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Some Roberts' documents held back

WASHINGTON (AP) — Risking a showdown with Democrats, the White House said Tuesday it won't release documents that Supreme Court nominee John Roberts prepared while working on cases to argue on behalf of the first Bush administration before the high court. Some documents from Roberts' work for two previous Republican presidents were being released Tuesday by the National Archives. At the urging of Senate Judiciary

'What we are providing goes above and beyond what a reasonable person would expect to be made available. This is more than what senators need to be able to do their job.'

— Scott McClellan
White House press secretary

Chairman Arlen Specter, R-Pa., the White House was also asking the Reagan presidential library to expedite the review of other Roberts

records to determine what can be released.

In total, 75,000 pages of writings from Roberts' work in the Reagan administration, as a special assistant to Attorney General William French Smith and in the White House counsel's office, would be turned over to the committee, White House press secretary Scott McClellan said.

"What we are providing goes

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Pampa News photo by BEN BRISCOE

Under construction

This construction worker, named Cody, is evidently not superstitious about ladders. He is working at the shopping center under construction near Wal-Mart. Work on the shopping center is expected to be completed by Sept. 1.

Lefors man turns self in after alleged fracas

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

A Lefors man is free on \$1,000 bond after turning himself in Monday to Gray County Jail in response to a warrant for his arrest.

Jeffrey Wayne Whatley, 40, 304 W. 2nd, turned himself in at the jail at 10 a.m. yesterday on a warrant charging him with assault causing bodily injury.

The warrant was issued after Whatley and a neighbor, Gregg Stamper, 219 W. 2nd,

allegedly engaged in a physical confrontation concerning Whatley's dogs.

"The incident involved dogs chasing a vehicle," Lt. Joe B. Hoard of Gray County Sheriff's Office said July 21 after the incident, which occurred July 19.

At 7:30 p.m. July 19, Stamper pulled into the driveway of his home to avoid two dogs which were reportedly chasing his pickup, Hoard said.

Stamper watched the dogs

return to their home at Whatley's address, and saw Whatley allegedly make a rude gesture at him, according to the sheriff's office report.

Stamper then drove to Whatley's house, where a confrontation reportedly ensued.

Whatley reportedly threatened to kill Stamper if Stamper tried to run over his dogs again, Hoard said.

Stamper got out of his pickup, and Whatley allegedly grabbed him by the throat.

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Pampa man preparing for Xcel rodeo

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

Nick Howell of Pampa will be on a three-man crew competing at the 15th annual Lone Star Lineman's Rodeo, Saturday, July 30, in Lubbock.

Howell will team up with a Perryton man and a Booker man, all three employees of Xcel Energy, to participate in the event.

Contestants at the annual event include electric utility, cooperative and contractor employees.

Contests at the electric utility lineman's rodeo will include speed-climbing 40-foot utility poles, simulated safe rescues from the tops of utility poles, and timed-and-scored races in safe, quick and correct installation of electric equipment that typically serves homes and businesses.

The safe rescue involves a mannequin which simulates an electrically shocked, injured worker.

The rodeo is made up of two classes of competition, one between three-man teams of journeymen linemen, and the other between apprentice linemen competing as individuals.

Sixteen teams and 19 apprentices from utilities, cooperatives and contractors from

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Forty death row inmates commuted in 1972 to life in prison now freed

DALLAS (AP) — Given that 85 percent of the Texas death row inmates commuted to life in prison in 1972 have been released, odds are that some of the 28 death row inmates commuted last month will be freed.

Gov. Rick Perry commuted the 28 sentences to life in prison following the Supreme Court ruling that juveniles cannot be executed because it violates the Eighth Amendment ban on cruel and unusual punishment.

But history shows release is possible.

According to state prison records reviewed by The Dallas Morning News, 40 of the Texas death row inmates, known as the Furman 47, have been released from prison. Death penalties were halted for four years following the Supreme Court decision in Furman vs. Georgia.

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Obituaries

Fran Kludt, 58

Fran Kludt, 58, of Pampa, died Monday, July 25, 2005, at Pampa. Services are pending under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Kelley Quarles, 32

ANGEL FIRE, N.M. — Kelley Quarles, 32, of Angel Fire, died Sunday, July 24, 2005, at Angel Fire. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa, Texas.

Mr. Quarles was born Nov. 13, 1972, at Pampa, Texas. He had been a resident of the Pampa and Mobeetie, Texas, areas most of his life, moving to Angel Fire in 2000. He was a construction worker for Sierra Bonita Builders in New Mexico. Survivors include his parents, Mary and



Quarles

Winfred Don Quarles of Angel Fire, N.M.; his fiancé, Julie Howard of Angel Fire, N.M.; two sons, Kellan Quarles and Kelton Quarles, both of Pampa, Texas; two sisters, Donna Crawford and Shonda Rucker, both of Pampa, Texas; and his grandmother, Claudia Quarles of Pampa, Texas.

The family requests memorials be to Mobeetie Methodist Church, c/o 9575 CR 15, Briscoe, TX 79011; or a favorite charity.

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

Dorothy Ray VanHouten, 78

Dorothy Ray VanHouten, 78, of Pampa, Texas, died Sunday, July 24, 2005, in Oberlin, La., after a long illness.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. VanHouten was born Nov. 24, 1926, in Stanton, Texas, as Dorothy Ray Bailey. She worked as a nurse in the Big Spring area in the early 1950's to the late 1960's, then in the Odessa and Kermit areas until the early 1970's.

She was instrumental in the starting of the Howard College's Nursing School and was a graduate of the first class taught.

She never met a stranger and never passed up anyone in need of help. She was a loving



VanHouten

wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, and friend, and she will be sorely missed and happily remembered.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Guy Bailey, Jr., and Bill Bailey; a sister, Lena Briles; and a grandson, Antonio Esqueda.

Survivors include her husband, W.C. VanHouten; three children, Earlene Esqueda, Elaine White, and Wayne Trantham; four stepchildren, Wynell Bohannon, Donald VanHouten, David VanHouten, and Linda Whitley; two sisters, Lou Darden and Linda Currie; 28 grandchildren; 28 great-grandchildren; and 12 great-great-grandchildren.

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

Gray County Weather

Today: Showers and thunderstorms likely. Mostly cloudy, with a high around 83. North-northeast wind around 15 mph. Chance of precipitation is 60 percent. New rainfall amounts between a quarter and half of an inch possible.

Tonight: A 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Cloudy, with a low around 59. North-northeast wind around 15 mph.

Wednesday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low near 59. East-northeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Thursday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 83. East-southeast wind around 10 mph.

Thursday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 65. South wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high around 90. South-southwest wind between 5 and 15 mph.

Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 69. South wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 91. South-southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

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Stocks

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

Wheat 2.94

Milo 3.29

Corn 4.06

Soybeans 5.79

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

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Roberts

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above and beyond what a reasonable person would expect to be made available," he said. "This is more than what senators need to be able to do their job."

The White House will claim that the work Roberts performed while serving as principal deputy solicitor general in the administration of George H.W. Bush is subject to lawyer-client privilege and thus off limits, McClellan said.

Sen. Patrick Leahy, top Democrat on the Judiciary Committee, had said earlier that material written in confidence while serving in an administration has been provided in the past — for instance by Reagan when he nominated William H. Rehnquist for chief justice.

"The Senate should see all relevant material related to Judge Roberts' nomination. We trust that members of the Judiciary Committee and the White House will work out a way for the Senate to review this material," said Rebecca Kirszner, spokeswoman for Senate Democratic leader Harry Reid of Nevada.

McClellan said that providing such documents would violate attorney-client privilege and have a chilling effect on the decision-making process in the solicitor general's office.

"Democratic and Republican solicitor generals have said that to make that information available would really stifle their ability to have a candid and independent and honest assessment from attorneys in their office," he said. "These future solicitor generals might as well put up a sign that says 'do not apply' if you are thinking about going through a Senate confirmation process."

Attorney-client privilege allows communications between lawyers and the people they represent to remain confidential. Executive privilege is the right claimed by presidents to decline some requests, including for production of doc-

uments, from Congress and the courts, based on the Constitution's separation of powers.

With Bush's first chance to shape the Supreme Court at stake, the White House is hoping to avoid the kind of confrontation with Democrats over document requests that has stymied Senate confirmation of some of the president's other high-profile nominees. Asked repeatedly to say whether the administration was open to making Roberts' writings as a former administration lawyer available, McClellan avoided saying "no" outright on Monday.

He took a harder line Tuesday. The documents issue could be critical as the Senate prepares to decide whether to confirm Roberts as Bush's replacement for retiring Justice Sandra Day O'Connor.

