, 1923, in San Saba Co., and moved to Hutchinson Co. in 1931. He held a bachelor of science degree in physics and mathematics degree from West Texas State University (1949). He was employed as an engineer in the oil services industry for 45 years.

He moved to Amarillo six years ago. Mr. Germany served in the United States 9th Army Air Corp during World War II in



Germany

the European theater of the war. He received a Bronze Star.

Following the war, he married his wife of 51 years, Virginia Rogers. She died in 1998. He married Wanda Click on June 26, 1999.

Survivors include his wife, Wanda, of the home; a son, Roger K. Germany of Duncan, Okla.; a daughter, Donna L. Lushbaugh of Yorktown, Va.; three stepsons, Wayne Frazier of Ada, Okla., Bill Frazier of Clinton, Okla., and Jim Frazier of Amarillo; a brother, Jack Germany of Peoria, Ariz.; two grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

The family requests memorials be to the American Cancer Society, 3915 Bell St., Amarillo, TX 79109.

Timothy Josiah Parsley, 44

MIAMI — Timothy Josiah Parsley, 44, of Miami, died Friday, July 15, 2005. Memorial services are scheduled at 1 p.m. Wednesday in Miami First Baptist Church.

Cremation and arrangements are under the direction of Boxwell Brothers Funeral Directors of Amarillo.

Mr. Parsley was born Aug. 19, 1960, at Baytown, to Albert and Emma Parsley. He

had worked as a maintenance supervisor for Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

Survivors include his wife, Linda Parsley, of the home; a daughter, Amber Parsley, of the home; a son, Jeremiah Parsley of Miami; his parents, Albert and Emma of Crosby; a brother, Lee Parsley of Wheeler; and a sister, Sandra Hornberger of Harleton.

Ruby Kyle Stanton, 80

Ruby Kyle Stanton, 80, of Pampa, died Sunday, July 17, 2005, at Pampa.

Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, July 19, at Fairview Cemetery with the Rev. Darrell Burton, Odyssey Hospice chaplain, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Stanton was born Jan. 15, 1925, at Cromwell, Okla., to G.H. and Hacha Kyle. She had been a resident of the Pampa and Lefors communities since the age of 3 months and graduated from Pampa High School in 1944.

Mrs. Stanton married Clark Stanton on

Feb. 10, 1950. He preceded her in death on Dec. 31, 1997.

She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Karen Sue Belt, on Jan. 10, 2004.

Survivors include one daughter, Kay Stanton Graves of Muleshoe; one sister, Mildred Lewis of Pampa; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to The Rainbow Room of Muleshoe, 901 W. Ave. J., Muleshoe, TX 79347; or to a favorite charity.

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

Emergency Services

Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents and arrests today.

Saturday, July 16

Twenty-one traffic stops were made. A vehicle accident was reported in the 1400 block of North Hobart.

Driving while intoxicated was reported at the intersection of Alcock and Hobart streets.

Emergency medical services assistance was rendered in the 800 block of West Kingsmill.

Three business alarms were reported.

A civil matter was reported in the 1800 block of Beech.

Domestic disturbances were reported in the 600 block of Lowry and the 1100 block of East Francis.

Animal complaints were received from the 1400 block of East Francis, the 2400 block of Evergreen, and the intersection of Wilks and Banks streets.

Warrant service was attempted at one location.

One suicide attempt was reported.

Violation of a city ordinance was reported on Highway 60 East.

Disorderly conduct/noise was reported in the 1500 block of Dogwood and the 1500 block of Williston.

Disorderly conduct/other was reported in the 1900 block of North Wells, the 1000 block of Ripley, and on Highway 60 East.

Suspicious persons were reported in the intersection of 23rd and Dwight, the 1600 block of West 23rd, and the 800 block of East Frederic.

A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 1000 block of Varnon Drive.

A prowler was reported in the 700 block of North Frost.

Criminal trespass was reported in the 600 block of South Ballard.

Criminal mischief was reported at Texas Furniture, 1415 N. Hobart. Estimated cost of damage is \$500. No information was available on the type of damage.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1300 block of Coffee. A milk shake on a car door resulted in \$5 estimated damage.

Assault by threat was reported in the police department lobby.

Shoplifting was reported at Wal-Mart, 2801 Charles. Medicine valued at \$1.84 was taken.

Theft was reported in the 400 block of Perry. A mattress valued at \$75 was taken.

Sunday, July 17

Twelve traffic stops were made. A hit and run accident was reported in the police department lobby.

Law enforcement assistance was rendered in the 2300 block of Alcock.

Warrant service was attempted at three locations.

Animal complaints were received from the 1800 block of Holly, the 1800 block of North Dwight, and at One Medical Plaza.

A civil matter was reported in the 1900 block of Beech.

One business alarm was reported.

Welfare checks were made in the 1000 block of South Christy and the 200 block of North Wells.

Prowler reports were received from the 1800 block of Coffee and the 1800 block of Hamilton.

A suspicious person was reported in the 800 block of South Cuyler.

Disorderly conduct/noise was reported in the 1100 block of Terry Road, the 1200 block of Charles, the 1500 block of Dogwood, and the 200 block of Tignor.

Disorderly conduct/fighting was reported in the 800 block of North Wells.

Disorderly conduct/other was reported in the 1500 block of Hamilton and the 1000 block of North Sumner.

Domestic disturbances were reported in the 700 block of North Frost, the 1300 block of North Starkweather, and the 700 block of North West.

Family violence was reported in the 300 block of Anne. No injuries were reported.

Criminal mischief was reported in the police department lobby. The incident occurred in the 400 block of East Foster. A vehicle window was broken, resulting in an estimated \$200 damage.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1000 block of Prairie Drive.

Assault was reported in the 1800 block of Beech.

Johnathan Phelps, 26, 706 N. Frost, was arrested in the 700 block of North Frost for assault causing bodily injury.

Jaime Ledgerwood, 30, 425 Doyle, was arrested at the intersection of Alcock and Davis streets for failure to yield right of way, speeding, and failure to appear.

Harvey Ray Green, 44, 709 N. Frost, was arrested in the 700 block of North Frost on a parole revocation for possession of a controlled substance.

Kermit Hartley, 36, 706 N. Zimmers, was arrested in the 700 block of North Zimmers for non-payment of court costs, and two counts of issuing a bad check.

Monday, July 18

Burglary of a habitation was reported in the 700 block of North Wells. Taken were a wooden board and recordings. Estimated value of loss is unknown.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 600 block of Roberta. A vehicle was egged. Estimated cost of damage is unknown.

Schuyler Danner, 21, 300 Sunset, was arrested in the 600 block of North Ward for criminal mischief and theft of property by check.

Accidents

Pampa Police Department today reported the following motor vehicle accidents.

Friday, July 15

2:29 p.m. — A 1989 Ford

Tempo, driven by Sylvia Harris, 32, 1400 W. Somerville 122, and a 2001 Ford F-150 pickup, driven by Ramiro Soto, 72, 318 N. Hazel, collided in the 1400 block of West Somerville. Harris was cited for failure to yield right of way.

Sheriff

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

Saturday, July 16

Jimmie C. Johnson, 52, 1000 Huff Road, was arrested on grand jury indictments for two counts of delivery of a controlled substance, enhanced.

Clinton Ashley McCord, 42, Eastland, was arrested for interference with child custody, theft, and theft by check.

Fred Henry Pitt, 46, McLean, was arrested on capias pro fines for no insurance and failure to appear.

Sarah Valentine Smith, 17, 2600 Cherokee, was arrested by the Tobacco and Alcoholic Beverage Commission for possession of drug paraphernalia.

Fire

Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Saturday, July 16

9:19 p.m. — One unit and two firefighters responded to 12101 County Road D-1/2 on a grass fire. Approximately 200-square feet burned. The fire is thought to have been caused by fireworks.

Ambulance

Guardian EMS ambulance reported the following calls during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Saturday, July 16

11:48 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1300 block of West Kentucky and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

6:10 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1500 block of Kentucky and transported a patient to PRMC.

9:59 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to PRMC and transferred a patient to Veterans Administration Medical Center, Amarillo.

11:35 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1300 block of Coffee. No transport.

Correction

New Generation Singers will perform as listed in an article that appeared on the Religion page Friday, July 15, entitled "New Generation Singers to appear at local First Christian Church." The concert, however, is free and open to the public.

Gray County Weather

Today: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high near 93. South wind around 10 mph.

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

Tuesday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 96. South wind around 10 mph.

Tuesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low near 93. South wind around 10 mph.

Wednesday: Mostly sunny and hot, with a high around 97. South-southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Wednesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 98.

