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City to consider sales tax hike, fees

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

The Pampa City Commission will consider an additional one-half percent sales tax at their meeting Tuesday to fund economic development efforts.

The commission will hear the first of two readings on a city ordinance calling for an election to establish a one-half of one percent sales and use tax for a 4B economic development corporation.

The proposed 4B economic development corporation would, according to state law, offer broader uses of moneys than did the 4A corporation which Pampa residents voted to dissolve.

The city commission will also hear on first reading an ordinance concerning alcoholic beverages at Hidden Hills Public Golf Course. They will also consider annual golf fees at the course.

At their 4 p.m. meeting Tuesday the commission will consider resolutions con-

Commissioners will consider the final plat for The Summit subdivision, first submitted in 1997, and the final plat for Cornerstone Church on property they own at Price Road and 23rd Street, known as Cornerstone Acres subdivision.

cerning fees at the sanitary landfill, rates for the collection and storage of commercial refuse and setting the number of gallons of water for a minimum water bill.

Commissioners will consider the final plat for The Summit subdivision, first submitted in 1997, and the final plat for Cornerstone Church on property they own at Price Road and 23rd Street, known as Cornerstone Acres subdivision.

The commission is also scheduled to discuss a potential bond issue.

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Car versus pedestrian

Woman injured when hit by car

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

The glare of the morning sun is being blamed for a car/pedestrian accident which occurred at 7:49 a.m. today at the intersection of Crawford and Sumner streets.

Marjorie Lee, 78, 1013 S. Banks, and Jennifer Slagle, 25, 1008 S. Nelson, were both eastbound on Crawford this morning. Lee on foot and Slagle driving a vehicle.

Slagle then made a turn north onto Sumner, and her vehicle collided with Lee at that point, according to Pampa Police Officer Colby Brown.

"The sun was in her eyes. She didn't see the pedestrian until she hit her," Brown said.

Lee sustained a bump on the head, and Guardian EMS responded to the scene. No major injuries were reported in the incident, Brown said.

Water group to meet

AMARILLO — The Panhandle Water Planning Group will hold a public hearing on the proposed regional water plan.

The hearing is scheduled for 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Texas A&M Research and Extension Center, 6500 Amarillo Blvd. West, in Amarillo.

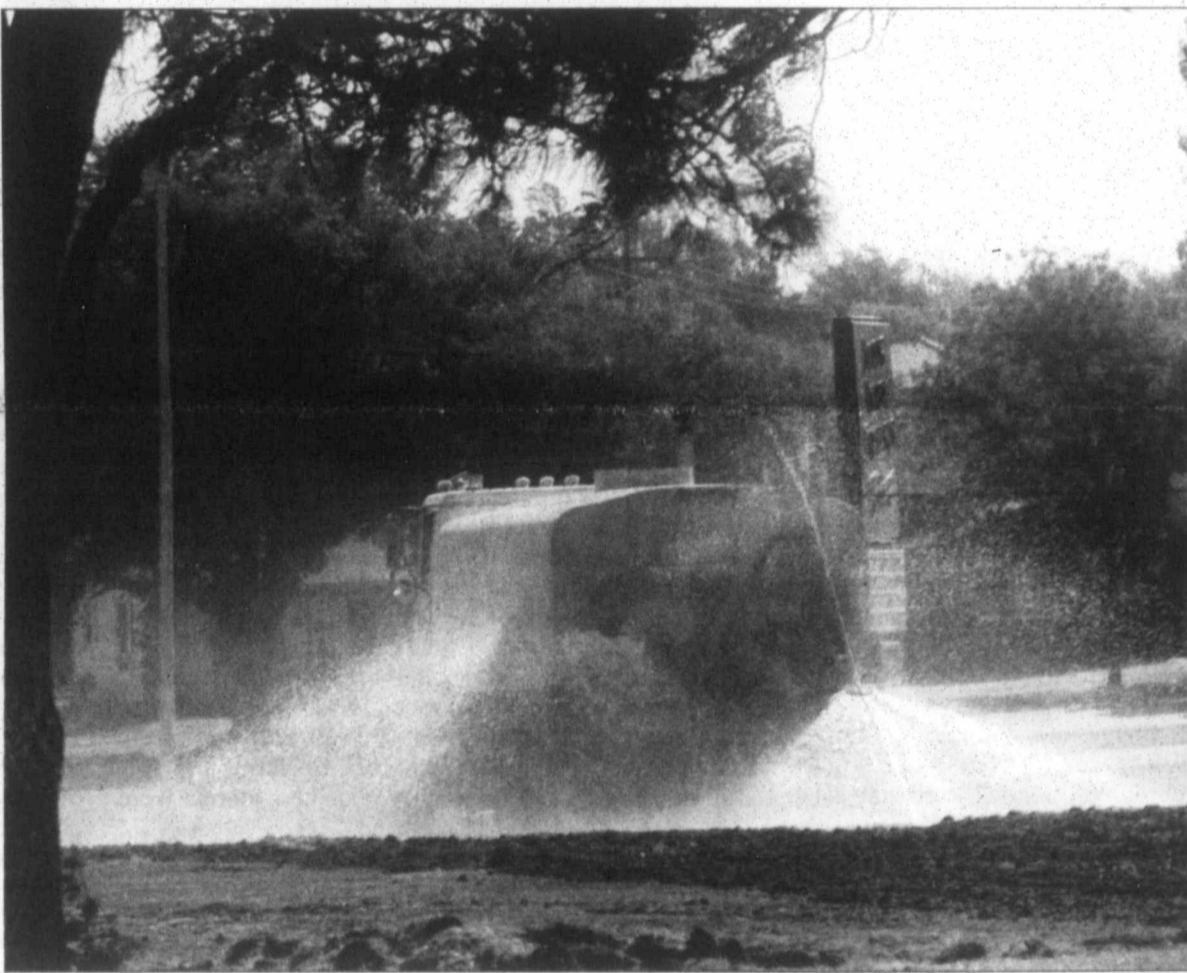
The draft regional water plan will be presented by Stefan Schuster of Freese-Nichols, Inc., a water consulting group.

Oral and written comments from the public will be taken with oral comments limited to five minutes per person. Comments from the Regional Water Planning Group will follow.

The Panhandle Water Planning Area, or Region A, consists of Gray, Dallam, Sherman,

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Water spraying at construction site



Pampa News photo by DAVID BOWSER

Early morning light sparkles off water sprayed by a truck as NelScott, a Minnesota construction company, prepares the site of the old Coronado Inn for the new AmericInn next to M.K. Brown Auditorium. The new motel is scheduled to be complete in January.

Lefors ISD plans executive session

Lefors Independent School District's

School Board will hold an executive session during their meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the

high school library, 209 E. Fifth.