Democrats have offered no indication that they plan an all-out battle against Roberts. But since his two-year tenure on the federal bench has left him with a limited public record, they have hinted they may seek memos, briefs and other documents he wrote as an administration lawyer in the Reagan and first Bush administrations to shed more light on his stands on such issues as abortion, the environment and federal jurisdiction.

Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., last week called for the White House to release all of Roberts' working papers from his time during the Reagan and George H.W. Bush years. Democrats on the Judiciary Committee have not yet revealed which documents they will ask for.

Sen. Joseph Lieberman, D-Conn., one of the centrists who stopped an earlier Senate fight over Bush's judicial nominees, urged the White House to be flexible with document requests.

"I'd hate to see us get into a battle over whether the administration was going to share documents instead of the basic question of, 'Is Judge Roberts deserving of confirmation to be a justice of the United States Supreme Court,'" Lieberman said Monday after meeting with the nominee.

Emergency Services

Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents and arrest today.

Monday, July 25

Two traffic stops were made. Traffic complaints were received from the 1200 block of Darby, the 100 block of West Kingsmill concerning an abandoned vehicle, the intersection of Highway 60 East and Loop 171, the intersection of Francis and Cuyler streets, and the 2200 block of North Hobart.

A vehicle accident was reported in the 800 block of North Hobart. A hit and run accident was reported in the 2600 block of Cherokee.

Emergency medical services assistance was reported in the 700 block of North Dwight and the 2700 block of Cherokee, where an unattended death was reported.

Law enforcement assistance was reported in the 1500 block of Williston.

One suicide attempt was reported.

A missing person call was received from the 400 block Magnolia.

Warrant service was attempted at one location.

Violation of a city ordinance was reported in the 700 block of East Kentucky.

A narcotic drug law violation was reported in the 200 block of North Houston.

Two business alarms were reported.

Civil matters were reported in the 800 block of Campbell, the 1200 block of South Sumner, and the police department lobby.

Suspicious vehicles were reported in the 1300 block of South Barnes and the intersection of Randy Matson and Wells streets.

Suspicious persons were reported in the 600 block of West Foster, the 400 block of North Somerville, the 900 block of Wilcox, and the intersection of Naida and Gwendolyn streets.

An animal complaint was received in the police department lobby.

Disorderly conduct/noise was reported in the 500 block of Warren.

Disorderly conduct/other was reported in the 1200 block of South Sumner and at One Medical Plaza.

Telephone harassment was reported in the 1100 block of Sierra.

Harassment was reported in the police department lobby and the 1300 block of Coffee.

Assault was reported in the 800 block of Campbell. No injuries were reported.

Burglary and assault were reported in the 1300 block of Coffee. The suspect broke into the residence and assaulted a resident. Minor injuries were reported.

Violation of a protective order was reported in the 300 block of Warren.

Two occurrences of theft were reported in the police department lobby.

Counterfeiting/forgery was reported at Frank's True Value, 401 N. Ballard. Counterfeit money was passed.

Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle was reported in the 400 block of South Ballard. Estimated value of the vehicle is \$18,000.

Christopher Dylan Whitten, 18, 523 N. Russell, was arrested in the 1300 block of Coffee for failure to identify as a fugitive, and minor in possession of alcohol.

Accidents

Pampa Police Department reported the following accident today.

Sunday, July 24

7:50 p.m. — A 2000 Jeep Grand Cherokee, driven by Teddy W. Kincannon, 72, Altus, Okla., and a 1993 GMC Safari, driven by Richard Trujillo, 49, Dalhart, collided in the 12000 block of East Frederic. Trujillo and a passenger in Kincannon's vehicle, Marie Kincannon, 73, were transported by Guardian EMS ambulance to Pampa Regional Medical Center with possible injuries. Kincannon was cited for failure to yield right of way to oncoming traffic.

Sheriff

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

Monday, July 25

Jeffrey Wayne Whatley, 40, Lefors, turned himself in on a charge of assault causing bodily injury.

Zachary Skinner, 20, 705 N. Wells, was arrested on bond surrenders for carrying a prohibited weapon, no driver's license, and expired motor vehicle inspection.

Charles W. Cannon, 44, 520 N. Faulkner, was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety on a probation violation for driving while intoxicated, subsequent offense.

Fire

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

Monday, July 25

12:06 a.m. — The department was dispatched to Baten prison unit on a medical call. The call was outside the local department's district, so no units or firefighters responded.

4:06 p.m. — One unit and two firefighters responded to the 500 block of South West on a trash fire. Firefighters extinguished some cross-ties and trash on fire. Cause for the fire is unknown.

Ambulance

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

Monday, July 25

7:10 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to Highway 152 3-miles east of Skellytown and transported a patient to Northwest Texas Hospital, Amarillo.

1:56 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to Pampa Regional Medical Center and transferred a patient(s) to N.W.T.H.

Rodeo

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Texas, New Mexico and Colorado are entered in this year's rodeo.

The climbing contests begin at 8 a.m. Saturday at the lineman's training grounds in northwestern Lubbock, near the intersection of Indiana Avenue and the Clovis Highway (U.S. 84).

Most events occur during the early part of the day, with some events held simultaneously. The climbing contests generally end by early afternoon.

Free hamburgers and hot dogs will be served beginning at 11 a.m. The rodeo is free and open to the public.

Discovery passes test

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — A fuel sensor system on Discovery's external tank passed initial tests early Tuesday as NASA finished fueling the space shuttle for the first launch attempt since the doomed Columbia flight 2 1/2 years ago.

NASA officials monitored the fuel sensor system on the gigantic external tank throughout the entire three-hour fueling process to make sure the sensors functioned properly. A faulty reading of a sensor caused a scrub on July 13 as astronauts were boarding the spacecraft.

"All the sensors are performing as expected," said NASA commentator Jessica Rye.

Discovery and a crew of seven were set to blast off for the international space station at 10:39 a.m. EDT. The forecast improved early Tuesday to odds of good launch weather at 80 percent, compared to 60 percent the day before.

During an early morning meal, crew members sported matching Hawaiian shirts. They cracked smiles at a NASA television camera as astronaut Steve Robison strummed a guitar.

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Fracas

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One of the dogs reportedly bit Stamper.

Stamper then got in his vehicle, drove home, called the sheriff's office, and then went to Pampa Regional Medical Center's emergency room, where he was treated for injuries to his neck.

No further information was available on the severity of the alleged dog bite.

Business Review

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Viewpoints

Automated phone systems really punch my buttons

I make my living by communicating, so it is especially irksome to me when I can't communicate.

Two things which are both a blessing and a curse in the land of communication are the cell phone and the automated answering system.

Cell phones are wonderful things. As I've said in a previous column, they can let us reach out and touch someone no matter where we are. We can summon help even if we are not near a land line. We can send and receive e-mail, text messages, and photos, and can even surf the "Net."

All this is possible, however, only if the cell phone can get a clear, strong signal.

Dropped calls, signals that cut in and out, others' conversations audible in the background, "all circuits are

busy," static that abuses our eardrums — anyone who uses a cell phone has to battle these snafus from time to time.

Why is it that a nation that has the technology to communicate with Space Shuttle astronauts, lunar-landers, and probes sent to other planets cannot provide better wireless communication for us land-lubbers?

Just as irritating are the increasingly commonplace automated answering systems, a high-powered version of the answering machine.

These systems are installed by companies to answer their telephones, ostensibly to provide "customer service."

I imagine the theory is that the systems enable the com-

pany to cut operating and manpower costs, freeing up employees for other work so as to save on salaries while still providing a way of fielding calls.

Marilyn Powers

Staff Writer



The basic version answers the phone with a recorded greeting and then gives the caller a directory from which to choose.

Often, the first choice is, "For English, press one (spoken in English). For Spanish, press two (spoken in Spanish)."

If you are naive enough to press one of the offered buttons, you're a goner. Now they know you're dialing from a touch-tone phone,

rather than the old-time rotary dial kind.

Armed with this knowledge, the system proceeds to give the caller a menu of options, as in "For account balance information, press 1. For last payment received, press 2. For instant advice from a member of the Psychic Pals Network, press 3. For 45 minutes of elevator music, press 4. For a recording telling you why our company is the greatest, press 5."

Now you are well and truly trapped. If you press another button, the cycle goes on and on until the system finally tells you "good-

bye" and hangs up on you. If you don't press another button, you get to hear the options over and over again.

In an apparent effort to be more sensitive to callers who resent not getting to "talk" to anyone, the latest systems allow you to either press or say the number of your choice.