Local appraisal review board to discuss report

Gray County Appraisal District's appraisal review board will meet at 9 a.m. Tuesday, July 19 in the conference room at 815 N. Sumner.

Protests of property valuations which were postponed from July 12 and 13 will be heard.

Also on the agenda are the chief appraiser's report and approval of changes regarding Sections 25 and 41 of the Texas Property Tax Code.

Stocks

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

Wheat 3.11
Milo 3.78
Corn 4.55
Soybeans 6.27

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

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Cobot Oil Gas 36.01 -1.03
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Silver 6.97
West Texas Crude 58.09

Lefors ISD to convene

Lefors Independent School District's school board will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 19 in the high school library, 209 5th Street.

Items to be presented for approval by the board include teacher and student handbooks; localized TASB Updates 72, 74, and 75; TASB Model Student Code of Conduct; and school insurance with Duncan, Fraser and Bridges Insurance Agency.

Also on the agenda regarding the 2005-06 academic year are the K-9 contract and University Interscholastic League student drug testing.

Also on the agenda regarding the 2004-05 academic year will be updated, and a superintendent's report will be given.

Personnel matters and an executive session are listed among the action items.

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Time writer cites Rove as his source

WASHINGTON (AP) — Time magazine's Matthew Cooper says a 2003 phone call with White House political adviser Karl Rove was the first he heard about the wife of Bush administration critic Joseph Wilson apparently working for the CIA.

Giving a first-person account of his role in a case that nearly landed him in jail, the reporter recalled that Rove told him, "I've already said too much" after revealing that the wife of the former ambassador apparently was with the CIA.

Cooper speculated in the piece, released Sunday, that Rove could have been "wor-

ried about being indiscreet, or it could have meant he was late for a meeting or something else."

"I don't know, but that signoff has been in my memory for two years," Cooper wrote. The White House and Rove's lawyer have stressed that Rove never mentioned Valerie Plame, Wilson's wife, by name.

At issue in a federal grand jury investigation into whether someone in the Bush administration violated a federal statute by publicly disclosing the identity of Plame as a CIA operative.

Cooper said the 2003 phone call with Rove was the first time he had heard anything about Wilson's wife.

The White House had insisted for nearly two years that neither Rove nor Vice President Dick Cheney's chief of staff, Lewis Libby, had any connection with the leak of Plame's name. For the last two weeks, however, it has steadfastly declined to comment on the case, citing the ongoing Fitzgerald probe.

It took the same tack Sunday, as spokesman David Almay declined specifically to comment about Libby, citing an independent counsel's ongoing investigation of the case.

Writing an account of a conversation he had with Libby, Cooper said, "Libby replied, 'Yeah, I've heard that too' or words to that effect" when he asked if Libby had heard anything about Wilson's wife sending her husband to Africa to investigate the possible sale of uranium to Iraq for nuclear weapons.

As part of special counsel Patrick Fitzgerald's criminal probe of the identity leak, Cooper testified about his conversation with Libby in a deposition at his lawyer's office in August 2004. Libby, as Rove did this month, provided a specific waiver of confidentiality. In a grand jury appearance last Wednesday, Cooper gave his account of what Rove told him.

Cooper also said there may have been other government officials who were sources for his article. Time posted "A War on Wilson?" on its Web site on July 17, 2003.

In an effort to quell a chorus of calls to fire Rove, Republicans said Sunday that he first learned about Plame's identity from the news media.

"The information exonerates and vindicates, it does not implicate" Rove, Republican Party chairman Ken Mehlman said on NBC's "Meet the Press."

"Folks involved in this, frankly, owe Karl Rove an apology."

There were no takers.

The White House's assurance in 2003 that Rove was not involved in the leak of the CIA officer's identity "was a lie" and Rove's credibility "is in shreds," said John Podesta, who was chief of staff in the Clinton White House.

It is unclear whether a journalist first revealed the information to Rove, as Mehlman said.

"I don't know, but that signoff has been in my memory for."

— Matthew Cooper
Time journalist

Lawn Care

Trees need water, too

By ROD SANTA ANNA III
Texas A&M News/Public Affairs

WESLACO — Thinking about planting or transplanting a tree? Forget it — the weather is far too hot. Better to do that between October and February.

Trimming trees is OK, so long as you don't take off too much. But since conditions are so hot and dry in Texas, the best thing for trees is to make sure they're getting enough water.

That's the advice from Paul Johnson, an urban forester with the Texas Forest Service who offices at the Texas A&M Agricultural Research and Extension Center at Weslaco.

"It's been very dry," Johnson said. "Here in South Texas, we're about 7-8 inches behind normal rainfall for the year, so it's very important that we provide trees with the moisture they need to remain healthy."

How much is enough? Johnson said about an inch of water once every week or two is good for most mature trees.

But don't be fooled into thinking a brief rain is an excuse not to water, he said.

"The brief, scattered showers we've been getting provide only minuscule amounts of water, about a tenth of an inch or so," he said. "That's not anywhere near what trees need."

If you're watering your lawn properly, that should be sufficient for any trees growing in the area. The key word being "properly," Johnson said.

"Unfortunately, many homeowners don't know how much water their automatic sprinkler systems are delivering or how to adjust the amount of water it delivers," he said. "It's kind of like VCRs. People just never learn how to program these systems. They

"It promotes a larger and deeper root system and you're training your landscape to be drought tolerant."

But a word of caution: Don't abruptly switch from several irrigations per week to only one per week. Water your yard slowly from frequent watering, Johnson said. If watering every other day, go to a half-inch of water twice weekly for a few weeks before watering only once weekly.

"If it's really, really hot, water twice a week," he said. "And if your lawn slopes, water until it begins to run off. Stop, then restart. Or if you have a high clay content soil that won't hold much water, water a half-inch on two consecutive days."

At his own home, Johnson prefers to use a soaker hose for several hours once a week.

"If you use a 50-foot soaker hose," he said, "you need to run about 100 gallons through it to equal 1 inch of water. It is better to water longer and less often. An hour once a week is better than 15 minutes every day. You can actually have a tree die from drought even though you water it every day."

Finally, Johnson said, do not water at the tree trunk. Water out at the drip line, or the edge of the foliage all around the tree. Let the soaker hose run for several hours to thoroughly soak the soil to a depth of 12-18 inches, he says.

For more information, contact the county Extension agent or call Johnson at (956) 969-5654.



(Texas Agricultural Experiment Station photo by Rod Santa Ana III)

Planting or transplanting trees is best done between October and February. At this time of year, it's important to water trees properly to maintain their health.

tend to leave their sprinkler systems on the settings the installer set them at."

To determine how much water your system delivers, set an empty tuna fish can on your lawn then manually turn on the sprinkler system, he said. However long it takes to fill that can with 1 inch of water is how long your system should run once a week.

"One good, deep soaking of an inch of water per week is best for landscape lawns, plants and trees," Johnson said.

Bill allows phone companies to provide cable service

AUSTIN (AP) — Phone companies could get a state-issued certificate to offer enhanced TV services throughout Texas under legislation the House approved Sunday.

The bill's sponsor, Rep. Phil King, said a report showed that the legislation could create 12,000 new jobs and \$1.8 billion in ongoing annual investment and spending. The bill allows more companies to provide more services to more consumers, King said.

"That's the way competition always works," said King, R-Weatherford. "I am convinced that this bill will further competition."

The bill now returns to the Senate.

Cable companies dominate TV service but satellite-TV providers also are picking up a growing share of the market.

Phone companies are try-

"That's the way competition always works. I am convinced that this bill will further competition."

— Rep. Phil King
Sponsor

ing to get into the business by offering video service over fiber-optic networks that also carry voice and high-speed data transmission. Companies such as SBC Communications Inc. have been advocates for King's bill, which was approved on a 135-6 vote.

Under current law, companies that want to offer TV service must go to each city they want to serve for a franchise.

King's bill would allow companies that want to offer TV services to get a statewide franchise, rather

than go to each city to get a franchise, starting in September. The companies that get a statewide television franchise would pay a fee based on their gross revenues and would be subject to other requirements.

Many existing agreements between cities and cable companies would remain in effect until they expire under the bill.

"This is another positive step toward a time when consumers in Texas will have a choice for their cable service," Steve Banta, president of Verizon's Southwest

region, said.

"Consumers know the world of communications is evolving," SBC Texas President Jan Newton said. "Looking ahead, consumers deserve the best that new technology and new competitors can deliver."

The cable industry fought the bill and after the House passed it said big phone companies achieved unprecedented competitive advantages.

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Festival

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singers and musicians." Last year, the group cut two CDs — one gospel and one bluegrass.