Current transfer students and personnel will be the subjects included in the executive session, according to the agenda.

Other agenda items include the 2005-2006 school calendar, the athletic plan, superin-

endent's report, change authority/request for CNPINS, and current bills.

Rachelle Yvonne Nichols,

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Remainder of 29 grand jury indictments listed

Editor's Note: This is the second of two stories concerning Aug. 4 grand jury indictments. The first story appeared in the Sunday edition of The Pampa News

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

Gray County Grand Jury handed up 29 indictments Aug. 4 in 223rd District Court, including six first-degree felonies and three second-degree felonies.

The indictments for third-degree and state jail felonies included the following:

Albano Vasquez Badillo, 25, was indicted for three counts of assault on a public servant. Bond on each of the third-degree felonies was set at \$5,000, for a total bond of \$15,000.

On June 24, Badillo allegedly caused bodily injury to Alvin Johnson and Tobie Bias, officers with Pampa Police Department,

and to Scott LaRue, a deputy with Gray County Sheriff's Office, while Johnson, Bias and LaRue were attempting to arrest Badillo.

Miguel Badillo, 18, was indicted for assault on a public servant. Bond on the third-degree felony was set at \$5,000.

On June 24, Miguel Badillo allegedly caused bodily injury to Casey Ingersoll, a Pampa Police Department officer, while

Ingersoll was assisting in the arrest of Albano Badillo.

Larry Dean Fernandez, 28, was indicted for money laundering. Bond on the third-degree felony was set at \$15,000.

On May 10, Fernandez allegedly possessed, concealed or transported \$3,000 or more but less than \$20,000 in U.S. currency which was the proceeds of criminal activity.

Rachelle Yvonne Nichols,

22, was indicted for possession of a controlled substance and possession of marijuana. Bond on each of the third-degree felony charges was set at \$10,000, for a total bond of \$20,000.

On Dec. 4, 2004, Nichols allegedly possessed one gram or more but less than four grams of Ecstasy, and 50 pounds or less but more than five pounds of marijuana.

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City Wide Garage Sale ... Saturday, August 27

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Obituaries

Ray Forest (R.F.) Hupp, Jr., 38

CONROE — Ray Forest (R.F.) Hupp, Jr., 38, died Sunday, Aug. 7, 2005, at Conroe.

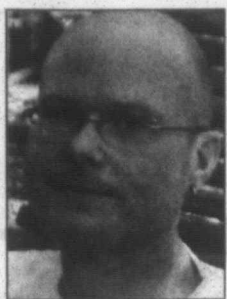
Funeral services are pending. This world will greatly miss the brightness and love that Ray Forest Hupp, Jr., brought to this world. He was lovingly known to all as "R.F.," and you could always count on laughter when you were with him.

R.F. was born Oct. 4, 1966, in Amarillo and graduated from Pampa High School in 1985. He attended West Texas State University and Texas Tech University, and he was an avid swimmer, golfer and sports fan.

He ultimately became an instructor for the Regis Corporation and traveled the world to teach.

His home church was Hi-Land Christian Church in Pampa where he was baptized in

Survivors include a daughter, Hailey Elaine Hupp of Houston; his mother and father, Katy and Ray Hupp, Sr., of Pampa; a brother, Eric Hupp and wife Elizabeth of El Paso; a sister, Mitzi Bowman and husband Brad of Amarillo; his paternal grandmother, Clara Hupp of Pampa; two nieces, Erin Hupp and Elke Hupp, both of El Paso; and many aunts, uncles, cousins and wonderful friends.



Hupp

The family requests memorials be to American Diabetes Association, Potter/Randall Chapter, P.O. Box 50433, Amarillo, TX 79159; or to Spanish American Evangelistic Ministries, 650 Linwood Dr., El Paso, TX 79928.

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Austin McDowell, 73

Austin McDowell, 73, of Pampa, died Sunday, Aug. 7, 2005, in Pampa.

Funeral services are pending. Mr. McDowell was born April 3, 1932, at McLean and moved to Pampa in 1936. He worked at the golf course at Pampa Country Club and for Service Drilling Company.

Mr. McDowell, a Baptist, enjoyed hunting, fishing, country and western music, country gospel music and playing dominoes.



McDowell

He was preceded in death by his parents, three sisters and three brothers.

Survivors include a sister, Jean Carter of Pampa.

The family requests memorials be to Pampa Senior Citizens Center, 500 W. Francis, Pampa, TX 79065; or to BSA Hospice, 800 N. Sumner, Pampa, TX 79065.

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

Leonard Eugene 'Van' Vandebrook, 79

AMARILLO — Leonard Eugene "Van" Vandebrook, 79, died Saturday, Aug. 6, 2005, of cancer.

Services are scheduled at 2 p.m. Tuesday in Cox Funeral Home Benton Chapel with Pastor Tommy Ewing officiating. Burial will be in Llano cemetery under the direction of Cox Funeral Home of Amarillo.

Mr. Vandebrook was born March 13, 1926, in Udolpho Township, Dodge County, Minn., to George Martin "Mark" and Agnes Josephine Vandebrook. On May 4, 1947, he married Mary Viola "Vi" Ramzel; she pre-

ceded him in death on Aug. 19, 1991. He married Delores Richardson on April 11, 1992.

Survivors include his wife, Delores; two sons, Martin Rae Vandebrook of Kingwood and Steve Roberson of Amarillo; several grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be from 7-9 p.m. today at Cox Funeral Home. The family requests memorials be to The Harrington Cancer Center in Amarillo.

Services tomorrow

VANDEBROOK, Leonard Eugene "Van" — 2 p.m., Cox Funeral Home Benton Chapel, Amarillo.

Emergency Services

Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents and arrests today.

Saturday, Aug. 6

Eight traffic stops were made. A traffic complaint was received from the intersection of Alcock and Wells streets.

Hit and run accidents were reported at the intersection of Alcock and Nelson streets and the 2200 block of Perryton Parkway. A vehicle accident was reported in the 400 block of Ballard.

Law enforcement assistance was rendered at the intersection of Kentucky Avenue and Price Road, the 800 block of Deane Drive, the 900 block of Terry Rd., and the 1300 block of South Barnes.

One residential alarm was reported.

Welfare checks were made in the 700 block of Brunow and the 300 block of Doyle.

Suspicious person calls were received on two occasions from the 300 block of North Hobart, and from the 1000 block of North Sumner.

Suspicious vehicle calls were received from the 1100 block of Alcock and the 1900 block of Charles.

Civil matters were report-

ed in the 1100 block of South Banks and the 700 block of North Dwight.

An animal complaint was received from the 800 block of North Dwight.