This may be a golden opportunity to vent your anger at the mindless machine, but it won't do any good. If you don't say one of the words the system has listed, you hear "I'm sorry. That is not a valid answer." Then, you guessed it, you hear the list of options yet again.

Meanwhile, cobwebs form in the space around you as your hair grays and/or falls out, your teeth rot, your

telephone ear falls off, and you forget why you called this stupid machine.

If I am calling someone, 90 percent of the time I need to talk to a human, rather than push a few buttons.

Automated answering systems do have their uses. If you want information that is not subjective in any way, such as an account balance, they work fine, even if they seem to take up more time than the old-fashioned human-to-human method.

But if you're hoping to have an honest-to-goodness conversation, and you manage to navigate your way to an option that actually lists talking to someone, you're likely to be told that all customer service representa-

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Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, July 26, the 207th day of 2005. There are 158 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 26, 1945, Winston Churchill resigned as Britain's prime minister after his Conservatives were soundly defeated by the Labor Party. (Clement Attlee became the new prime minister.)

On this date:

In 1775, Benjamin Franklin became Postmaster-General.

In 1788, New York became the 11th state to ratify the U.S. Constitution.

In 1908, U.S. Attorney General Charles J. Bonaparte issued an order creating an investigative agency that was a forerunner of the FBI.

In 1947, President Truman signed the National Security Act, creating the Department of Defense, the National Security Council, the Central Intelligence Agency and the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

In 1952, Adlai E. Stevenson was nominated for president by the Democratic National Convention in Chicago; John J. Sparkman was nominated for vice president.

Our readers write

Too many rights getting taken away ...

I might be right and I might be wrong, but I have to agree with the man about the Constitution. Only, I think some of these high education people ought to read it again and a whole lot of our government leaders. Human rights are being taken away more and more.

I want to clarify: Tobacco use is a bad habit, but to say it's the only thing that costs the government and causes illness and death — you answer here what alcohol does. You never hear deaths attributed to alcohol, and you never hear of anybody suing the breweries or whatever because somebody took a drink. Now do you?

The United States government is now going after the tobacco companies for \$280 billion dollars for selling it

the last three or four hundred years. What does that tell you? Somebody from Washington, D.C., had some kind of disease and used it and pushed it to ban it.

Do people there or anywhere have those big functions without tobacco, and do they just serve tea and coffee and Kool-Aid and soda pop to drink?

The gun law — some man was doing his job and lost the use of his legs.

The war in Iraq — Does it make any sense? They holler about the security and the terrorists, but then they're closing bases and sending the troops over there to rebuild and protect those countries. And have you ever heard of any other war? The United States turning its

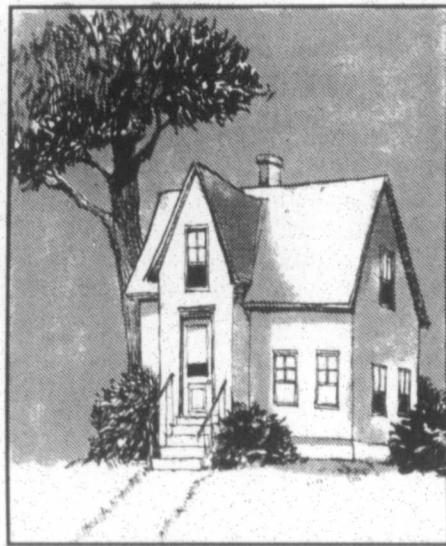
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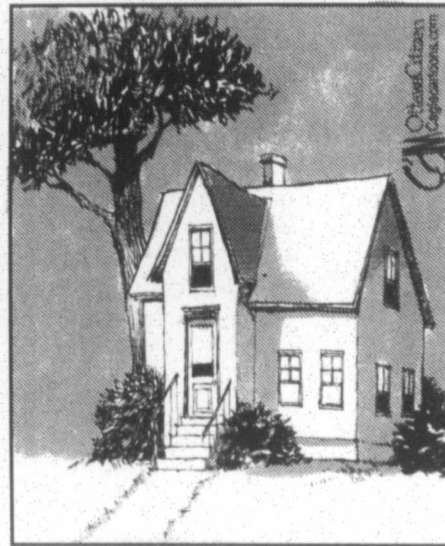
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Bush should not fire Karl Rove

The "gotcha" game is in full swing in Washington as the vultures circle slowly over the White House, hoping for Karl Rove's scalp.

The ritualized homicide/suicide is well-programmed. A White House insider is accused of doing something, the news media hype the story and, finally, without proof or presumption of innocence, the staffer resigns so as not to become a "distraction" from the president's agenda.

But maybe this time the cycle can be stopped before it runs its bloody course.

Karl Rove did nothing wrong. The statute he allegedly violated has a number of very specific triggers. The person who reveals the identity of a covert CIA operative has to intend to uncover her identity, know

she is a covert operative and know that he is blowing her cover.

The law is designed to stop the likes of Philip Agee, whose 1975 book "Inside the Company" revealed secret CIA information to sell books. Rove's actions are a far stretch from those of the statute was designed to cover.

Rove did not call Time magazine's Matt Cooper. Cooper called him. He did not mention Valerie Plame's name. He may not have even known it. He had no intent to reveal her identity. The context of the conversation was that Rove was trying to disabuse Cooper of the impres-

sion that CIA Director George Tenet had been the moving force in choosing former Ambassador Joe Wilson to investigate the nuclear dealings reported to be going on in Niger.

Rove said that it was not Tenet who pushed the appointment but that it likely stemmed from the fact that Wilson's wife "apparently works" at the CIA.

To call that conversation a deliberate revelation of an agent's identity designed to blow her cover is a far, far stretch of the statute's wording and intent.

But just as Rove did not intend to blow Plame's

cover, so the Democrats demanding his head are not very interested in upholding the statute in question. Their motives are totally political. They want revenge against Rove for his successful role in piloting the Bush election and reelection campaigns, and they want to be sure that Bush does not have access to Karl's advice in the remaining years of his second term.

Washington is a mean town where human sacrifice has been raised to an art form. But Karl Rove does not deserve this fate. He has served loyally and well, resisting enormous opportunities to leave midway and reap a bonanza of income in the private sector. He has shown himself to be a man of uncommon integrity and

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Energy bill too important to dink with MTBE measure

The Dallas Morning News on energy legislation in Congress:

Having failed repeatedly to get an energy bill through Congress, President Bush and Republican leaders are pushing hard to finalize the present version before the Aug. 1 congressional recess. The measure of their eagerness became apparent when Texas Rep. Joe Barton, who is jockeying the bill through a House-Senate conference committee, jettisoned the issue that doomed his last attempt: MTBE.

Methyl tertiary butyl ether is widely used in gasoline to make it burn cleaner. Unfortunately, what's good

for the air has proved to be lousy for drinking water supplies. MTBE, which imparts a foul smell and taste, even in tiny amounts, migrates

swiftly in water and has contaminated hundreds of drinking water systems, including Dallas.

Makers of MTBE want Congress to protect them from most cleanup costs, and Mr. Barton, who hails from Ennis and chairs the powerful House Energy and Commerce Committee, has

seen things their way. In the last session of Congress, the Senate refused to accept the bill negotiated by House-Senate conferees because the House included the MTBE waiver.

This year Mr. Barton changed his approach, crafting a measure that would have required oil companies to pony up about \$4 billion toward future cleanups in return for freedom from liability. The bulk of the \$1.4 billion fund would have come from the federal and

state governments.

Unfortunately for Mr. Barton, Senate conferees still said no. Their reluctance is well-founded on two counts. The first is cost. Some estimates put the price tag for the cleanup at more than twice the amount of the proposed fund. The second is health. Recently, reports surfaced of an internal EPA document that characterizes MTBE as a "likely" human carcinogen. Earlier documents had called it a "possible" carcinogen. EPA officials say they simply don't know at this point what kind of link they may find

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Texas Thoughts

The Dallas Morning News

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back on the people here and sending billions of dollars to help people that they've been helping for 50 years and still the people aren't in any better shape now than they were then? Just helping the leaders of those countries keep their lifestyles.

The government says Social Security has to be taken out of our checks, but now the president wants to mess with it. Who's behind that? Somebody up there needs it worse. Who's behind it?

Look at all the corporations that have filed bankruptcy then started over in new names. They're telling people not to buy prescription drugs from Canada, but they're giving everything to the illegal people from the south border.

In our area, people are having to get accustomed to not having gas in their homes or electricity and look at all the antennas going up because of cable, and they're working now to keep running water out of homes.

We got told to start with there was too much rain. Now it's because of there might be a drought. What happens to all the money that comes off the prison? Why can't some of it be used to provide water? For them, if they keep raising the rates this sure is going to be a smelly, good smelly, town.