The Saltgrass Band, from Lake Jackson, "has made live radio and television performances as well as numerous personal appearances in Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana, and Oklahoma," the release said.

Jim Kays and the Kays Grass Band of Hobbs, N.M., will treat the crowd to their brand of bluegrass music. Lane and the West Texas Dry Land of Allison will perform bluegrass, gospel, and country music.

Formerly a country and western dance band, Texas Country, out of Wickett, will put together a set primarily of bluegrass music. This group has two albums under its belt.

North Fork Music Ministries, according to the release, recently passed the 10 year mark.

"North Fork Music Ministries," the release said, "provides Christian music for many churches throughout Texas and the Oklahoma panhandle. They recently celebrated their 10th anniversary by releasing their new compact disc, 'Build My Church.'"

New to the festival will be Blue Persuasion of Hartselle, Ala. Blue Persuasion, a band of four, has performed on numerous radio and television broadcasts, the release said, as well as at ski lodges, at Dollywood theme park, and at the Shepherd of the Hills theatre in Branson, Mo.

Campers are encouraged to come early to secure a parking berth which will be allotted on a first come, first serve basis. The grounds provide both hookups and dry camp areas with some handicap spaces and new restroom facilities.

As seating will not be provided, attendees are urged to bring lawn chairs.

Festival hours will be 6 p.m.-12 midnight Friday, 10 a.m.-12 midnight Saturday, and 9 a.m.-12 noon Sunday. Impromptu picking and jam sessions, open to any who wish to participate, will be on tap nightly, and Mobeetic Volunteer Fire Department will provide concessions.

Admission on Friday will be \$8, on Saturday \$10, or \$16 both days. Sunday admission is free. Children 12 and under will also be admitted free. RV hookups will cost \$10 per day, \$75 for 10 days or \$55 for seven days. Dry camping is \$4 per day.

For more information, call (806) 845-2028, e-mail omjmm@pan-tex.net or visit www.mobeetic.com on the World Wide Web.

Fire

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fighters. Gray County Precinct 2 furnished a water tanker, Millican said. Texas Department of Public Safety monitored smoke blowing across the highway from the fire, in case it became necessary to close the highway due to lack of visibility.

"They didn't have to shut down the highway at any time," Millican said.

Firefighters did not leave the dairy until about 7:30 p.m. Sunday, he said.

Damaged in the first fire were 84 bales of hay. The second fire claimed over 100 more bales, Millican said. Approximate value of the damaged and destroyed hay was not available.

Some smoke may continue to be seen at the east side of the dairy. Millican checked with state agencies, who said the hay fire could be allowed to smolder until it went out on its own.

"It would have taken us several hours to haul enough water out there to extinguish it," he said.

The cause of the fire is thought to be natural in origin, Millican said.

"They had received some hay that they suspect was baled too green and wet. When the wind got up Saturday night and early Sunday, internal combustion just set it off," Millican said.

"The employees had tried to isolate the fire. They did a good job. We could have lost a lot more hay, but we salvaged quite a bit," he said.

"They (Hoover VFD) were all really professional and had a good attitude about being called out the second time," said Linda De Vuyst, who with her husband Richard owns the dairy.

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Viewpoints

Kilby proved Texas not known just for cows

Whenever I have traveled abroad and my hosts learn I am from Texas, they almost always mention "cowboys." The self-reliance, integrity and grit of the cowboy has become part of Texas' personality and the world knows it. What many people do not realize is that these qualities have helped Texans excel in every field of human endeavor, from sports to science. One man who exemplified these traits in science was Jack S. Kilby, who passed away just a few weeks ago. Jack was an engineer's engineer who was always listened to because he only

spoke when he had something to say. This unassuming man changed the world through his invention of the integrated circuit chips which made the desktop computer and a thousand other marvels possible. During the hot Texas summer of 1958, Jack Kilby was on duty at Texas Instruments. As a newly hired engineer, Kilby held down the fort at TI's labs while his fellow engineers went on vacation. He had time to ponder several engineering problems and thought about the way transistors and diodes

were manufactured out of semiconductor material and realized more than one of these devices could be made out of the same piece of material. In doing this, he had the key insight which led to his invention a few months later of the integrated circuit, a discovery which led to the creation of an entirely new electronics industry. The first integrated circuit consisted of a handful of transistors

and diodes on a single chip. Today, each ultra large-scale integrated chip holds the equivalent of more than 100,000 transistors and allows the production of low-cost computers and other products. After this breakthrough, Kilby did not rest on his laurels. He ended his career with more than 60 patents, including the invention of the hand-held calculator. Nonetheless, it was the inte-

grated circuit which won him the Nobel Prize. Jack Kilby is not the only Texan known for his scientific expertise. I am honored to call heart surgeon Dr. Michael DeBakey a friend. The surgical techniques he pioneered continue to save thousands of lives each year. While serving in combat in World War II, he believed many lives could be saved on the battlefield and initiated the first "MASH" unit taking surgical treatment right to the combat area. In a similar fashion, Texas is a center of the field known as nanotechnology, in which

scientists are able to build stronger, lighter and more durable materials molecule by molecule. Rice University's Dr. Richard Smalley and Dr. Robert F. Curl, Jr. have won the Nobel Prize for their work in creating large carbon molecules called "Fullerenes." As a center for America's manned space program and home of great universities and some of the world's most important computer and semi-conductor manufacturers, Texas is becoming known as not only a land of cowboys but of high technology, too.



Kay Bailey Hutchison
U.S. Senator

Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, July 18, the 199th day of 2005. There are 166 days left in the year.
Today's Highlight in History:
 On July 18, 1947, President Truman signed the Presidential Succession Act, which placed the speaker of the House and the Senate president pro tempore next in the line of succession after the vice president.
On this date:
 In A.D. 64, the Great Fire of Rome began.
 In 1792, American naval hero John Paul Jones died in Paris at age 45.
 In 1932, the United States and Canada signed a treaty to develop the St. Lawrence Seaway.
 In 1936, the Spanish Civil War began.
 In 1940, the Democratic national convention in Chicago nominated President Roosevelt for an unprecedented third term in office.
 In 1955, a summit opened in Geneva, Switzerland, attended by President Eisenhower, Soviet Premier Nikolai Bulganin, British Prime Minister Anthony Eden and French Premier Edgar Faure.
 In 1969, a car driven by Sen. Edward M. Kennedy (D-Mass.) plunged off a bridge on Chappaquiddick Island near Martha's Vineyard; passenger Mary Jo Kopechne died.
 In 1984, a gunman opened fire at a McDonald's fast food restaurant in San Ysidro, Calif., killing 21 people before being shot dead by police.

Our readers write

Appreciating our community's efforts

I would like to get some information out to the public. There are programs going on each day to feed the children such as Kid's Cafe of Pampa and the school summer food program. The Kid's Cafe is sponsored by the High Plains Food Bank and the Harvest House Second Harvest of "Pampa." There are two schools that serve dinner four nights a week. Monday and Wednesday evening from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Wilson School Cafeteria serves the free hot meals, and Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Lamar School Cafeteria hosts the program. The Pampa Independent School District lets the volunteers serve the meals in its facilities.

The Pampa ISD (Wilson Cafeteria) prepares breakfast for children and serves the meal from 7:30-8:30 a.m. The Pampa ISD also prepares and serves lunch to children five days per week Monday through Friday. The lunch is served from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. daily. In addition, the Pampa ISD also delivers lunches in five different locations (through volunteers) each day (Lamar School, Horace Mann School, Central Park, Marcus Sanders Park, and Optimist Club Park). These sack lunches are served from 11:45 a.m. until 12:45 p.m. All you have to do is be there and receive it. I appreciate our community's efforts.
Lewis James Pampa



Hard to be cocky in path of hurricane

Since it appears we're in for another active hurricane season, you might want to read Philip D. Hearn's new book about Camille, the monstrous Category 5 hurricane that smashed the Mississippi Gulf Coast in 1969. It is better to read about a hurricane than to experience one. Through the years, I've noticed there is a common phrase that always comes up when people who decide to ride a big one out and survive are interviewed afterward. That phrase is "I'll never do that again." Hearn is a longtime Mississippi journalist, and he gives you a short, interesting history of the Mississippi Gulf Coast and a factual account of the mechanics of hurricanes and how the U.S. has learned to cope with them. The chilling heart of his book, however, is the eyewitness accounts of

survivors, which were collected as part of an oral-history program. With only a little imagination you will feel as if you were actually present during that terrible August night of death and destruction. Camille is one of only three Category 5 hurricanes to hit the United States. Its winds were 200 mph, and its barometric pressure was 26.85 inches, just shy of the all-time low. The storm surge was 35 feet high. Fortunately, it was a tightly wound storm. In today's dollars, the damage was \$11 billion. Along the 26 miles of Mississippi Gulf Coast, 131 people died, and another 41 were never seen again. As it rolled inland, floods killed another 100 people.