Found property was reported on two occasions in the police department lobby. One of the reports concerned a bicycle which was found in the 2200 block of North Nelson.

Silent/abusive 911 calls were received from the 2100 block of Hamilton, the 2200 block of Lea, the 2200 block of Perryton Parkway, and the 200 block of East Brown.

Disorderly conduct/noise was reported in the 1600 block of West Somerville.

Criminal trespass was reported in the 800 block of Deane Dr., the 1800 block of Beech, and the 1000 block of North Sumner.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 400 block of South Ballard. A computer was damaged. Estimated cost of damage is \$3,500.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 600 block of Sloan and in the police department lobby. The report from the 600 block of Sloan occurred in the 900 block of East Jordan. A vehicle sustained an estimated \$210 in damage.

Domestic disturbances

were reported in the 400 block of South Ballard and the 300 block of Davis.

Violation of a city ordinance concerning fireworks was reported in the 700 block of North Wells.

Assault by threat was reported in the police department lobby.

Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle was reported in the 1400 block of Somerville. Value of the vehicle is estimated at \$10,000.

Forgery was reported in the 200 block of North Russell.

A gas drive-off was reported at Allsup's, 1025 W. Wilks.

Theft was reported in the 1000 block of Kiowa Place. A bicycle was taken.

Juan Anguiano, 27, 600 Sloan, was arrested in the 600 block of Sloan for evading arrest/detention, public intoxication and criminal mischief over \$50 and under \$500.

Sunday, Aug. 7

Thirteen traffic stops were made.

Law enforcement assistance was rendered on Highway 60 East and in the 800 block of Beryl.

Two business alarms were reported.

A welfare check was made in the 1800 block of North Sumner.

Civil matters were reported in the 1000 block of North Sumner and the police department lobby.

Suspicious person calls were received from the 1300 block of West Somerville, the 600 block of Deane Dr., and the 1200 block of North Hobart.

Disorderly conduct/noise was reported in the 1000 block of Huff Rd., and the

300 block of North Christy.

Disorderly conduct/other was reported in the 1400 block of North Somerville.

Animal complaints were received from the 1900 block of Hamilton and the 400 block of North West.

Warrant service was attempted at one location.

A silent/abusive 911 call was received from the 1100 block of Varnon Dr.

Burglary was reported in the 700 block of Roberta. Garage doors were broken, and it is unknown if items were taken. Estimated cost of damage is unknown.

A gas drive-off involving \$41.75 worth of fuel was reported at Taylor Petroleum, 600 E. Frederic.

Telephone harassment was reported in the 500 block of North Starkweather.

Criminal trespass was reported in the 1100 block of South Banks.

Eustacio Cortez, 28, 1029 S. Sumner, was arrested in the 1200 block of Duncan for driving while license is suspended and failure to maintain insurance.

Allen Huffman, 17, 821 Talley, was arrested in the 100 block of South Starkweather for possession of less than one gram of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Joseph Vandergriff, 18, 1400 W. Somerville, was arrested for no seat belt, minor in possession of tobacco, minor in possession and two counts of failure to

appear.

Jayson Williams, 31, 1040 Huff Rd., was arrested in the 1000 block of Huff Rd., for failure to appear, no driver's license, no insurance and a motion for enforcement out of Wichita County.

Monday, Aug. 8

Telephone harassment was reported. The incident involved numerous locations and a cell phone.

Sheriff

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

Sunday, Aug. 7

Jordan L. Back, 19, 1815 Hamilton, was arrested for Pampa Police Department for no seat belt and minor in possession.

Joe Don Skinner, 48, 1532 N. Dwight, was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety for driving while intoxicated.

Ambulance

Guardian EMS ambulance today reported the following calls.

Friday, Aug. 5

9:11 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 200 block of North Russell and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

10:53 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to PRMC and transported a patient to Northwest Texas

Hospital, Amarillo.

5:17 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to Duncan and Harvester streets and transported a patient to PRMC.

11:40 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1900 block of Dogwood. No transport.

Saturday, Aug. 6

2:04 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to PRMC and transported a patient to Veterans Administration Medical Center, Amarillo.

1:38 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to Jordan prison unit and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

2:59 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to Lefors and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

4:01 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 200 block of North Russell. No transport.

10:02 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 800 block of 25th and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

Sunday, Aug. 7

3:21 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 500 block of Lefors and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

7:34 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 500 block of Allen and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

9:53 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 500 block of Starkweather. The call was disregarded.

11:45 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 800 block of 25th and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

Jury

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Kyle Ray Roberts, 30, was indicted for three counts of stalking. Bond on each of the third-degree felony charges was set at \$10,000, for total bond of \$30,000.

On April 25, March 14, March 9, Feb. 13, all in 2005, and on Dec. 17, 2004, Roberts allegedly engaged in conduct directed specifically at Amanda Shewmake that threatened bodily injury to Shewmake. The incidents listed in the indictments included breaking eight windows at Shewmake's residence, kicking at the door of Shewmake's residence and screaming, entering Shewmake's residence and refusing to leave, banging on Shewmake's bedroom window, and threatening to kill Shewmake.

Roberts was also indicted for possession of a controlled substance. Bond on the state jail felony was set at \$3,000.

On Feb. 26, Roberts allegedly possessed less than one gram of methamphetamine.

Michael Scott Ailport, 24, was indicted for theft over \$1,500 and under \$20,000. Bond on the state jail felony was set at \$3,500.

On Feb. 11, Ailport allegedly unlawfully appropriated, acquired or otherwise exercised control over a welder, wire feeder, cables and accessories from Tony Richardson.

Sarah Elizabeth Baston, 18, was

indicted for evading arrest with a vehicle. Bond on the state jail felony was set at \$1,500.

On July 1, Baston allegedly fled from Pampa Police Officer Joey Williams while using a vehicle when Williams was attempting to arrest or detain Baston.

Troyce Glenn Brewer, 37, was indicted for evading arrest with a vehicle and possession of a controlled substance. Bond on the state jail felony of evading arrest was set at \$3,000. Bond on the state jail felony of possession of a controlled substance was set at \$15,000. Total bond is \$18,000.

On Oct. 21, 2004, Brewer allegedly used a vehicle while fleeing from Chad Johnson, a peace officer, while Johnson was attempting to arrest or detain Brewer.

On Aug. 4, 2004, Brewer allegedly possessed less than one gram of cocaine.

Jamie Teresia Jackson, 29, was indicted for two counts of possession of a controlled substance. Bond on one of the state jail felonies was set at \$4,000. Bond on the other state jail felony was set at \$3,000. Total bond is \$7,000.

On Feb. 2 and again on Feb. 26, Jackson allegedly possessed less than one gram of cocaine.