Low income people owe bills, but who doesn't? But they're not allowed to have anything. Nobody wants to get affordable housing here. They want to spend money for everything else. They'll support the freeloaders. Low income people can't get loans or anything because they owe bills and their income is not good enough.

How many more rights and freedoms are going to be taken away? If the high dollar and leaders are in such great shape then why are there so many bankruptcy courts and so many credit counselors?

Every time a right is taken away, it's because somebody important wants it done or they're in debt and can't pay their bills. If tobacco is the worst thing and they want to ban it, why are they willing to use it to fund education?

Sue Meeks
Pampa

Perhaps we should revert back to paper, pencils to save money ...

It seems our new Pampa city manager can distribute memorandums, rather effortlessly and with much thought, to our commissioners. He thinks all Pampa residents should use less water or pay a lot more for using a very small amount.

People on fixed incomes cannot pay more, so they will not be able to take baths or water a little garden. I do not believe we pay less for our water than other towns our size.

Can they think up any more items for a wish list to get more money — \$1,349,800 is a lot of money. Maybe we could go back and use paper and pencils to save a little.

Jim Radcliff
Pampa

Our legislature possesses biennial frequency ...

Through the actions of our two area representatives to the state legislature, citizens making less than \$140,000 per year will not receive a property tax reduction.

Both Mr. Chisum and Mr. Swinford voted for the measure on the third reading of the proposal, securing for themselves a property tax break.

The measure passed on the third reading by votes of 71 for and 66 against. A review of voting on the measure shows representatives with Spanish names voted against the measure. This is understandable as they have large minority populations in their constituencies.

Voters and citizens are being punished again for less than adequate earnings and will be paying the lions share of any school funding this legislature will provide a solution for. Our state legislature in a nutshell has a biennial frequency.

It is constructed bicamerally and acts monorchidally.
Bill Reeves
McLean

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between exposure to MTBE and cancer in humans. The necessary research will take another year or more to complete. In light of those uncertainties, Mr. Barton apparently decided that standing tough on MTBE was less important than moving forward on a bill that will shape the nation's energy policy for years to come. He's right.

Nameless corpse found in occupied grave

HONDO, Texas (AP) — Officers are investigating an apparent homicide after mourners found an extra corpse on top of their deceased relative in his grave.

Relatives of Octaviano Hernandez, who was buried July 11 in the Hondo Cemetery west of San Antonio, discovered the unidentified body Sunday.

Family members were smoothing the ground above the grave, when they found plastic sticking out of the dirt.

They called police who found the corpse bound in heavy plastic and duct tape about a foot under the ground.

Police Chief Ian "Buddy" Lovestock said the body appeared to be a Hispanic

man, who was wearing only underwear.

Investigators have yet to determine the cause of death, but are treating the case as a homicide because of the suspicious nature of how the body was found, Lovestock said.

Some locals speculated that the corpse may have been added to the occupied grave as a result of homicide or a low-budget burial.

"I've been here since 1945, and I've never heard anything like that," said Ramon Carrasco, 76, as he visited the cemetery Monday.

The corpse was taken to the Bexar County medical examiner's office. Hernandez's remains were undisturbed.

Band camp



Southwestern Oklahoma State University's 50th annual band camp, held recently on the Weatherford campus, attracted 403 students from five states. This was the golden anniversary year of Oklahoma's oldest and largest band camp. The students auditioned for placement in one of five concert bands and participated in rehearsals as well as a variety of recreational activities. The camp ended with a final concert featuring all five bands. Among students attending the camp were (from left): Samantha Sutterfield and Colby Stevens, both of Pampa; Hunter Hadley of White Deer; and Greg Wariner and James Stevens, both of Pampa.

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tives are busy, but please stay on the line, as your call will be answered in the order it is received. Oh, and by the way, the current estimated waiting time is 2 hours and 4 minutes.

Another option is that someone will call you back at their convenience at the number you are calling from. This is generally followed by a hang-up.

Meanwhile, if you wish to respond to this column, after being routed to my extension, please press QZ on your telephone buttons.

Gotcha!

Rove

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selflessness in serving this administration and this country. He should not be tossed to the partisan wolves.

Bush, having appointed a special prosecutor and pledged to fire anyone who was responsible for revealing Plame's identity, cannot just sweep the matter under the rug. But he should allow Rove to clear his name through the normal process of investigation and testimony.

He should keep Karl onboard, stipulating only that he fully answer all questions from a grand jury — as he has done already? — should the prosecutor need him to appear again.

If Rove is indicted or even named as a target, Bush will have to let him go. But that's not going to happen based on the current fact pattern, and Bush should not let himself be pushed ahead of the process by firing Rove.

Indeed, there is some question that the reporters who took Rove's lead, looked up Plame's name and published it may themselves be more likely to have violated the statute than is Rove himself. Whoever took the information Rove provided and ousted Plame was, in fact, deliberately outing a CIA operative and may be a better fit for the statute's intent than Karl Rove.

Bush should not fire Rove. He should stick by him until or unless the criminal investigation makes it evident that he may have violated the statute. Otherwise, he should stay on the job.

—Dick Morris was an adviser to Bill Clinton for 20 years.

Immigrants arrested after clerk finds cash parcel

HOUSTON (AP) — Federal authorities have arrested two immigrants from India after they were caught trying to ship a parcel containing \$29,000 in cash.

FBI spokesman Al Tribble in Houston said Monday he could not reveal the names of the two immigrants. The pair, who did not have any legal documentation, were taken into custody and could face charges on Tuesday, he said.

"The investigation is ongoing in conjunction with ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement)," Tribble said. "This money could be meant for anything from terrorism to extortion to fraud or drugs. There's something bigger behind the scenes."

The FBI was alerted to the case by a worker at a UPS, Inc. store in Mont

Belvieu, a small rural city east of Houston.

The store manager, Shalia Hampton, said she thought it was unusual when a customer last Tuesday paid \$80 to ship overnight a package of clothing to South Carolina.

Hampton said the customer appeared to be taking instructions by cell phone. Minutes later, the UPS office received several calls inquiring about tracking the package.

She said the same customer returned the next day with a similar package that he said was clothing. And, again, multiple phone calls followed.

"By this time, my clerk felt that package did not just contain clothing," Hampton said.

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My heart goes out to the suicidal 12-year-old from Pennsylvania. That letter was a cry for help, and I urge him or her to seek help immediately -- today, not tomorrow; now, not later. No 12-year-old deserves to feel the way that child does.

I can empathize because my 12-year-old son is struggling with major depression. Neither his father nor I realized it until one day he wrote a suicide note. Like the writer of that letter, my son thought if he told anyone he felt depressed he wouldn't be believed.

Believe me, when his suicide note was found, although he did not actually try to harm himself, it was taken very seriously. Treatment started that very day. We are not so far along on this journey that we know exactly what the future holds, but we do know our son is in a much happier place now with proper therapy and medication. Adults in that child's life should treat even the suggestion of suicide with the seriousness it deserves and seek mental health treatment immediately. After seeing the difference therapy and medication have made in my son's life, I feel it is important to let that child know help is available. Asking for help is not a sign of weakness, but of strength. -- BEEN THERE AND DOING IT

DEAR BEEN THERE: I'm sure many more young people besides the one from Pennsylvania will appreciate your encouragement.

I advised the child who wrote to talk to a trusted teacher or counselor and to ask that person to intercede with his/her parents. I also suggested, if the temptation to self-injure became overwhelming, that he/she pick up the phone and ask the operator for a crisis hotline.

After the letter was published, I heard from many readers whose lives have been affected by depression or suicide. A woman who had been suicidal at 15 suggested the

writer confide in a clergy person or the parents of a friend. A sixth-grade teacher, whose daughter had suffered from clinical depression for several years, told me her child had talked to a campus police officer about it because she "didn't want to worry" her mother. And a school social worker from Illinois asked me to print the number of the National Suicide Hotline: 1-800-SUICIDE (784-2433).

DEAR ABBY: Over the last two years I have lost 95 pounds. I did it by changing my lifestyle, exercising and making better food choices.

My husband, "Paul," insists that he shouldn't have to hide his cookies, potato chips and chocolate candy, and says I should have self-control. I do have self-control, Abby, but sometimes the temptation is just too great. I feel Paul is unconsciously trying to sabotage me. How can I make him understand that I don't want junk food in my line of vision, and that it isn't all about willpower? -- RESENTFUL IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR RESENTFUL: Your resentment is justified. His insistence on keeping junk food where you will find it is an attempt at control. Your husband isn't "unconsciously" trying to sabotage you; it is overt and deliberate. Your victory may be a threat to him. On some level it may have made him feel less in control of you, or he may be threatened that you are now more attractive to other men.