Hearn has collected an interesting set of black-and-white photographs, many of them before-and-after shots. The before picture shows a substantial house or building; the after shows a vacant lot. One poor man who had sought shelter in a historic church lost 13 out of his 16-member family as the waves and storm surge flattened the church. I was in Biloxi not long after the storm, and I remember how it resembled a city flattened by bombs. As a child, I was a neighbor to an elderly lady who had survived the Galveston, Texas, storm in 1900 that killed 6,000 people. She, then a child, has survived by floating on a roof for a night and

a day, but all her family members were lost. I've ridden out two Category 2 hurricanes, but I guarantee you if I'm ever in the path of strong 3, much less a 4 or 5, I'll be on the road to higher ground with the pedal to the metal. What these great calamities of nature teach us is that we are not the big shots we tend to think we are when the sun is shining and our bank accounts are relatively full. It's hard to be cocky when a storm is howling, shrieking and roaring for hours on end, and your house is beginning to vibrate, shake and fall apart. When the waters rise, when the winds blow, when the ground shakes, when the volcano explodes, nobody but a fool would claim to be master of his fate, much less someone who has dominion over the Earth.
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Charley Reese
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Shield law important to breaking a story

We have expressed discomfort with a reporter having the absolute right to grant a source confidentiality. We do believe, however, that such confidentiality should only be abrogated in the narrowest, most carefully designed and monitored circumstances, in certain matters directly related to national security. Judith Miller didn't go to jail Wednesday over any such matter. The New York Times reporter, her judicial remedies exhausted, surrendered herself to federal authorities because she would not reveal a source's identity to a federal special prosecutor.

Prosecutor Patrick Fitzgerald is not on any national-security mission. In fact, he himself has never said what exactly he is looking for. The identity of a CIA operative, Valerie Plame Wilson, was leaked to news media. Syndicated columnist Robert Novak published a column naming her. Her husband, former ambassador Joseph Wilson IV, had been critical of the Bush administration. It is not Novak's source

Fitzgerald seeks, but Miller's, as well as the source that was kept confidential by Time magazine's Matthew Cooper, also the target of the probe. While Cooper, whose source surprised him Wednesday morning by releasing him of his promise, wrote one story about Wilson, Miller had not written anything. Many Americans rightfully look skeptically at the use of anonymous sources, and certainly the Washington press

corps as a whole has abused the practice to the point where it is the norm rather than the exception. The public should expect to know who is speaking in news stories much more often than it has been. Still, in order to get at the heart of scandal or corruption in government, in many cases the only way the media can learn of such conduct is from whistleblowers who naturally fear retribution. Their identities need to be protected so future whistleblowers can be confident that journalists who uphold that right to protection today will

Texas Thoughts

Odessa American

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Through the Veil

Through the Veil was one of the praise bands performing Friday evening at the Summer Celebration in Central Park. The band is from First United Methodist Church and includes, from left, Kelly Dewey and Mark Wood.

Brit's alliance with U.S. putting it at risk of terror attacks, according to think tank

LONDON (AP) — Britain's close alliance with the United States has put it at particular risk of terrorist attack, two leading think tanks said Monday, but a government minister said the nation would not have been safer by staying out of wars in Afghanistan and Iraq.

The continuing debate about the wisdom of Britain's military commitments has intensified after the bombings of three London underground trains and a bus on July 7 killed 55 people, including the four suicide bombers, and injured some 700 others.

The Royal Institute of International Affairs and the Economic and Social Research Council said the situation in Iraq had given "a boost to the al-Qaida network's propaganda, recruitment and fund-raising" and provided an ideal training ground for al-Qaida-linked terrorists.

Defense Secretary John Reid, however, argued that terrorism had to be confronted.

"The idea that somehow by running away from the school bully, then the bully will not come after you is a thesis that is known to be completely untrue by every

kid in the playground and it is also refuted by every piece of historical evidence that we have," Reid said in a British Broadcasting Corp. radio interview.

a "perverted ideology." The Sunni Council said the Quran, the Muslim holy book, forbade suicide attacks.

"Who has given anyone

these acts, those who incited these youths in order to further their own perverted ideology," Qadri said.

The Sunday Times reported that one suspected bomber, 30-year-old Mohammad Sidique Khan, was investigated last year by MI5, Britain's domestic intelligence service, but was not regarded as a threat to national security or subsequently put under surveillance.

MI5 began evaluating Khan, a Briton of Pakistani ancestry, during an inquiry that focused on an alleged plot to explode a large truck bomb outside a target in London, the newspaper said.

The Metropolitan Police and a spokesman for Prime Minister Tony Blair declined comment.

The head teacher of Hillside Primary School, which employed Khan as a teaching assistant from March 2001 to December 2004, described him as "hardworking, passionate and dedicated in his work with children."

"All of us at Hillside are utterly shocked to hear that one of our staff had been responsible for such an horrific act," head teacher Sarah Balfour said.

'The idea that somehow by running away from the school bully, then the bully will not come after you is a thesis that is known to be completely untrue by every kid in the playground and it is also refuted by every piece of historical evidence that we have.'

— John Reid
Defense secretary

"The time for excuses for terrorism is over," British Foreign Secretary Jack Straw said at an EU meeting in Brussels, Belgium. "The terrorists have struck across the world, in countries allied with the United States, backing the war in Iraq and in countries which had nothing whatever to do with the war in Iraq."

On Sunday, Britain's largest Sunni Muslim group issued a binding religious edict, or fatwa, condemning the bombings as the work of

the right to kill others? It is a sin. Anyone who commits suicide will be sent to hell," said Mufti Muhammad Gul Rehman Qadri, the council chairman. "What happened in London can be seen as a sacrilege. It is a sin to take your life or the life of others."

The council said Muslims should not use "atrocities being committed in Palestine and Iraq" to justify attacks.

"We equally condemn those who may have been behind the masterminding of

uphold their's tomorrow.

Otherwise the scandals and corruption will go on unchecked. A bill in Congress would, if passed, be a federal "shield law" to provide journalists

with the right to protect sources and the information they provide. The Miller case clearly shows the need for such a law.

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Storm

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It is the Earth that has dominion over us. Either we adapt to it or we don't survive.

Hearn's book, by the way, is "Hurricane Camille: Monster Storm of the Gulf Coast." It is published by the University Press of Mississippi. You can get it at your bookstore or ask the store to order it for you.

Before we leave this subject, it is worth noting that some drastic changes are going to occur in the insurance industry. Insurance, of course, works by spreading the risk. More people pay premiums than file claims. But the stupid overdevelopment of the coastal areas and barrier islands is changing the equation. One monster storm in the right place, one big earthquake in the right area, and a lot of insurance companies will go belly up. The usual response of American business to a crisis is to shift the burden to the government.

The insurance companies have already done this to some extent, as well as raising rates.

It is a problem, though, that deserves careful study and cooperation between the government and the insurance industry. Otherwise, it seems to me that the day will come when ordinary folks will not be able to afford insurance on their property. Coupled with the number of people who can't afford health insurance, that will be one more lurch toward a Third World America.

Briefs

An expense fund has been set up at Cabot & NOI Employees Credit Union for Tori Meeks, daughter of Chris and Sami Kerbo. Tori was injured in a bicycle accident on June 30 and is currently a patient at a Dallas hospital where she is under going rehabilitation while recovering from head injuries. To make a contribution to help Tori and her family, contact Renee Marak of the Credit Union at 665-0847.

Gray, Carson, and Roberts County Extension offices will

sponsor a "Horticulture Tour" July 28 in Pampa. Dr. Harold Kaufman, an Extension plant pathologist, will facilitate the tour which will take an in-depth look at some local lawn and garden problems within the city limits. The tour will take in three or four houses in the morning and another three or four in the afternoon depending upon time restraints and depth of problems.

To find out more or to sign-up for the upcoming tour, contact Brandon McGinty of the local Extension office at 669-8033.

Club news

Club news is published strictly on a first come, first serve basis due to space limitations. The deadline each week for Sunday's paper is Wednesday at 5 p.m. This changes to 12 noon Tuesday on holidays such as Thanksgiving and Christmas. Meeting the deadline does not guarantee publication that week. Thank you.

Altrusa

Altrusa International Inc., of Pampa met July 12 at Pampa Country Club for with President Billie Dixon presiding. Ruby Royse and Terri Williams served as greeters. Ruth Morgan attended as a guest.