Kimberly Dawn Morris, 38, was indicted for possession of a controlled substance. Bond on the state jail felony was set at \$3,000.

On Feb. 12, Morris allegedly possessed less than one gram of methamphetamine.

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Peter Jennings dies at 67 of lung cancer

NEW YORK (AP) — Peter Jennings was the face of ABC News.

The urbane Canadian-born broadcaster delivered the nightly news to Americans over five decades. He was there for every big story, be it war or weather.

Jennings, who announced in April that he had lung cancer, died Sunday at his New York home, ABC News President David Westin said in a statement. He was 67.

"Peter has been our colleague, our friend, and our leader in so many ways," Westin said. "None of us will be the same without him."

With Tom Brokaw and Dan Rather, Jennings was part of a triumvirate that dominated network news for more than two decades, through the birth of cable news and the Internet. His smooth delivery and years of international reporting made him particularly popular among urban dwellers.

"Peter was born to be an anchor," Brokaw said Monday on NBC's "Today." He said he met Jennings in 1966 covering Ronald Reagan's campaign for California governor and "we had an instant friendship."

"Peter, of the three of us, was our prince. He seemed so timeless. He had such elan and style," Brokaw said.

Rather, appearing on ABC's "Good Morning America" tribute to Jennings, noted that beneath Jennings' polished exterior was a fierce competitor.

"If Peter was in the area code, I didn't sleep," Rather said.

Jennings dominated the ratings from the late 1980s to the mid-'90s, when Brokaw surpassed him. He remained a Canadian until 2003, when he became a U.S. citizen, saying it had nothing to do with his politics.

"He was a warm and loving and surprisingly sentimental man," said fellow ABC anchor Ted Koppel.

Jennings deeply regretted dropping out of high school, and he would have wanted that lesson passed along, Koppel said. He made up for it by becoming a student of the world, studying cultures and their people for the rest of his life.

"No one could ad lib like Peter," said Barbara Walters. "Sometimes he drove me crazy because he knew every detail. ... He just died much too young."

Jennings was wherever the big story was. He logged more than 60 hours on the air during the week of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, offering a soothing sense of continuity during a troubled time.

"There are a lot of people who think our job is to reassure the public every night that their home, their community and their nation is safe," he told author Jeff Alan. "I don't subscribe to that at all. I subscribe to leaving people with essentially — sorry it's a cliché — a rough draft of history. Some days it's reassuring, some days it's absolutely destructive."

Jennings' announcement four months ago that the long-time smoker would begin treatment for lung cancer came as a shock.

"I will continue to do the broadcast," he said in a taped message that night. "On good days, my voice will not always be like this."

Although Jennings occasionally came to the office between chemotherapy treatments, he never again appeared on air.

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— Peter Jennings
Veteran reporter

Meeting

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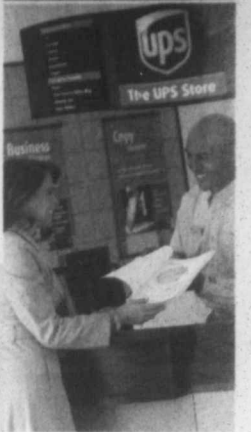
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Viewpoints

Faith in the impartial rule of law ...

Whenever I have visited an emerging democracy, I have noticed consistency on two points: first, everybody easily understands the need for democratic voting and free speech; second, they have a much harder time understanding the rule of law, which is just as essential for a democracy to function.

I once met with members of the Russian Duma and emphasized how eager Americans were for Russia's fledgling democracy to succeed. One member replied, "No you don't. Americans are not investing here."

I replied that for American companies to invest, there has to be an independent judiciary and respect for the rule of law, so the state cannot easily con-

fiscate private property. This was extremely difficult for the Russian parliamentarians to understand.

We have grown up in the United States in a society of laws, not of men. We take that concept for granted. In most emerging democracies, the rule of law is an alien idea, almost incomprehensible. But if you want democracy to succeed, it must harness the two concepts of individual rights and majority rule — and it can do this only through respect for the rule of law.

The rule of law involves four basic requirements: Equality under the law; a respect for individual rights; an independent and honest judiciary; and transparent court proceedings.

This concept was built into our Constitution which established the judiciary as a co-equal branch with the legislative and the executive.

Because of this, the Supreme Court can strike down laws through "judicial review" if it decides the law violates our supreme law, the Constitution.

Judicial review provides courts with a great deal of power which some people believe has been abused. Some believe the courts have taken judicial review so far that some judges are legislating from the bench rather than

interpreting and implementing the laws passed by elected representatives. If the public begins to view the courts simply as a different avenue for

partisan political contests, instead of a fair arbitrator of legal questions, their faith in the impartial rule of law will erode.

This would be an unhealthy development. Many times in our history, court rulings have been unpopular, but the general respect accorded to the law allowed the public to accept its decisions.

The importance of the

courts explains why we must take the replacement of retiring Justice Sandra Day O'Connor very seriously. The Senate has a responsibility to examine the president's nominees closely to determine whether they are qualified by experience, knowledge and temperament to sit on the high court.

The Constitution says Congress should ascertain whether the nominee is qualified and fair, not fight to make sure he or she has a certain set of approved views on a laundry list of hot-button political issues. If this process is perceived by people as a partisan contest, it will only serve to diminish the respect the people have for the justice the court is expected to deliver.

This could further erode the respect for the rule of law which buttresses our government and legal system.

This concept is so important to the stable functioning of representative government that I joined with the Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law to establish a Rule of Law program to bring jurists and officials from developing countries to the United States. The hope of all who participate in this program is that our foreign guests will build their understanding of the rule of law, and help this vital principle take root in their countries and foster the growth of strong and stable democracies around the world.

Kay Bailey Hutchison
U.S. Senator



Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, Aug. 8, the 220th day of 2005. There are 145 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Aug. 8, 1974, President Nixon announced he would resign following new damaging revelations in the Watergate scandal.

On this date:

In 1815, Napoleon Bonaparte set sail for St. Helena to spend the remainder of his days in exile.

In 1876, Thomas A. Edison received a patent for his mimeograph.

In 1942, six convicted Nazi saboteurs who had landed in the United States were executed in Washington D.C.; two others received life imprisonment.

In 1945, President Truman signed the United Nations Charter.

In 1945, the Soviet Union declared war against Japan during World War II.

'Men make counterfeit money; in many more cases, money makes counterfeit men.'

— Sydney J. Harris
American journalist
(1917-1986)

In 1963, Britain's "Great Train Robbery" took place as thieves made off with 2.6 million pounds in banknotes.

In 1968, Richard M. Nixon was nominated for president at the Republican national convention in Miami Beach.