Because you can't control what your husband does, you must control the way you react to it. The next time you take a bite of his junk food, remember why he left it there. I'm sure it will leave a bitter taste in your mouth.

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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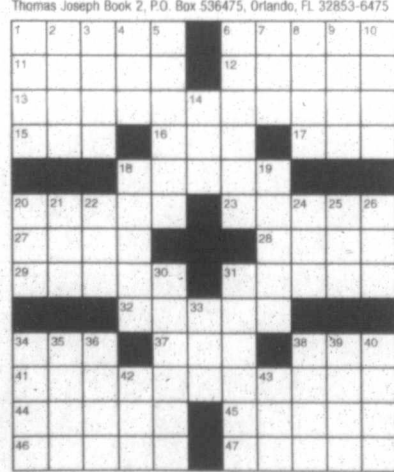
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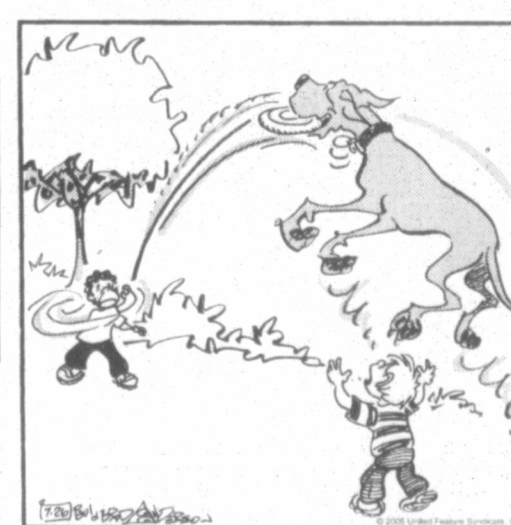
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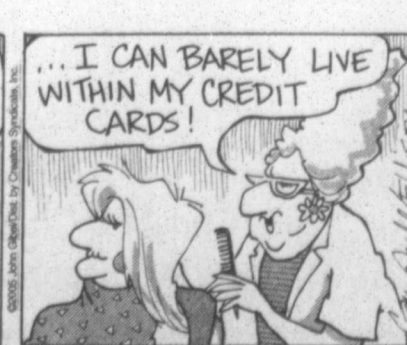
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Sports Day



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Lead camper

First-year head volleyball coach Sonia VanGilder takes a moment to explain a skill exercise at McNeely Field House Tuesday morning. VanGilder is hosting her first PHS Volleyball Camp which will conclude Friday.

Brown getting closer to Knicks job

NEW YORK (AP) — With the last "obstacle" no longer an issue, Larry Brown and the New York Knicks moved closer Tuesday to finalizing a deal that would make the much-traveled 64-year-old the franchise's 22nd head coach.

"On a scale of 1 to 10, it's an eight," said Brown's agent, Joe Glass.

Brown, reached by telephone, would not disclose whether he has told the Knicks he definitely wants the job.

Team president Isiah Thomas, also reached on the phone Tuesday morning, said he was in a meeting with team owner James Dolan and Madison Square Garden president Steve Mills and could not immediately comment on whether Brown had given the team a firm "Yes."

"We're making progress, and we're continuing to talk at this point," Knicks spokesman Joe Favorito said.

Brown had dinner Monday night with Thomas and interim coach Herb Williams, a meeting that Brown described as "positive." Brown had been uneasy about the prospect of displacing Williams as coach.

"That was a huge obstacle for me, not for him," Brown said. "It's not at all anymore."

Pressed to say whether he had given the Knicks a definitive answer, Brown wouldn't give a direct reply.

"I wouldn't have met with the owner and with Herb if I didn't think this would move forward," Brown said. "I just can't go any further than that."

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NFL Camps: Smith agrees to \$57 million 49ers deal

By BARRY WILNER
Associated Press

Now that Alex Smith has come to terms, look for many other NFL first-round picks to follow suit. Quickly.

The top overall draft choice agreed to terms Monday on a six-year, \$57 million deal with the San Francisco 49ers. The quarterback from Utah will receive a guaranteed \$24 million, according to a lawyer familiar with terms of the deal who spoke on condition of anonymity.

That hefty contract will affect the numbers for other first-rounders. The bar has been set.

Next up could be running back Ronnie Brown, chosen just after Smith by the Miami Dolphins.

"Our people are doing an outstanding job of trying to get the business end of this done," new Dolphins coach Nick Saban said. "But I think this is a circumstance that we don't have total control on, based on timing."

With training camps opening this week, timing is crucial for the valued rookies. Holdouts generally mean little production from the newcomers in their first NFL seasons.

San Francisco avoided that scenario. Smith, represented by Tom Condon — who also worked out Eli Manning's deal with the Giants as the 2004 first pick — got \$4 million more guaranteed money than Manning. Smith's deal is expected to average \$8.25 million compared to about \$7.5 million for Manning.

Next up for Smith: challenging Tim Rattay for the starting quarterback job with the 49ers, who finished 2-14 in 2004 and have gone consecutive seasons without making the playoffs for just the second time since 1980.

Smith, who left Utah after his junior season, led the Utes to their first BCS bowl win, a victory over Pittsburgh in the Fiesta Bowl. They finished 12-0 and were ranked fourth in The Associated Press poll.

Two other first-rounders signed Monday: defensive tackle Mike Patterson with Philadelphia, and offensive lineman Logan Mankins with New England. They were the last two players selected in the opening round in April.

While the Dolphins wait for Brown to reach a contract agreement, they welcomed

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LET THE GAMES BEGIN

71st Annual Tri-State Senior Golf Association Tournament off to soggy start at PCC

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

The 71st annual Tri-State Senior Golf Association Tournament got under way yesterday with an 18-hole scramble at the Pampa Country Club.

Tournament play began this morning, despite Mother Nature's attempt to delay it. "We're on time and running as scheduled," said PCC Pro, Mark Hughes. "It's a little wet, but everything is going fine."

The men's flights will feature 54 holes, while the ladies will play 36. Flights include a Championship, President's and Super Senior flight: Each will be conducted at stroke play and two match play flights for the men, stroke play for the women.

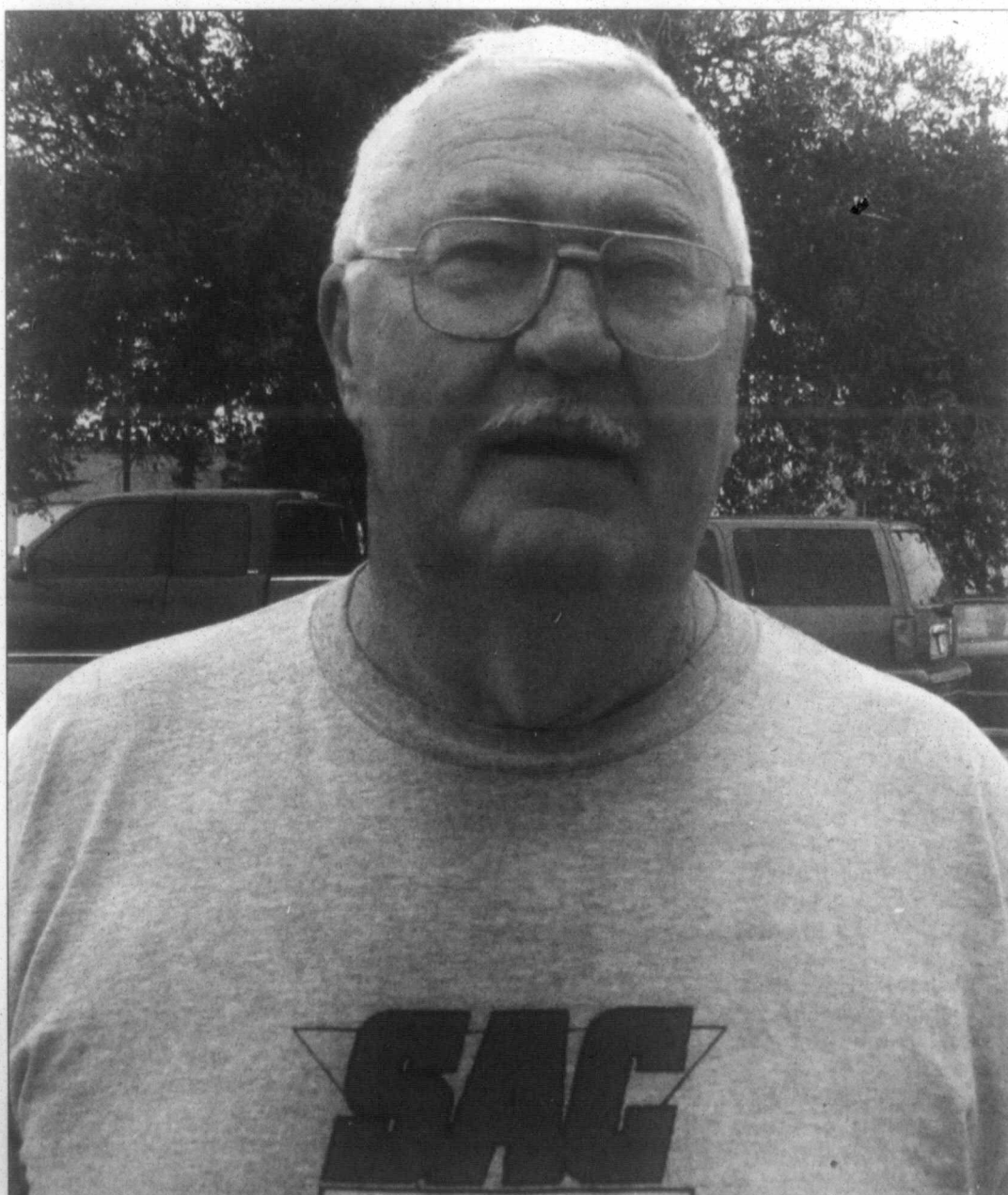
Defending champion George Beebe was not able to return this year, but the list of title contenders is still impressive, featuring the likes of past champion Eddie Rice, Duane Pittman, Gary Bowe and Jay Sherrard.