The following business was conducted and announcements made:

—Joan Gray-Soria conducted a July 4th quiz for the Accent.

—Members were urged to attend an Altrusa meeting in Amarillo this past week.

—The new Policies, Standing Rules and Long Range Plans for 2005-2006 were presented and accepted.

—Dixon explained the new on-line procedure for distribution of the Altrusa newsletter.

—Lesley Gershmel reported on ASTRA activities for the summer.

—Birthday greetings were extended to Lesley Gershmel who celebrates a birthday this month.

The next meeting will be at 7 p.m. July 26 at Pampa Country Club.

Timeless Treasures

Timeless Treasures Quilt guild will host its next meeting at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, July 30, at Christian Church Disciples Center in Guymon, Okla. Breakfast refreshments will be provided by Gruver and Boise City members. Participants are asked to bring salads for lunch.

Margaret Miller, a studio quilt maker who travels widely giving lectures and workshops on color and design, will be featured during a special workshop to be offered both Friday and Saturday. The workshop will be offered from 9:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. Friday, July 29, for \$40. On Saturday, the workshop will be offered between 1 and 4 p.m. for \$25.

The Saturday morning lecture, slated from 10 a.m.-12 p.m., will cost \$5 for visitors.

Guests and members are welcome. For more information, call (580) 652-2374 or (620) 655-4589 or e-mail playball@ptsi.net.

Community happenings

Pampa Community Concert Association Presents "Live on Stage" 2005-06 concert series includes the following programs:

Edgar Cruz, guitarist, Oct. 23; Susan Egan, Broadway vocalist, Feb. 18, 2006; St. Petersburg Classic Ballet, March 4, 2006; and The Coats, vocal harmonic band, April 30, 2006. Additional concerts, featuring with other performers, have been scheduled in area towns. For more information on any of these events or a complete area concert schedule, contact Ronnie Holmes, PCCA president, at 665-2631. PCCA memberships are available.

The Texas Department of State Health Services 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., July 6 and 20, TDH, 736 S. Cuyler, Pampa.

The next Pampa Area Singles Dance is scheduled between 7 and 11 p.m. Saturday, July 16, at the Sportsmans 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.

The 13th Annual 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, 299 Kiantone Rd., Jamestown, NY 14701-9370, (866) 352-2469 or LBCGN9@aol.com. Further details are also available at www.usslongbeach-assoc.org on the World Wide Web.

USS Maddox Destroyer Associ'on Reunion is planned Sept. 15-18, 2005, in Mobile, Ala. For more information, contact Cliff Gillespie, 215 Wichita Ave., #605, Huntington Beach, CA 92648, call (714) 960-5283 or e-mail cwgilles45@aol.com.

USS Columbus CA-74/CG-12/SSN-762 reunion is planned Sept. 21-25 in San Antonio. For more information, contact Allen R. Hope, President, 3828 Hobson Rd., Ft. Wayne, IN 46815-4505; e-mail hope4391@comcast.net.

Alzheimer's Association will conduct its Memory Walk fundraiser Sept. 24 at Sam Houston Park in Amarillo. To register for, or donate to, the walk, log onto www.alztxas.org. For more information, call (806) 372-8693.

The reunion of the USS Cascade AD-16 is planned for Oct. 9-16 at Branson, Mo. For more information, contact Lyle "Preacher" Burchette, P.O. Box 566, Hollister, MO 65673, (417) 334-5627; or Bob Croghan, Sr., 7827 Cassia Court, St. Louis, MO 63123, (314) 843-6615.

SW USA Aleutian Island Veterans will reunite Nov. 9-11 at Laughlin, Nev. All service branches, veterans, and guests' spouses are welcome at the upcoming gathering. For more information or to obtain a registration blank, send a self-addressed stamped envelope to Al King, POB 130327, Sunrise, FL 33313.

Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I'm a police officer with a large metropolitan police department. I have been dating a wonderful woman I'll call "Jamie" who was raised in -- and still resides in -- a small town where everyone knows everyone, and many people still leave their doors unlocked. I'm frustrated with her because she's so trusting of everyone.

The last time Jamie came here to visit, she accepted a ride from a complete stranger while walking to a nightclub. Because she thought he was "nice," she also gave him her name and phone number. Jamie frequently picks up hitchhikers, and last week after she finished work, she let an intoxicated male come to her barber shop at 10 p.m. and gave him a haircut. When she was finished cutting his hair, she told me he took out a bag of marijuana and asked her to smoke with him. Jamie does not use controlled substances. She says she gave him a ride back to his hotel so he would leave the shop.

I constantly tell my girlfriend to use common sense with strangers and stop assuming everyone is nice. I see violence, misery and mayhem every day, and I tell her about it. I'm afraid unless she starts using common sense that one day she'll be a victim. Please help me get through to her. Jamie is a wonderful person, but she won't listen to me. -- WITS' END IN THE WEST

DEAR "END": While I admire your girlfriend's optimism, I agree her naivete is dangerous. So far she has been lucky -- but any one of the incidents you described could have ended badly.

A picture is worth a thousand words. Because you have been unable to convince her verbally, consider showing her photographs of what has happened to some of the individuals who became victims because they were in the wrong place at the wrong time, or because they trusted a stranger. If that doesn't wake her up, nothing will.

DEAR ABBY: I have wanted to convert to Judaism ever since I was 16. (I am now 19.) I was raised as a Christian by non-religious parents. But when I announced that I wanted to convert, they had a fit.

I now realize that I would like to go further than conversion, Abby. I would like to become a rabbi. When I told my parents, they became so upset they ordered me to see a psychologist. It was hurtful enough that they didn't accept my conversion -- and now this. What should I do? -- DEPRESSED IN ASHEBORO, N.C.

DEAR DEPRESSED: Discuss this with your rabbi, who I am sure will be sympathetic and supportive, and by all means talk with a psychologist. A mental health professional may be able to help you find a way to make your parents understand that this is YOUR life and future, and not a criticism of them or the way they raised you.

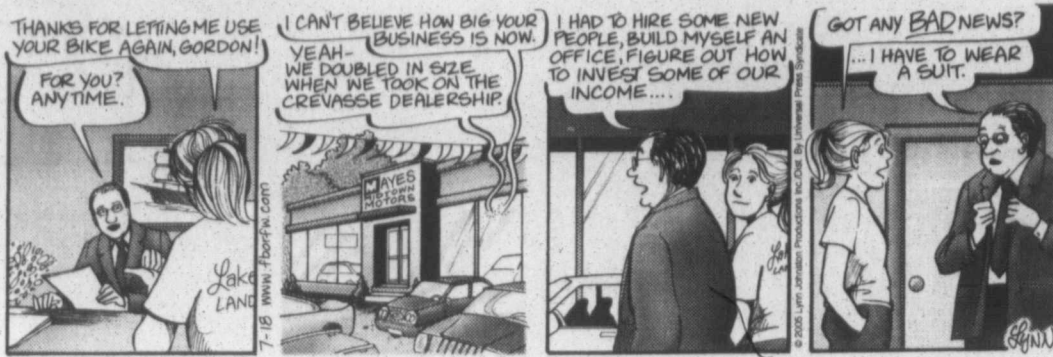
DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have a question regarding table manners. He says that when you are eating with your right hand, your left arm should be resting on the table fully extended.

I say your left hand should be in your lap. Who is right? -- WONDERING IN WINDSOR, CALIF.

DEAR WONDERING: You are. According to Emily Post's Etiquette (16th Edition): "You may rest your hands and wrists -- but not your entire forearm -- on the edge of the table."