In 1973, Vice President Spiro T. Agnew branded as "damned lies" reports he had taken kickbacks from government contracts in Maryland, and vowed not to resign — which he eventually did.

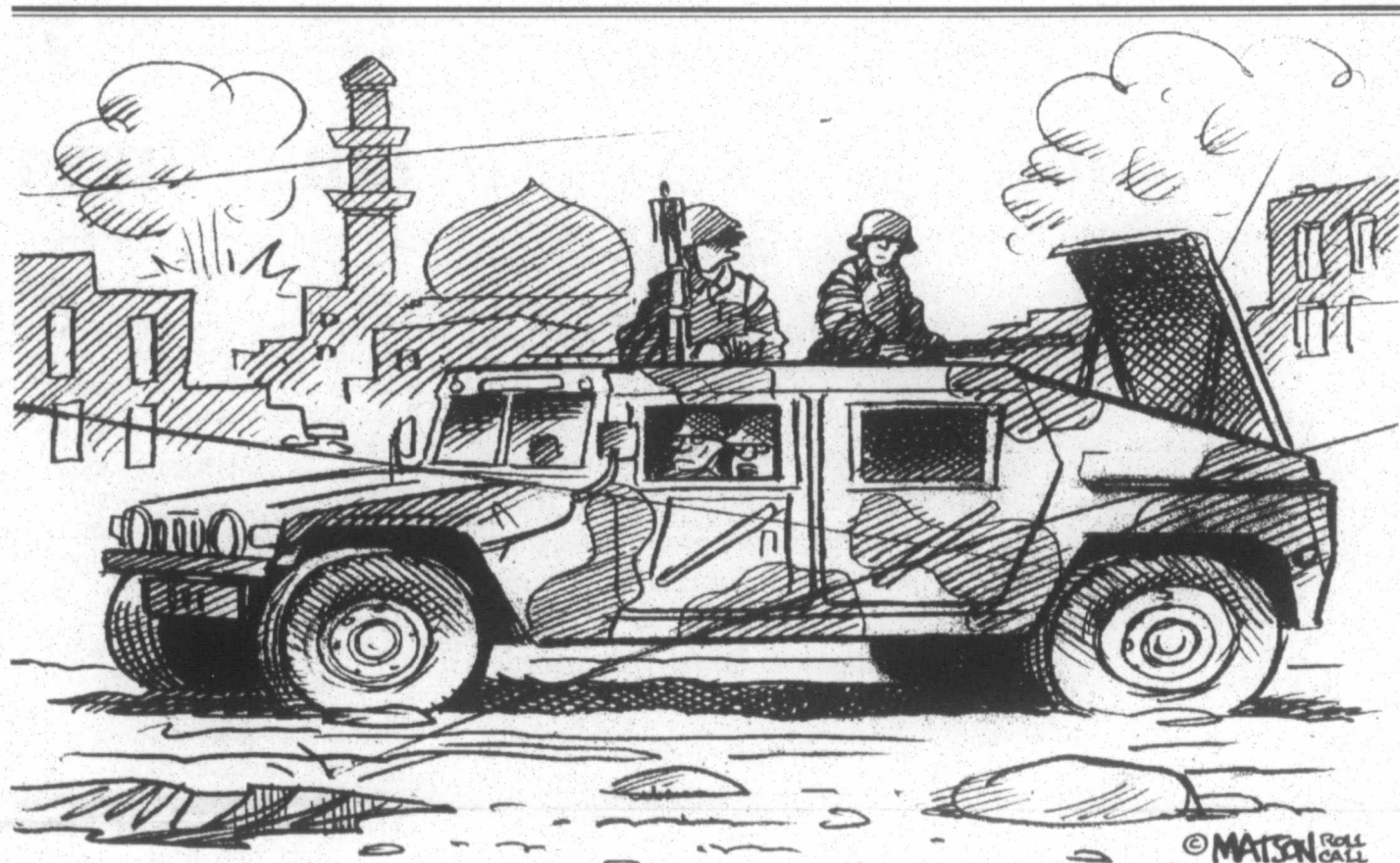
In 1978, the United States launched Pioneer Venus II, which carried scientific probes to study the atmosphere of Venus.

In 1994, Israel and Jordan opened the first road link between the two once-warring countries.

Ten years ago: President Clinton, during a visit to Baltimore, ordered all companies doing business with the federal government to report the pollution they cause.

Five years ago: Vice President Al Gore formally introduced and celebrated his running mate, Sen. Joseph Lieberman, during an appearance in Gore's home state of Tennessee. A bomb ripped through an underground walkway in central Moscow, killing at least 13 people. Chile's Supreme Court stripped Gen. Augusto Pinochet's immunity, clearing the way for the former dictator to be tried on human rights charges. (However, an appeals court later ruled Pinochet unfit to stand trial because of his deteriorating health and mental condition.)

One year ago: Alan Keyes, the Republican two-time presidential hopeful, threw his hat into Illinois' Senate race (he ended up losing to Democrat Barack Obama).



"I MOVE WE ADJOURN FOR FIVE WEEKS AND TAKE UP THIS CONTENTIOUS MISSION AFTER THE SUMMER RECESS"

Opposable thumb sets humans apart

The space shuttle, like all human technological achievements, is a tribute to the human brain and the opposable thumb. Because most people who write and talk deal only with their heads, they often forget that opposable thumb. That is what allows the human being to grasp things and to make tools.

After something has been dreamed of and designed, which is what the scientists and engineers do, then other people have to take the blueprints and actually build the thing itself.

I have great admiration for construction workers of all types. In part because I have such a low mechanical aptitude, what they do seems to me to be almost magic. The space shuttle is so highly complex that my own brain simply stalls out at the thought of trying to construct something so complicated, so precise and yet so strong and powerful. I'm wary of changing a light bulb, so wiring something

with miles of wire and tens of thousands of connections seems to me an impossible task.

I've often thought it must be gratifying for a construction worker to be able to take his children and point to a skyscraper and say: "You see that, kids? I helped build it." That to me seems like so much more of a substantial contribution than putting words on paper (and now on a computer screen).

These men and women who work with their hands are an essential part of this country's greatness and prosperity. Too often they are forgotten or ignored or looked down upon by the intellectuals — a fact that is just another proof that a lot of intellectuals are stupid. Don't forget, "intellectual" is a vocational classification. It is not a synonym for

intelligence.

A lot of poor countries are long on college graduates and short on people who can build and repair things. If we lived in a world of only lawyers, writers, dreamers and designers, we'd be living in caves. You can't have a transportation system unless you have people who can build the cars, the trains, the airplanes and the trucks, as well as the tracks and highways and airports. You can't have housing without carpenters, bricklayers, plumbers and electricians. You'd be defending yourself with rocks and sticks except for the machinists and other skilled workers who build those airplanes, computers, bombs and guns.