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Rex Christian
James Cunningham

1st Place * (62)
Chuck White
Joe Gonzalez
Dave Davidson
Peggy Munkres

3rd Place (63)
Roy Hartman
Tom Murphy Jr.
Steve Stevens
Titus Owen
*Tie



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Palmer takes 7 gold, 1 bronze at Masters

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

Pampa's Wendell Palmer added more gold to his treasure-trove of trophies taken from track and field meets over the years. This past Saturday, Palmer competed in the Texas Masters Track and Field Championship at Coppell High School in Dallas, coming away with seven gold medals. He also won a bronze.

Palmer's gold medal performances came in the Hammer (33.47), Shot Put (11.93), Discus (42.08), Weight Throw (13.14), Super Weight Throw (7.68), Mega Weight Throw (3.91) and Weight Pentathlon (4,351 pts.) events.

Palmer will next compete

at the National Masters Weight Pentathlon to be held in Arlington Aug. 13.

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4 Wendell Palmer took seven gold medals from last weekend's Master's track and field event in Dallas.



Packing a punch

Members of the Pampa and Youth Survival Boxing Clubs will be in Kansas City, Mo., Aug. 2-6 where they will compete in the Ringside Tournament, said to be the largest amateur event of the year. Pictured above are (left to right) back row- Destaney Vasquez and Mercedes Larrazolo. Front row- Russell Kelly, Cecilia Garcia and Crystal Garcia. Not pictured- Freddy Benetiz and Vanessa Rivera.

Goosen, Lefty beat Woods

RANCHO SANTA FE, Calif. (AP) — Retief Goosen and Phil Mickelson put away Tiger Woods and John Daly so convincingly that they barely needed the lights in the final installment of Monday Night Golf.

Goosen, a late substitute for the exhibition, birdied four of the last six holes and five overall as he and Mickelson beat Woods and Daly 5 and 3 in the "Battle at The Bridges" on Monday night.

Woods was a loser in the seventh and final installment of Monday Night Golf, which was started to get him on prime time. He wants to take a break from these exhibi-

tions — in which he was 4-3 — and focus on majors. He was playing eight days after his dominating British Open win. He also won the Masters and was second in the U.S. Open.

Organizers had portable lights set up on the 15th green and along the final three holes. But Goosen ended the match in the fading twilight when he hit an approach shot within 4 feet on the par-4, 411-yard 15th, then sank a birdie putt.

Woods and Daly needed to win the 15th to keep the best-ball match going, but both got into trouble with errant tee shots.

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Brown's wife, Shelly, said she expected the process to move to a more definitive stage by the end of the day.

"Knicks management is meeting, and we're waiting to hear from them. We're all on board," said Shelly Brown, who has given her blessing to Brown taking on what he once called his "dream job."

Brown's wife had been concerned about her husband's health. He missed 17 games last season due to a hip replacement operation that led to a bladder problem, and Brown underwent his third surgery in nine months shortly after the Pistons lost Game 7 of the NBA Finals to the San Antonio Spurs.

Doctors at the Mayo Clinic told Brown he needed rest, and he and his wife have decided he'll get enough of it during the next two months before training camp begins.

Brown's two young children also are enthused about the move to New York, and Brown has already toured the team's practice facility.

"No one wants this to drag on," Shelly Brown said. "I know everyone's on the same page."

The Knicks would be Brown's eighth NBA coaching job, and his hiring would come just a week after he parted ways with the Detroit Pistons after two seasons — both of which ended with trips to the NBA Finals.

Trying to turn the rebuilding Knicks into a winner would be the latest challenge for Brown in a nomadic NBA coaching career that has included stints with the Philadelphia 76ers, Indiana Pacers, Los Angeles Clippers, San Antonio Spurs, New Jersey Nets and Denver Nuggets. Brown also coached colle-

giately at Kansas and UCLA, and his first professional coaching job was with the Carolina Cougars of the ABA.

Brown was the coach of the 2004 U.S. Olympic team that finished a disappointing third. Part of that roster included Knicks guard Stephon Marbury, who would be reunited with Brown.

New York reportedly is willing to offer Brown a five-year contract worth between \$50 million and \$60 million, and the task of negotiating the details will fall to the 80-year-old Glass, Brown's longtime agent.

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— Shelly Brown
Wife, Larry Brown

"If I get involved, it'll be a go," Glass said Monday.

Reminded of that comment Tuesday, Glass said: "I'm involved, but I've been involved on some way, shape or form for quite some time now."

Still unclear is what role Williams would have with the Knicks under Brown, and which of New York's current assistant coaches might remain with the club. There also is a question of whether any of Brown's assistants who also lost their jobs in Detroit, including Gar Heard and Dave Hanners, might be added to Dolan's considerable payroll.

Williams' head coaching contract expires Sunday, but his assistant coaching contract has another year left. His dinner with Brown came one day after Dolan and Thomas spent more than two hours visiting Brown at his home in East

Hampton, N.Y.

"Situations are always going to work out," Williams told WNBC-TV while playing in a golf tournament Monday in suburban New York. "You know, a job is a job. You have to approach it that way, you know, that's what you get paid to do, so you step in and you do the job. You don't think about anything else."

Williams has been a fixture in the Knicks organization for most of the past decade and is regarded as one of the franchise's most trusted and loyal employees.

He had a good rapport with the players while coaching the final 43 games of last season after Lenny Wilkens was forced to resign.

Coming to a team that finished 33-49 last season and missed the playoffs for the third time in four years, Brown would be coaching a roster that Thomas has overhauled during his 19 months as team president.

Brown took over the 76ers in 1997 after they went 22-60 the year before. He coached another nine victories out of them in his first season in Philadelphia, got them into the playoffs the following season and made it to the NBA Finals by his fourth year.

In Detroit, Brown won the NBA championship in his first year coaching the Pistons, guiding them to 54 regular-season victories after they had won 50 the prior season under Rick Carlisle.

When Brown took over the Indiana Pacers in 1993, they improved by six victories.

When he took control of the Los Angeles Clippers midway through the 1991-92 season, they were below .500. But he guided them to a 23-12 record over the rest of the season to give the franchise its first playoff berth in 15 years.

WORLD SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Phelps back to form in Montreal; Schoeman, Hardy set records

MONTREAL (AP) — Brendan Hansen beat rival Kosuke Kitajima in the 100-meter breaststroke and Roland Schoeman and Jessica Hardy set world records.

Michael Phelps seemed to be back on form, posting the best time in the semifinals of the 200-meter freestyle. But his first individual medal of the World Swimming Championships will have to wait another day.

Hansen took control in the first 50 and touched first in 59.37 seconds, just off the world mark of 59.30 he set at last year's U.S. Olympic trials but a new meet record. Kitajima was second in 59.53.

Schoeman captured the 50 butterfly and broke the world record he set just

a day earlier in the semifinals. He held off American Ian Crocker in a furious dash from one end of the pool to the other, touching in 22.96.

Hardy, an 18-year-old American swimming in her first international event, seems to have quite a future after her stunning performance in the semifinals of the 100 breaststroke.