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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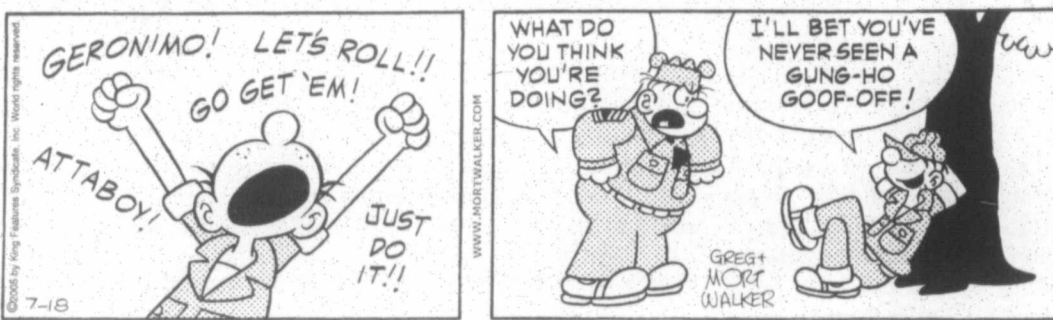
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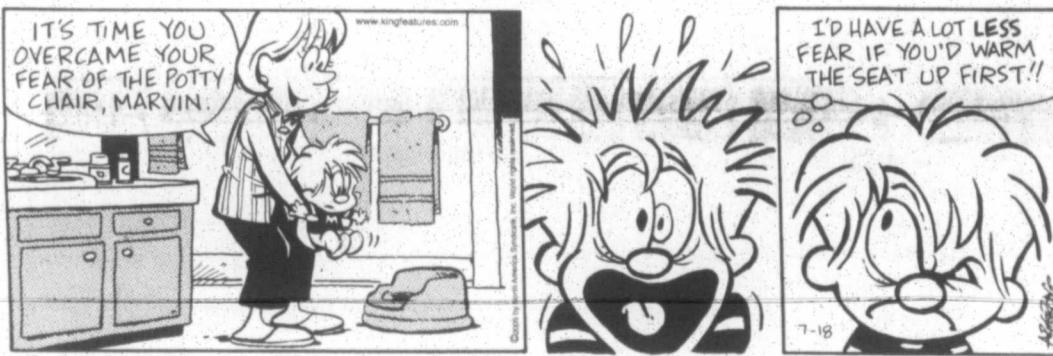
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Crossword Puzzle

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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1 Up in the air

6 Striped critter

11 Mason of whodunits

12 TV's DeGeneres

13 Jazz style

14 Smelly critter

15 Bird abode

17 Flight board abbr.

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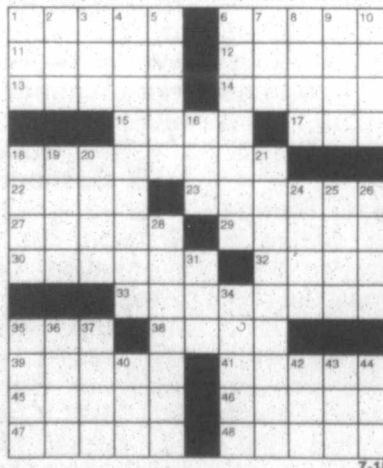
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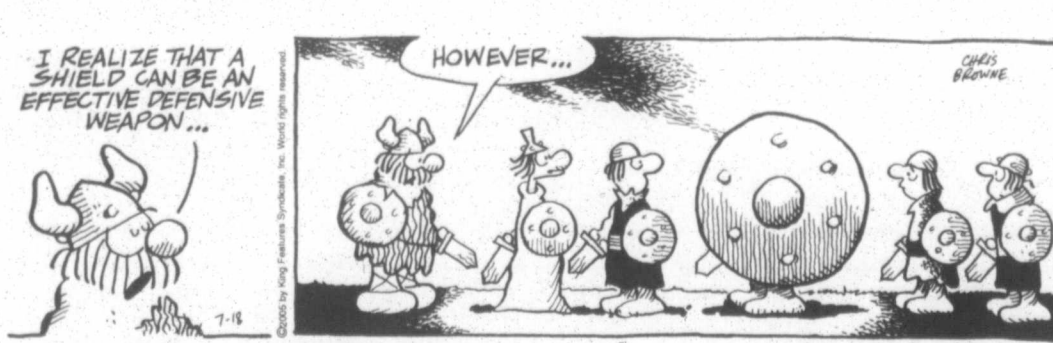
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The Top O' Texan Goldcoats welcome new chamber member Diamonds & Doorknobs, located at 1508 N. Hobart. Goldcoats (left-right): John Warner, Charles Henry, Ken Rheams, Mike Keagy, Bob Marx, Susan Winborne, Jerry Foote, Neil Fulton, and Pat Bagley with owners Steve and Misty Hood, and Natasha Bailey.



The Top O' Texan Goldcoats welcome new chamber member Edwards Jones Investments Representative Tom Reynolds, located at 1540 N. Hobart. Goldcoats (left-right): Bob Marx, Jerry Foote, Neil Fulton, Duane Harp, Mike Keagy, Pat Bagley, John Warner, Susan Winborne, Charles Henry and Ken Rheams with Tom Reynolds, and Debbie Knipp.

PAMPA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 2ND ANNUAL COMMUNITY WIDE GARAGE SALE SATURDAY, AUGUST 27, 2005

Clean out your garage! Get rid of those old clothes that don't fit! Join in the fun by participating in the Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce 2nd Annual City-Wide Garage Sale on Saturday, August 27th from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Any household or business in the immediate Pampa area is eligible to participate. There will be a \$15 charge for each address to help cover the cost of advertising. The Chamber will advertise the Garage Sale extensively, both locally and in surrounding communities. We'll also produce a map, which will be available at a number of locations throughout town on the day of the sale.

Each participant will also receive two Garage Sale signs as well as a copy of "Garage Sale Tips" to help you organize your sale. The deadline for entry is Friday, August 19, 2005 at 5:00 p.m.

Name: _____

Address of sale: _____

Mailing Address (if different): _____

Phone #: _____

List a few of your most important items to be sold: _____

I would like to donate my leftover items to the Salvation Army or Tralee Crisis Center:

YES NO

(Please indicate which organization and we will provide them with your address so that they may pick up your leftover items after your sale)

**** I agree to operate my garage sale on Saturday, August 27, 2005 from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. and to allow the use of my address in Chamber of Commerce advertising for the Community Wide Garage Sale. NO NAMES WILL BE LISTED, ADDRESSES ONLY!

**** I understand that the Pampa Chamber of Commerce will not be held responsible for any actions or incidents occurring on my personal property. I hereby release the Pampa Chamber of Commerce from any and all liabilities, whether personal or monetary.

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Signature: _____ Date: _____ Paid: _____

CHAMBER letter

Dear Members,
Here we are, more than midway through the month of July and many great events have already taken place, but even more are to come.

First, thanks to KFDD Channel 10 and all who turned out for the summer Celebration Tour last Friday. Great turn out and lots of fun. Also, thank you to all of the bands that performed, the skateboarders who competed, classic car owners, rodeo directors and queens, ice cream freeze-off contestants, and all of the vendors who participated in this fun event. We look forward to doing this again, sometime in the future.

Upcoming events include the Las Pampas Koi and Water Garden Society's Pond & Garden Tour to be held this Saturday, July 23rd. Then, during the following week, the Tri-State Seniors Golf Tournament will be held. The Chamber will once again kick off this fun week for the golfers with our annual reception that we will hold for them on Sunday the 24th. In addition, the 2nd Annual City-Wide Garage Sale is scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 27th. An entry form for the City-Wide Garage Sale is located on this page. Also, keep in mind that Pampa Fine Arts sponsored event, Chautauqua, is coming up on Labor Day as well. Remember to check the Chamber calendar/newsletter that you receive each month for listings of even more events to come.

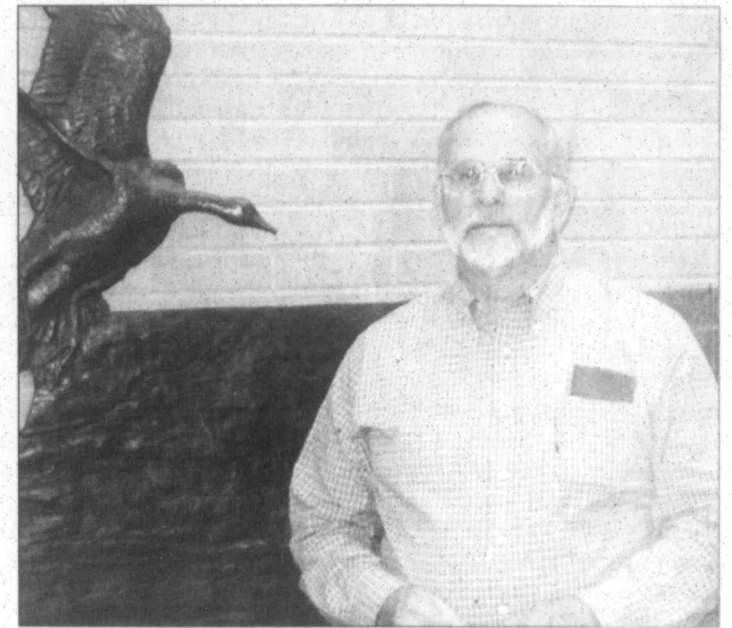
We hope that you will attend tomorrow's Chamber luncheon. We always have a great time at the luncheons and this month should be no exception. Executive Director of the Small Business Development Center, P.J. Pronger, will discuss how the SBDC can possibly benefit your business. He will also offer nine great tips for starting a small business. The program should be very informative, so please come. The public is always invited. We ask that you call the Chamber office as early as possible for reservations tomorrow at 669-3241. The lunch will be catered by Dyer's BBQ and sponsored by The Pampa News. We hope to see you there.