In fact, these skilled workers play so large and so vital a part in our country that it is amazing that we in the

media so often ignore them. A machinist is one of the most important people in an industrial society, and it takes a long time to become a skilled machinist. If the politicians with their stupid trade policies allow America's machinists to be thrown out of work, they will be doing more damage to the nation than any terrorist. And, unfortunately, that is what is happening.

I am happy to see the Teamsters and the Service Employees unions break with the AFL-CIO. I'm hoping that the new organization will prove to be so effective that other unions will join it. The trouble with the AFL-CIO in recent years is that it's been headed by socialists more interested in politics and government programs than in protecting American workers. I saw that years ago when I was in Washington, and noted that there were just as many chauffeured, black limousines pulling in and out of the AFL-CIO

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Charley Reese
Columnist



Candy makers not displaying good judgment

Ah, for those quaint days when lollipops tasted like cherry or lemon or, at their most exotic, root beer.

Well, those candies can move over; there is a new flavor in town — marijuana. Yes, candy makers are offering confections for your inner hippie Chronic Candy and Pot Suckers.

The candies simulate the taste of marijuana, although they lack the chemical that

creates the high in grass. While the marketing ploy may seem absurdly comical,

Rep. Aaron Peña, D-Edinburg, is taking it seriously.

The legislator, saying the candies may lure children into trying the real thing, has proposed a bill that would con-

trol the sale of confections that offer a marijuana-like flavor.

"It introduces the idea of marijuana use and gives tacit approval to the introduction of a product that we spend billions of dollars to fight against," Peña, whose

bill would make the sale of such candies a misdemeanor, told reporters.

Makers of the candies, saying the products are not marketed for children, contend that politicians like Peña are only trying to make a name for themselves. Perhaps, but one wonders if the candy makers have clouded their judgment by smoking too much of the real thing.

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Discovery landing delayed one day due to weather

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — After orbiting the Earth for nearly two weeks, astronauts aboard space shuttle Discovery were told to circle the planet for another day as bad weather in Florida forced NASA to delay today's

scheduled landing. The astronauts had powered up their spacecraft and were awaiting word from Mission Control to fire their braking rockets and head for home when controllers announced early today that low clouds over Cape

Canaveral would postpone the landing. "We've been working this pretty hard as I'm sure you can imagine from our silence down here," Mission Control radioed Discovery commander Eileen Collins. "We just can't get comfortable

with the stability of the situation for this particular opportunity, so we are going to officially wave you off for 24 hours." When cloud cover still threatened after the second of two landing opportunities, NASA officials rescheduled

the landing for Tuesday. For the next attempt, they will consider alternate landing sites at Edwards Air Force Base in California and at the White Sands Missile Range in New Mexico, in addition to Florida's Kennedy Space Center.

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headquarters as there were at the White House. "Blue-collar socialist" has become a contradiction in terms.

I was an admirer of the late Jimmy Hoffa, and I hope his son proves to be just as tough as his old man. Living in the South all my life, I was never in a union, but if any of you white-collar workers think you'd have the salaries and benefits you do without unions, you're ignorant of the facts.

Things got better for nonunion workers only because hotshot consultants warned corporate America that the way to keep the unions out was to pay decent wages and benefits. Now that the politicians and multinational corporations have pretty much weakened the union movement, the corporate big shots are starting to put the squeeze on their workers.

With rare exceptions, capitalists have never done one thing to improve the lives, health and safety of their workers that they weren't forced to do. Every American owes a debt to the people who work with their hands and to the American union movement.

New avian flu vaccine ready

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government is optimistic about a new vaccine to protect against an outbreak of potentially deadly avian flu, and distribution could start as soon as mid-September, a senior federal health official says.

The government is ready to move ahead with ordering significantly more than the 2 million doses it acquired from French vaccine maker Sanofi-Pasteur before testing began earlier this year to jump-start the U.S. vaccine stockpile in case the tests were successful, Dr. Anthony S. Fauci said Sunday.

Additional tests of the vaccine are being conducted on the elderly and children, said Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases.

Preliminary data from the first 115 of the initial tests on 450 healthy adults showed an immune response that scientists believe is strong enough to protect against the avian influenza that's spreading among birds in Asia and Russia.

Fauci said he expects analysis of data from the other 300 tests will show similar results.

"We're now, given these results, going to move ahead with ordering from the com-

pany additional doses," he told The Associated Press in a telephone interview.

"I can't tell you exactly how many; that's going to depend on the production capability, but certainly it will be significantly more than the 2 million doses."

For the past year, government health officials have been hurrying to develop the vaccine because of fears that the avian influenza strain could change into one that could spread rapidly among humans throughout the world.

While the strain has killed millions of birds, only about 50 humans have died from it and so far there has been no widespread transmission of the virus from one human to another.

Fauci said he thought the Food and Drug Administration could approve the new vaccine fairly quickly because it is similar to other seasonal flu vaccines the agency approves each year.

An influenza epidemic in 1918 killed 50 million people.

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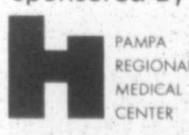
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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I am a 22-year-old college student and have been dating "Cody" for six years. Four years ago, my mother decided she didn't like him. She told me to either dump him or to forget about going to college.

Not wanting to give up either one, I began to secretly date Cody. I'll be graduating in one more year, and I know that Cody will ask me to marry him. Should I wait another year -- until I'm out of college -- to tell my mother so she can't keep me from obtaining my degree? Or should I tell her the truth now, so it won't be such a big shock that I'm engaged? I can't just be engaged to a guy I supposedly haven't seen in years. -- UNDECIDED IN TEXAS

DEAR UNDECIDED: You are an adult. Please start acting like one, and inquire at your college about alternative financing for your last year of college. You may qualify for some kind of scholarship, or you may need to take out a student loan and get a part-time job so you won't be dependent upon your mother to complete your education.

If you are mature enough to become engaged, you should be strong enough to level with your mother. She may not be as dumb as you think she is, but don't expect her to be thrilled to learn that she has been lied to. On a more positive note, you and your fiance will have finally cleared the air and asserted your independence as adults, and that's a step in the right direction.

DEAR ABBY: Some neighbors asked me to care for their pets while they vacationed in Europe for three weeks. The boy across the street was to do the first four days, but I was asked to do the bulk of the work. Although I was assured that all I had to do was empty the litter box and feed the cats, I found an extensive list of chores in my mailbox the next morning. One cat has cancer; the other two also needed medication. The meds were complicated and had

to be administered twice a day. The cats vomited profusely several times, and went to the bathroom every place except the litter box. I cleaned up after them, administered all the medications, and even consulted the vet at one point.