The teenager from Long Beach, Calif., got off the block quicker than anyone and never faltered down the stretch, posting a time of 1 minute, 6.20 seconds. That broke the record of 1:06.37 set two years ago by Australia's Leisel Jones at the Barcelona world championships.

MONTREAL (AP) — Canada sent the home crowd into a frenzy and the

United States stayed on track for another world championship in women's water polo.

Cheered on by 5,000 fans packing the temporary venue in Parc Jean-Drapeau, the Canadians rallied for an 8-6 overtime victory over Greece in the quarterfinals of the World Swimming Championships.

The U.S., which won the 2003 title in Barcelona, moved into the semifinals by beating Australia 8-5. The Americans built a 3-0 lead and led by at least two the rest of the way.

Also advancing: Russia, which knocked off Olympic gold medalist Italy 7-5; and Hungary, which blew out Germany 10-4.

Camps

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back wandering running back Ricky Williams.

Greeted with hugs from teammates and cheers from fans at the Dolphins' first training camp practice under new coach Nick Saban, Williams apologized for how he left the team a year ago.

"There were things about life that I wanted to explore outside of football, and I had never had the chance," Williams said. "I realize by making that decision, I affected the team in a negative way and upset a lot of fans."

"I'm very regretful that people were hurt in the process of me doing that. I do realize that to a lot of people it comes off as being very selfish. So I do offer an apology to all the people who were negatively impacted."

Williams must sit out the first four games for violating the league's substance abuse policy. So bringing in Brown is even more critical.

"He's got to wait until the business

part of it gets straightened out," Dolphins defensive end Jason Taylor said. "I think everyone understands why he's not here. It's part of the game."

Elsewhere in the NFL on Monday: — The Cardinals will move their training camp from Flagstaff, Ariz., because of a virus outbreak on the Northern Arizona University campus. No decision had been made on where the camp will be located; players are scheduled to report Sunday.

"The overwhelming concern obviously was the health and well-being of our team," said Rod Graves, vice president of football operations. "Despite what have been extraordinary efforts on the part of everyone at NAU to accommodate our team, in the end, even the slightest risk of exposure was something we cannot chance."

— Michigan cornerback Marlin Jackson, the Colts' first-round selection, could be close to a deal.

Jackson's agent, Doug Hendrickson, said: "It sounds, from the tone, like they want to get something done and we want to get something done, so we've just got to come together and

get a fair deal. I think something will get done."

Indianapolis expects Jackson to start.

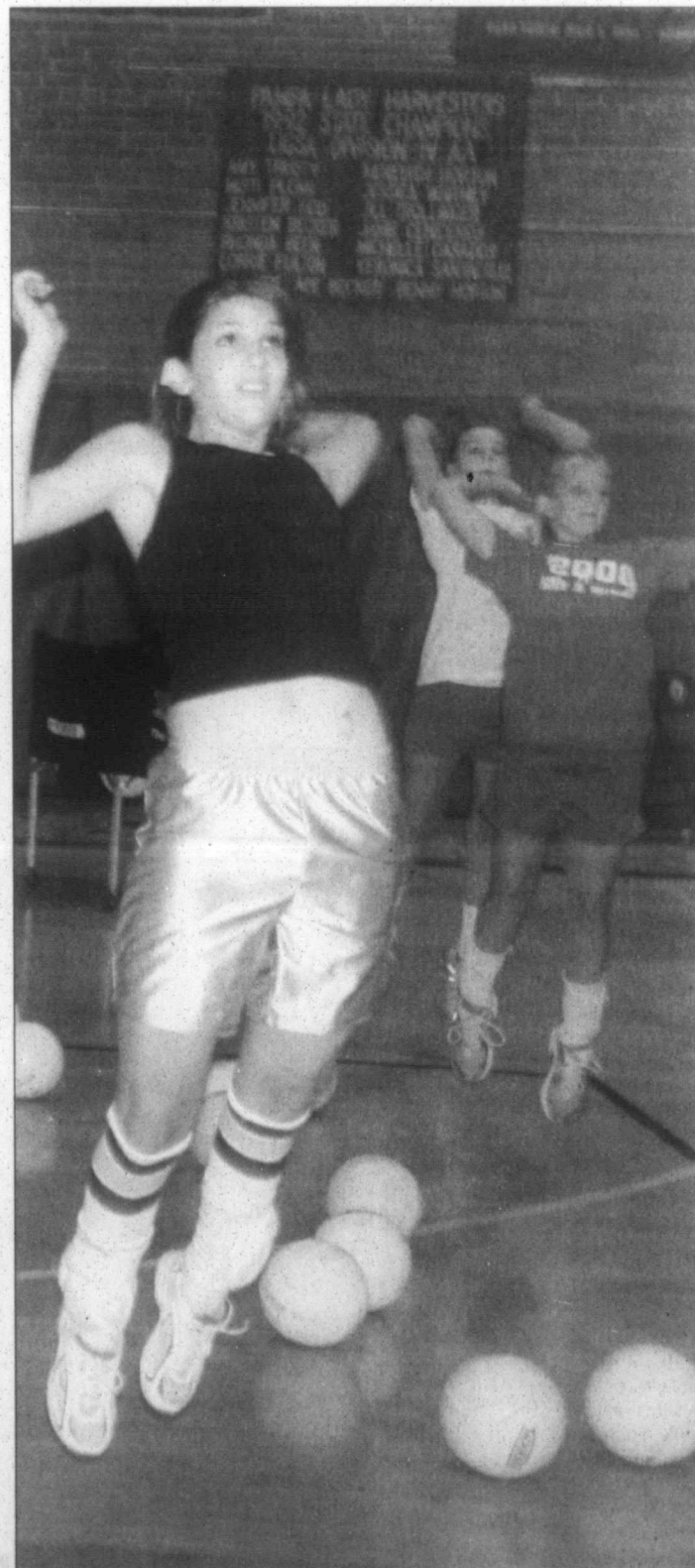
— Less optimistic were the Bears concerning top pick Cedric Benson. The fourth pick in the draft out of Texas, the running back's agent, Eugene Parker, has not spoken with the team since the start of training camp.

"We're certainly on top of this," GM Jerry Angelo said. "We're very motivated to get him into camp. We made a very, very strong offer — something we felt should have gotten it done. Obviously, they didn't think that. We have to respect their side, obviously. We'll just wait and see what the next step is."

— Previous starter Peerless Price found himself behind second-year wideout Michael Jenkins on the Falcons' depth chart.

When quarterback Michael Vick took the first snap of team drills, Jenkins and Dez White were the starting receivers. Price and Brian Finneran were on the second unit. Top pick Roddy White has not yet signed.

Skills test



Pampa News photo by BEN BRISCOE

Some the the ladies taking part in Coach Sonia VanGilder's volleyball camp this week work on proper hitting and spiking technique at McNeely Field House Monday morning.

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PROCLAMATION
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WHEREAS, April 2002 marks the thirty-fourth anniversary of the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, which included Title VIII, the Fair Housing Law, for guaranteed equal housing opportunity for all citizens; and **WHEREAS**, Fair housing is consistent with the principle of equality and justice for all, providing the challenge to combat discrimination, and to broaden the protection of the beliefs upon which our nation was founded; and **WHEREAS**, This month provides an opportunity for all Americans to rededicate themselves to the principle of free choice and to reacquire themselves with the rights and responsibilities that are theirs under the Fair Housing Law.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Melinda Forsyth, Mayor of the City of Lefors, do hereby proclaim April 2002 as:

FAIR HOUSING MONTH IN THE CITY OF LEFORS
and urge my fellow citizens to join me in reaffirming the obligation and commitment to fair housing opportunities for all people.

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By his Honor the Mayor of the City of Lefors, Texas,
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Existing homes set records in terms of sales and prices

WASHINGTON (AP) — Existing homes were sold at the fastest pace in history last month, and the median price set a record as well. But some private economists predicted housing may be nearing its peak as mortgage rates begin to rise.

In June, existing homes sold at an annual rate of 7.33 million units, an all-time high and an increase of 2.7 percent from the seasonally adjusted sales pace in May, according to a report Monday from the National Association of Realtors.

The gain reflected a 2.4 percent rise in sales of single-family homes, which climbed to a record of 6.37 million units at an annual rate. Sales of condominiums also set a record, rising by 4.5 percent from the May level to an annual rate of 966,000 units in June.

Hard numbers

- In June 7.33 million homes sold at an increase of 2.7 from those sold in May.

- The median price of an existing home was \$219,000.

chief economist.

The strength in sales helped push the median price of an existing home to a few record of \$219,000, a gain of 14.7 percent from the median, or midpoint, for homes sold a year ago. That was the biggest jump in prices in nearly 25 years, since a 15.6 percent year-over-year increase in November 1980.