Sincerely,

Clay Rice

July Luncheon

Speaker: P.J. Pronger, Executive Director of Small Business Development Center
Mr. Pronger will discuss ways that the SBDC can possibly help your small business and nine great tips for starting a small business.
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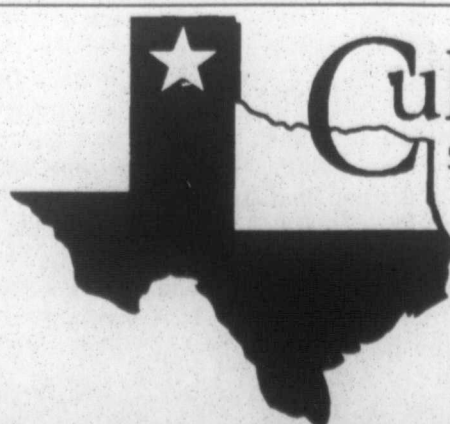
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Sports Day

Pampa 13-year-old All-Stars 2-0 in Abernathy; winner's bracket game on tap tonight

The 13-year-old Pampa All-Stars are off to a tremendous start in the District 1, 2 & 3 baseball tournament being held in Abernathy. In fact, in the first round, Pampa crushed the host squad 16-3 in the opening round of competition. Braden Hunt pitched one inning giving up one run on three hits, walking one and striking out one. Anthony Allen pitched two innings for Pampa, giving up one run on three hits and walking one. Jonathan Robinson pitched the final two innings and gave up just one run on two hits.

Robinson was helped by a 6-4-3 double play from Hunt at shortstop to Allen at second base, who whipped a throw to Zach Shaw at first.

Mitchell Killgo and Hunt had three hits each in the game. Robinson, Reid Bradley, Shaw, Jamal Wheeler and Zach Doan also had hits.

In the following meeting, Pampa faced District 3 champs, Snyder. Pampa was up to the challenge in this game as well, winning it 16-8.

Hunt again started the game on the hill for Pampa, going two innings. Robinson pitched an inning. Shaw tossed for two. Allen would finish the final three innings.

Pampa scored three runs in the first. The second inning is where they exploded, sending 15 batters to the plate, scoring 10 runs in the inning. Killgo, Bradley and Allen each had three hits in the game. Hunt and Shaw had two hits. Doan had 3 RBI. Robinson did not get a hit, but scored three times. Hunt scored four times to lead Pampa.

The wins were big, but also gives Pampa the right to play Plainview in a winner's bracket game tonight at 6 p.m. Says Coach Kevin Hunt, "The team has just played tremendous in all areas of the game." He added, "Our base running has put a lot of pressure on the opposing teams' defense."

Hunt also noted his team's pitching has been solid, but the defense is committing too many errors. "We need to stop that," he said.



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Catching drill

Young Jonathan Stevens reaches for the ball during Monday morning's right-hand pass catching drills at Coach Bryan Wood's football camp at Pampa High School. Stevens was part of the 3rd-6th grade group which will take part in the camp 8 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. through Friday. Seventh-9th grades will participate 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. each

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T-ball coach orders hit

One of the things that sustains me on a daily basis is the thought that what I do to and for my fellow man will pay off in fantastic favor once I have left this place. That what I do and share while ambulatory here on Earth, especially where the youth that cross my path is concerned, will benefit them as well as further establish my station in my next incarnation. You know, the whole 'Do unto others' thing.

Michael J. Stevens
Sports Editor

he is accused of doing is not a spur-of-the-moment thing. It is premeditated.

One of the arresting officers last week suggested Downs was, "Very competitive. He wanted to win." No kidding. Also seems like he might have been posturing for position within the steel city mob. Heck, aren't most coaches competitive? Don't most coaches want to win? But most coaches don't solicit beat-downs. Especially of their own players.

How stupid do you have to be to not only conjure up such a plan, but to actually put your arm around a youngster and whisper in his ear, "I'll give you \$25 to hurt that handicapped kid so we don't have to play him today." Worse still, to believe you would actually get away with it. I wonder if Downs paid with cash, check or Wonka Bars?

Even more tragic is that Downs had two daughters on the team. We've already seen what he may be capable of when it comes to T-ball, what is he like at home when his own kids aren't performing up to his standards?

To grasp the gravity of what Downs did, if he is in fact proven guilty, is to remember this was T-ball game. The mentally disabled child allegedly beaten was little more than 8-years-old. And in a time when most are all about protecting today's kids, I find it hard to believe no one was able to see this man was at the very least, a bit too competitive for T-ball. Some one must have thought, "Hmmm...that can't be right. Oh well, as long as they're winning."

Something about him (Downs) must have been cause for concern, but seems not enough to take action. And that may be to worst crime of all.

Meet Mark R. Downs of Dunbar, Pittsburgh. The 27-year-old T-ball coach allegedly paid one of his players to whack a mentally disabled teammate with a baseball last week so Dunbar wouldn't have to play the kid in a game. In most, if not all little league sports, there is a rule that states all players must play. In baseball, it usually involves a turn in the field and a turn at the plate.

So the hired mini hitman apparently took on the impromptu pre-game contract and beat the handicapped kid about the head and groin. His reward? Downs supposedly paid his charge \$25 for the attack.

And it seems there was concern over Downs' coaching tactics during the season. It was reported that Downs was investigated by the league after allegations were made he might be using questionable tactics even before last week's assault, but the league could find proof of any impropriety. The league either didn't look hard enough or opted to turn a deaf ear.

Something tells me there are skeletons in this man's closet. Something suggests to me his personal makeup should have been setting off alarms prior to last week's attack. To do what

Domino's, Pampa Machine, ECF/Milano's keeping things close in city softball league

Summer Softball Leagues 2005			Standings as of July 15, 2005		
Team	Wins	Losses	Team	Wins	Losses
Mens Open			BDCI	8	0
A.S.S.I.	5	0	Pampa Machine	7	1
Domino's	4	1	OCB	5	3
Prestige Auto Body	3	2	Rick's Body Shop	4	4
Team America	3	2	Tip Top Used Cars	3	5
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Trinity Fellowship	1	4	Division 2		
Jerry's	0	5	The Rednecks	8	0
Mixed Open			ECFash/Milano's Pizza	7	1
Division 1			City Of Pampa	4	4
			V.F.W.	3	5
			Centramedia	1	7
			Fenton Motors	1	7

Rangers' pitcher turns himself in on misdemeanor warrant

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Texas Rangers pitcher Kenny Rogers turned himself in to authorities Monday on misdemeanor assault charges stemming from his tirade against two cameramen.

Arlington police spokeswoman Christy Gilfour said Rogers faces a charge of assault with injury in the shoving of KDFW cameraman Larry Rodriguez. She also said police will mail an assault citation to Rogers' attorney for shoving Fox Sports Net Southwest cameraman David Mammeli.

The assault charge involving Rodriguez is punishable by up to a year

in jail and a fine of up to \$4,000. The other charge is punishable by a fine of up to \$500.

Neither the Rangers nor Rogers' attorney returned telephone calls seeking comment.

Gilfour said Fox Sports — which owns the camera Rogers damaged in shoving Rodriguez — has declined to press criminal charges.

Rogers is free on \$1,500 bond. He's appealing a 20-game suspension and \$50,000 fine for shoving the cameramen June 29.

Rogers lashed out at the cameramen as they filmed him walking to the field for pregame stretching.

Armstrong marches on toward seventh straight tour win

SAINT-LARY-SOULAN, France (AP) — Lance Armstrong probably couldn't have scripted the first two weeks of the Tour de France much better.

No crashes, no dehydration, no real threat from his rivals so far. The Texan has even handled the occasional below-par showing from his teammates, and come away with a comfortable lead.

Now, it seems only an accident or an alarming drop in form can stop him from winning a seventh straight Tour.

"It's more secure, but it's not final. We have to be safe and know there's still tough days to come," Armstrong said after finishing a solid seventh in Sunday's 15th stage.

"You never know, you go to a village and take a turn too fast and break your collarbone ... Tour de France over. So you have to be realistic. We have a week to go and a lot of things

can get in the way."

He did not include his main rivals in the list of potential dangers.

Italian Ivan Basso is 2 minutes, 46 seconds behind in second, 1997 Tour winner Jan Ullrich trails by 5:58 and Alexandre Vinokourov by 9:38 heading into Monday's rest day in Pau.