When my neighbors returned, they paid the boy \$30 for the four days he worked and didn't offer me one nickel. Worse, they paid him in front of me! I badly needed the money, but even if I didn't, don't you think they should have offered me something? I'm furious and am tempted to tell them off, but I don't want to sink to their level. What should I do? -- POOPER SCOOPER QUEEN IN NEW ORLEANS

DEAR QUEEN: Bide your time. They'll ask you again. And when they do, state clearly that you want to be compensated monetarily -- and how much you expect to be paid.

DEAR ABBY: Every time we visit my in-laws, they feed my wife food that's laced with peppers. Abby, my wife gets sick when she eats peppers, and I gently remind them during the cooking process about this. Yet the little suckers still appear in everything that's offered to her. Short of stealing all the peppers in the house before a meal is made, what else can I do? -- UPSET IN HOUSTON

DEAR UPSET: Make sure your wife is well-fed before she visits the in-laws. And keep a stash of fruit and energy bars in the car if the visit is going to last more than three hours.

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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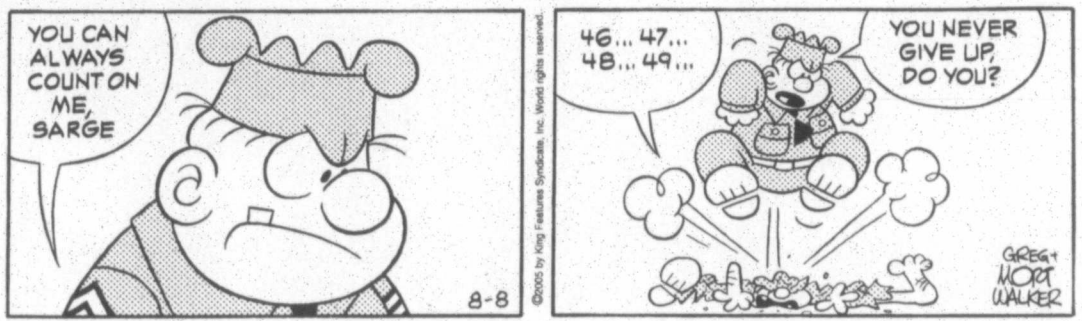
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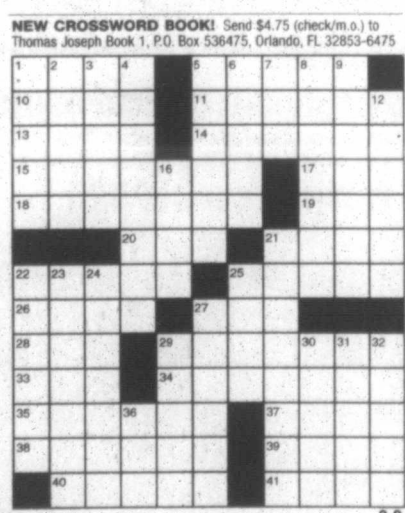
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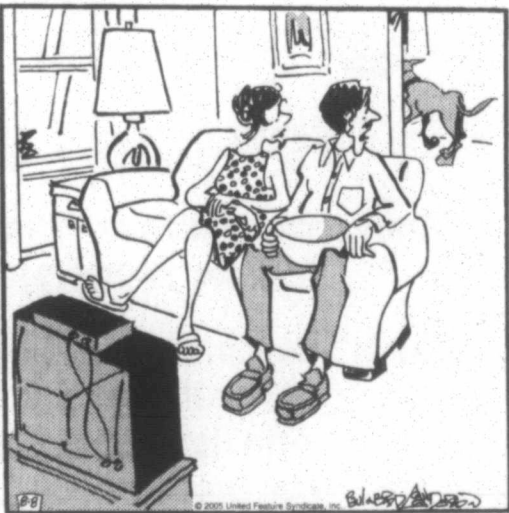


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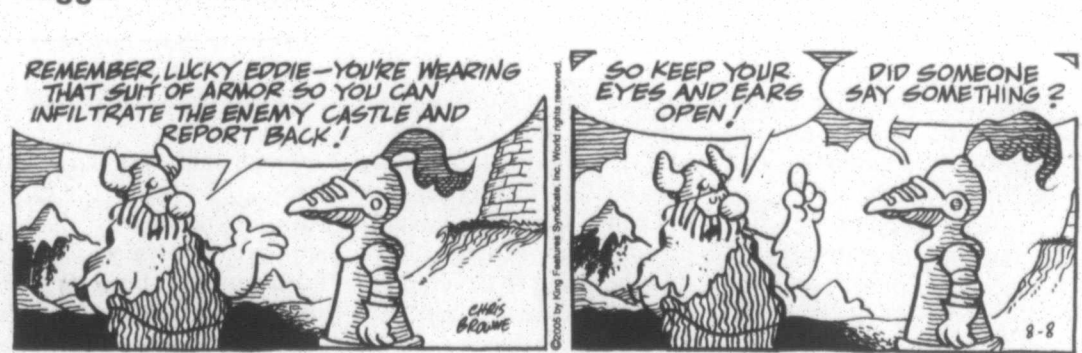
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Sports Day

Young bounces back, leads Rangers to 9-3 win

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Texas manager Buck Showalter was confident scuffling rookie Chris Young would get back on track.

Young rebounded nicely Sunday with seven scoreless innings to earn his first victory in more than a month, and the Rangers beat the Baltimore Orioles 9-3 Sunday.

"That's why you want five guys like Chris, you trust they can get it done," Showalter said. "He had that look in his eye. He put on a real competitive front."

Mark Teixeira and Gary Matthews Jr. each homered and drove in three runs. Kevin Mench also connected for the Rangers, who lead the majors with 188 home runs.

That was more than enough support for Young, who came into Sunday's start 0-3 with an 11.41 ERA in his six previous outings.

Young (9-7) allowed five hits and struck out three to pick up his first win

since beating the Los Angeles Angels on June 30.

He said the key was getting ahead early in the count with his fastball.

"I was trying to be aggressive with my fastball," Young said. "All three of my pitches were working. I felt like I didn't have to battle as much."

The Orioles, who have lost two straight, are now 2-2 under interim manager Sam Perlozzo.

Baltimore starting pitcher Sidney Ponson (7-11) left in the third inning with a strained right calf. He hurt himself covering first base on a Matthews grounder in the second.

Ponson allowed three runs and five hits in 2 1-3 innings and was replaced by Todd Williams.

On July 28, Ponson left a start in the third against the Rangers when he was hit in the right thumb.

"It's a bad string of luck," Baltimore catcher Sal Fasano said. "He gets hit and then this happens to him. I feel

badly for him."

Ponson left the game with his team trailing 2-0, and Texas built on the lead thanks to Teixeira and Matthews' power.