Gains in prices of that magnitude have spurred concerns that housing markets in parts of the country may be in the grips of what Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan last week called a "speculative fervor" that is pushing home prices to unsustainable levels similar to the boom in stock prices in the late 1990s.

"Just when you think sales activity is ready to settle into a more sustainable pace, the housing market continues to surprise," said David Lereah, the Realtors' chief economist.

Lereah said the boom in housing is being driven by mortgage rates which, defying expectations, have remained near rock-bottom levels this year even as the Federal Reserve has continued to raise short-term interest rates.

But other analysts noted that mortgage rates, as measured by Freddie Mac's nationwide survey, have risen for three straight weeks and now stand at 5.73 percent for a 30-year mortgage, a development they expect will start to dampen both demand and prices.

"We are not looking for a burst bubble nationally, but we do expect things to slow down," said Beth Ann Bovino, an economist at Standard & Poor's in New York.

On Wall Street, the Dow Jones industrial average fell 54.70 points on Monday to close at 10,596.48.

The record sales pace in June came as a surprise as analysts had forecast that sales would be unchanged following a small 0.6 percent decline in May after existing home sales had hit their previous record of 7.18 million units in April.

For June, sales were strong in all regions of the country. The gains were led by a 5.5 percent increase in the West to an annual sales rate of 1.73 million units. Sales were up 3.4 percent in the Northeast, 1.9 percent in the Midwest and 1.1 percent in the South.

White House warns Democrats not to ask for too many documents from Roberts' past

WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House on Monday warned Democrats not to make extensive requests for Supreme Court nominee John Roberts' legal writings in previous Republican administrations, saying many such documents are "out of bounds."

Separately, the Supreme Court nominee waved off questions about whether he was a member of a conservative legal organization. Roberts, on his fourth day paying courtesy calls on senators, hasn't answered questions since President Bush announced him — as is typical for nominees — and one Democratic senator said the matter wouldn't affect the confirmation.

With Bush's first chance to shape the Supreme Court at stake, the White House is hoping to avoid the kind of showdown with Democrats over document requests that has stymied Senate confirmation of some of the president's other high-profile nominees. Asked repeatedly to say whether the administration was open to making Roberts' writings as a former administration lawyer available, White House press secretary Scott McClellan avoided saying "no" outright.

"We want to work with the members of the Senate to make sure that they have the appropriate information so that they can do their job," McClellan said.

The issue could be critical as the Senate prepares to decide whether to confirm Roberts as Bush's replacement for retiring Justice Sandra Day O'Connor.

Democrats have offered no indication that they plan an all-out battle against Roberts. But since his two-year tenure on the federal bench has left him with a limited public record, they have hinted they may seek memos, briefs and other documents he wrote while working for two Republican presidents to shed more light on his stands on such key issues as abortion, the environment and federal jurisdiction.

Under President Reagan, Roberts was a lawyer in the White House counsel's office. Under the first President Bush, Roberts was principal deputy solicitor general, a key position in the office that argues cases before the Supreme Court on behalf of the administration.

Some records already are publicly available at the Reagan and Bush presidential libraries. Others still need clearance from representatives of the current president and former administrations, as required by law, and archivists.

Texas Railroad Commission

RRC posts monthly oil, gas stats

AUSTIN — The Texas Railroad Commission issued a total of 1,364 original drilling permits in May 2005 compared to 1,086 in May 2004. The May total included 1,162 permits to drill new oil and gas wells, 33 to re-enter existing well bores, and 169 for re-completions. Permits issued in May 2005 included 282 oil, 351 gas, 698 oil and gas, 18 injection, zero service and 15 other permits.

Texas preliminary April 2005 crude oil production averaged 896,601 barrels daily, down from the 940,097 barrels daily average of April 2004.

The preliminary Texas crude oil production figure for April 2005 is 27,078,377 barrels, a decrease from 28,218,698 barrels reported during April 2004.

In May 2005, operators reported 254 oil, 331 gas, 17 injection and one other completion compared to 265 oil, 525 gas, 33 injection and one completion during May 2004.

Total well completions for 2005 year to date are 3,796, down from 4,458 recorded during the same period in 2004.

Operators reported 426 holes plugged and zero dry holes in May 2005 compared to 332 holes plugged and 39 dry holes in May 2004.

Texas oil and gas wells produced

Table 1: June Texas Oil and Gas Drilling Permits and Completions by District

RAILROAD COMMISSION DISTRICT	PERMITS TO DRILL OIL/GAS HOLES	OIL COMPLETIONS	GAS COMPLETIONS
(1) SAN ANTONIO AREA	45	8	5
(2) REFUGIO AREA	98	16	12
(3) SOUTHEAST TEXAS	97	22	35
(4) DEEP SOUTH TEXAS	155	2	75
(5) EAST CENTRAL TX	52	7	31
(6) EAST TEXAS	148	11	56
(7B) WEST CENTRAL TX	59	28	2
(7C) SAN ANGELO AREA	138	23	57
(8) MIDLAND	185	61	10
(8A) LUBBOCK AREA	88	44	3
(9) NORTH TEXAS	207	24	34
(10) PANHANDLE	89	8	11

Table 2: May Texas Top 10 Oil and Gas Producing Counties Ranked by Preliminary Production

COUNTY	CRUDE OIL (BBLs)	COUNTY	TOTAL GAS (Mcf)
1. GAINES	2,304,865	1. PANOLA	19,207,725
2. YOAKUM	2,043,050	2. ZAPATA	18,518,243
3. ANDREWS	1,875,751	3. FREESTONE	16,948,253
4. HOCKLEY	1,644,052	4. WEBB	15,790,672
5. ECTOR	1,500,091	5. PECOS	15,308,029
6. SCURRY	1,361,886	6. HIDALGO	14,809,759
7. PECOS	899,443	7. WISE	14,077,111
8. CRANE	796,018	8. DENTON	11,411,066
9. UPTON	795,536	9. STARR	9,223,334
10. MIDLAND	792,852	10. CROCKETT	8,045,129

412,302,802 Mcf (thousand cubic feet) of gas based upon preliminary production figures for April 2005, down from the April 2004 preliminary gas production total of

447,188,820 Mcf. Texas production in April 2005 came from 132,811 oil and 62,117 gas wells.

White House leaves door open for recess appointment of Bolton

WASHINGTON (AP) — Frustrated by Senate Democrats, the White House hinted Monday that President Bush may act soon to sidestep Congress and install embattled nominee John Bolton as ambassador to the United Nations on a temporary basis.

White House press secretary Scott McClellan said Bush has used his power for temporary appointments when "he has to get people in place that have waited far too long to get about doing their business." He said that "sometimes there's come a point" when Bush has decided he needs to act.

Bolton's nomination has been stalled for months. Critics say Bolton, who has been accused of mistreating subordinates and who has been openly skeptical about the U.N., would hurt U.S. efforts to work with other countries on global matters. The administration says the tough-talking Bolton is ideally suited to lead an effort to overhaul the U.N. bureaucracy and make it more accountable.

Bush could put Bolton on the job by exercising his authority to make a recess appointment, an avenue available to the president when Congress is in recess. Lawmakers are expected to leave Friday for a summer recess and not return until Sept. 7.

Under the Constitution, the appointment would last until the end of the next session of Congress.

Republicans have twice attempted to break a Democratic filibuster against Bolton's nomination. The White House has ruled out withdrawing Bolton's name, and has called repeatedly for a vote on his nomination.

Some in Washington had expected Bush to give Bolton a recess appointment over the Senate's July Fourth break. Republicans said negotiations with Democrats were ongoing, and a recess appointment, should it come to that, probably wouldn't occur until August. There has been no sign of a breakthrough in recent days.

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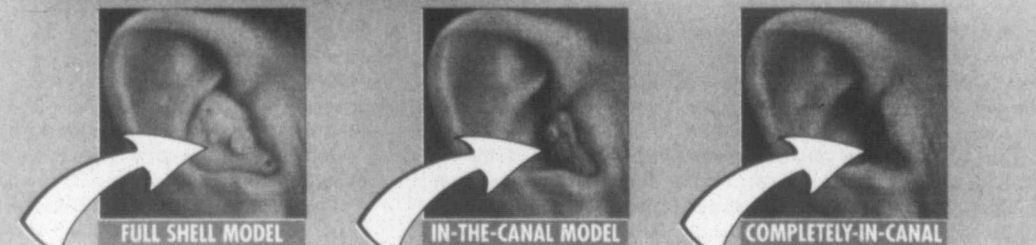
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