Following on from Pau is one tough mountain in the Pyrenees, two other modest climbs, a flat stage and a time trial — his specialty. He dominated both last year.

If Armstrong can avoid mishap in what he says will be his last Tour de France, he will ride along the Champs-Elysees on July 24 as the only cyclist to win the event seven times.

Is Armstrong, at 34 years old, the best he's ever been?

"Yeah, maybe," he said. "Tough to say."

What became evident in the Alps and the Pyrenees this past week, is that

he is still the strongest rider in the peloton.

Vinokourov and Ullrich have attacked Armstrong, even isolating him from his teammates at times and leaving him to fight alone.

But Armstrong has withstood the pressure while gradually increasing his lead.

"He is a level above other riders, maybe two levels," Australian cyclist Cadel Evans said. "When he's pushed he steps up. He's the best rider in the history of the Tour de France. If there was a way to beat him, we'd know it by now."

Johan Bruyneel, his Discovery Channel team director and key tactician on each Tour win, was asked if Armstrong had suffered at all on this Tour.

"Not really," Bruyneel said with a smile.

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'Granville Bruce: Old Texas' to open at PPHM

CANYON — From July 30 through Oct. 30, Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum will host the exhibition, "Granville Bruce: Old Texas." Organized by PPHM, the exhibition, a news release said, will consist of 70 oils, watercolors, and drawings, most of which will be borrowed from the artist's family.

A Dallas-based nature and painter of romanticized Old West subjects, Bruce (1903-1989) was a native Nebraskan.

Raised in Milwaukee, Bruce came to Texas in 1924. A student of the Layton School of Art in Milwaukee and the Art Institute of Chicago, he studied with Hugo Pohl in San Antonio in the late 1920s. Pohl and Bruce built a studio in San Antonio's Brackenridge Park and they took sketching trips to other parts of Texas in a converted Model-T.

In 1930, Bruce married Ula Lee Mead, the sister of artist Ben Carlton Mead, and the couple moved to Dallas. There Bruce did

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— Michael R. Grauer
Curator of art

illustrations for Holland's Magazine and soon found work painting diorama backgrounds for the Dallas Museum of Natural History.

He also painted murals for Dallas Sunset High School under President Franklin D. Roosevelt's New Deal and a mural for the Texas State Fish and Game Commission in the John H. Reagan Building in Austin.

Bruce had a solo exhibition at the Witte Museum in San Antonio and exhibited in the San Antonio Competitive Exposition in 1929. He also exhibited at the State Fair of Texas and in the Dallas Allied Arts exhibitions in the 1930s.

The exhibition, the release said, will be a survey of Bruce's work from the late 1920s until the early 1970s.

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An exhibit of artist Granville Bruce will be featured at Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum in Canyon. The show will include some 70 oils, watercolors, and drawings.

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tors to the Museum," stated PPHM Curator of Art Michael R. Grauer.

The family that runs together, stays together

Brother and sister seek bids for governor, lieutenant governor

AUSTIN (AP) — A Fort Worth man and his Austin sister have taken their first steps toward seeking the Democratic nominations for Texas governor and lieutenant governor.

If elected, Felix and Maria Luisa Alvarado would be the first siblings to win statewide office in Texas.

Felix Alvarado is vying for the governor nomination, and his sister, Maria Luisa Alvarado, is vying for lieutenant governor. They both named campaign treasurers last month, a sign they're serious about the 2006 election.

Felix Alvarado, 62, is an assistant principal in the Fort Worth school district. Maria Luisa Alvarado, 49, resigned in May as a research project coordinator at the University of Texas at Austin to focus on the race.

The siblings say their chances may be slim, but they think Democrats need to take a stand against Republicans, who have won all 29 elected positions statewide since 1999.

"It is almost impossible to take on an incumbent and win. I know that. I was trying to make a statement: Listen to the people, we count too," Felix Alvarado said.

On the Republican side, Gov. Rick Perry has been challenged by Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn. Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst does not yet have a Republican challenger.

Several siblings have served in the Texas House, including two current members, Reps. Bill Keffer of Dallas and Jim Keffer of Eastland. Both are Republicans.

The Alvarados still face hurdles to make it to the March 7 Democratic primary ballot. They each need 5,000 signatures or \$3,750 on filing fees.

Gilbert Cuthbertson, a Rice University political scientist, said the Alvarados could garner some votes as anomalies, but would struggle against any better-known candidates.

"Texas voters like something different," Cuthbertson said. "This will appeal to voters — not very many, however."

Maria Luisa Alvarado said she is counting on that appeal.

"Are we waiting for anyone's permission to come in? I said, 'Let's do it now,'" she said last month. "That's the kind of boldness that's needed. People are really attracted to that. They need that sense of confidence from the people they are evaluating as candidates."

This would be Felix Alvarado's his third run for office. He

challenged Republican U.S. Reps. Joe Barton of Ennis in 2002 and Kay Granger of Fort Worth in 2004, drawing 28 percent of the vote each election.

The Alvarados did not know each other well as children because of their age difference. They were among 14 children born to Mexican migrant workers, whose parents came to Texas in 1910.

Both have military backgrounds. Felix Alvarado is a retired Air Force chief master sergeant. Maria Luisa Alvarado is a retired Texas Air National Guard master sergeant. He is married with five children; she's single.

The Alvarados said they will push for issues such as health care, education, tax relief and immigration reform.

Art Brender, chairman of the Tarrant County Democratic Party, said the Alvarados lack the financial resources to officially file for the two offices later this year.

"It's just not going to happen," Brender said of Felix running for governor. "I don't think it would be wise for the party or Felix for him to pursue that office."

Rising immigrant births in U.S. boost need for delivery-room translators

UTICA, N.Y. (AP) — The man from Bosnia was just not understanding. His wife was in labor at a central New York hospital and the doctor was trying to explain in English the need for a Caesarean section.

Horrified, the man translated incorrectly and told his wife the baby was dead, and it would have to be cut out of her. The woman went into shock. Though the baby was healthy, she couldn't take care of it for a week.

Almost one in four American births is now to a foreign-born mother, according to a recent report by the Center for Immigration Studies. The result, medical experts and advocates say, is a growing pressure on American health care centers to not only deliver babies, but deliver them in more languages than one.

The Civil Rights Act of 1964 says hospitals that get federal money must provide interpreter services. It just doesn't say how. Most hospitals reach out with phone-based interpretation services. But critics say the phone has limitations, especially during childbirth.

"What, are they going to pass the receiver back and forth while the doctor is catching the baby?" asked Dr. Francesca Gany, director of the Center for Immigrant Health at the

New York University School of Medicine. "Health care facilities are definitely feeling the heat."

The Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations is studying the link between medical error and interpretation issues, Gany said. And the National Health Law Program is looking at how small health care providers can offer language services. A report by the Washington-based Institute of Medicine said 56 percent of such providers surveyed had received no language training.

Though studies are underway, there are no national numbers for access to, or use of, interpreter services in health care. But there are some telling samples.

One hospital in Madison, Wis., said requests for interpreters more than doubled, to more than 4,000 requests a year, between 2000 and 2003. In Columbus, Ohio, Children's Hospital in 2002 had almost 8,000 requests for interpreters.

A survey of New Jersey's hospitals shows that in a largely urban state where 11 percent of residents have limited English, just 3 percent of hospitals have a full-time interpreter. Eighty percent of hospitals offer no staff training on working with interpreters, and 31 percent have no multilingual signs.

'This seems like such a no-brainer.'

— Dr. Portia Jones
Assistant Professor
at Albany Medical
Center

Lawmakers continue school funding negotiations

AUSTIN (AP) — A key state legislator said prospects of restructuring Texas' system of paying for public schools were dismal Sunday afternoon, even as top officials met behind closed doors in hopes of brokering a deal.

"I wouldn't kid you, this thing is flying on empty right now," said Republican Sen. Steve Ogden, who is the chief Senate negotiator on the bill designed to change the way Texans pay taxes. "I hope we'll make it. We don't need any more headwind."

The special session ends on Wednesday, but legislative rules require more time for bills to go through a mandatory 24-hour wait period after they are printed and analyzed. Without an agreement on Sunday, approving legislation this session would be extremely difficult.

While a panel of House and Senate negotiators met on a bill that would spend billions of dollars on new education programs, Ogden, Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst and House Speaker Tom Craddick each spent several

moments in Gov. Rick Perry's office, at different times.

Perry called the special session to restructure the way Texans are taxed to pay for public schools. Both the House and the Senate have approved their versions of the two bills and now panels of 10 lawmakers for each must work out the differences.

The tax bill would lower school property taxes for homeowners and replace that school money with new consumer and business taxes.

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