Teixeira's 31st homer was a two-run shot off Jorge Julio in the seventh that gave the Rangers a 9-0 lead. He also tied a career high with four hits.

Matthews tied his career best with his 14th homer, a three-run drive in the sixth to give the Rangers a 7-0 advantage.

Texas finished its homestand with a 3-3 record and start a 13-game road trip Monday night in Boston.

"It's always nice to win the last game before a road trip," Teixeira said. "You never want to go on a 3-hour flight after getting kicked."

Kevin Gryboski relieved Young to start the eighth and gave up three runs. Eric Byrnes and Miguel Tejada had RBI singles, and Sammy Sosa had a run-scoring groundout.

MILES AND MILES OF HEART

Dusters may be most dangerous team in af2 playoffs

Congratulations to the Amarillo Dusters for the amazing come-from-behind af2 playoff win over rival Oklahoma City Saturday. The win is deserving of the accolades bestowed upon it. But it is the gumption and grit of this team that should be netting the lion's share of the attaboys.

This is a team — the Amarillo Dusters — that could easily have rolled over and played dead. After all, they were underdogs going into Saturday, having lost to the Yard Dawgz twice before during the regular season.

The Dusters led the game well into the second quarter, then allowed Oklahoma City to score 30 unanswered points. Late in the third, Amarillo still trailed by some 20 points.

Then it happened.

It would have been easy, possibly even excusable, had the Dusters simply tossed their hands up in the air and said, "Well, here we go again." Coach Steve Perdue and his staff would have been ribbed but eventually forgiven.

This is a young team. One has to remember the Dusters are not quite 2 years old. This is a young coaching staff. In less than two years, Coach Perdue has gone from managing a restaurant to pacing the sidelines in a high-profile professional football league.

Michael J. Stevens

Sports Editor



But when you rock a new league the way Amarillo did the now defunct Intense Football League last year (winning the championship), then jump to a league like the af2 and prove competitive right out of the box, winning seems to be expected. Losing becomes the bane.

The final few weeks of the regular season were less than spectacular for Amarillo. They lost every game they

played. Some argued the team all but backed into the playoffs and not much was expected from them. But they expected much from themselves.

And with little more than a quarter to play Saturday, Amarillo may have gone from expansion doormat to af2 contender. The way they came from behind against the Yard Dawgz makes them dangerous. I'd be willing to bet Memphis didn't expect to face Amarillo Friday. Probably tuned away from whatever source they were using to monitor the game and began prepping for OKC. Now the Xplorers may not know exactly how to get ready for the Dusters.

This could be a very good thing. Still, win or lose in Memphis Friday night, my hat is off to Coach Perdue, General Manager Warren McCarty and the rest of the Duster's staff and team. You did more than win a playoff game Saturday night. To swipe a line from the movie *The Replacements*, you showed heart. Miles and miles of heart.

Four QBs, led by Marino and Young, enter Hall of Fame

CANTON, Ohio (AP) — Dan Marino just couldn't resist.

The NFL's most prolific quarterback showed off his arm one more time, finishing off his induction into the Pro Football Hall of Fame with — what else? — a perfect spiral to Mark Clayton, one of his many targets through the years.

"Of course, in the end, every quarterback wants one more Sunday with a football in his hands and going deep," Marino said, that gleam back in his eye minutes after he teared up when introduced by his 20-year-old son Daniel.

"I'll remember this day for the rest of my life," Marino said.

So will Steve Young, who became the first left-handed quarterback in the Hall. The most efficient passer in NFL history, Young paid tribute to the game itself.

"Football is the great metaphor in life," he said. "With those experiences and all the great things that happened, life is even better."

Young suggested it was the first time only quarterbacks entered the Hall in one class, and he was partly right. Benny Friedman was the first great passer in pro ball, and Fritz Pollard was a running back who sometimes played QB.

"I'm proud to be part of this with Dan and the Pollard and Friedman families," Young said. "We are quarterbacks and that's what is neat about this position."

Like last year, when John Elway was inducted, Fawcett Stadium was filled with the big star's jersey. For Elway, it was Denver East. This time, it was Miami North.

Thousands of fans clad in No. 13 Dolphins jerseys shook the stadium with

cheers and chants of "D-A-N-N-Y," remembering how sweet it was to see Marino setting all his records.

Marino set NFL marks of 4,967 completions, 8,358

passes, 61,361 yards (nearly 35 miles) and 420 touchdowns. His record of 48 TD passes in the 1984 season,

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when he was MVP, was broken by Peyton Manning last year.

He also owned 21 NFL marks when he retired, including most seasons with 3,000 yards or more passing (13); most yards passing in one season (5,084 in '84, the only year he won a conference championship); and most games with 300 yards or more passing (63).

"I've accomplished many things, but what I cherish more than any record I hold, fourth-quarter comebacks or any wins I was involved in, is the relationships," he said. Then he mentioned all of the former teammates in the audience, and Don Shula, who coached him in 13 of his 17 seasons.

"We didn't win a Super Bowl together and that is something I would always regret," Marino said. "But you and I won more games than any other quarterback-coach combination in the history of pro football and that is something I am very proud of."

'The celebration is so much richer when you do it with a group of others. That feeling when you do something great together is like nothing other. When one of the guys say, 'I've got your back,' it is not figurative.'

— Steve Young
2005 NFL Hall of Fame Inductee

Young won a Super Bowl as the 49ers' starting quarterback after the 1994 season. The 1992 and '94 league MVP took over for Joe Montana in San Francisco in 1991, backing up Montana on two other title winners.

Young began his career in the USFL with the Los Angeles Express, followed by two seasons with the Buccaneers before Bill Walsh acquired him in 1987.

"He was a great athlete, intelligent and with a passion for the game," Walsh said Sunday. "And it just so happened his style fit perfectly with our offense."

Indeed, Young was one of the best running quarterbacks the NFL has seen.

"I'm not sure where a Hall of Fame career starts," Young said. "I've been the recipient of the best coaching one individual has ever had," mentioning LaVell Edwards, John Hadl, Sid Gillman, Mike Holmgren, Mike Shanahan and, of course, Walsh.

"Football is the rarest of sports in that you cannot do it alone," Young added. "The celebration is so much richer when you do it with a group of others. That feeling when you do something great together is like nothing other. When one of the guys say, 'I've got your back,' it is not figurative."

Friedman, who died in 1982, threw 20 TD passes in 1929, considered phenomenal because the ball he threw barely resembled the modern football. The record stood for 14 years.

He played for four teams from 1927-34 and was a strong draw at the box office, even helping the New York Giants become a solvent operation in those early NFL days.

"If Uncle Benny was here today, he would tell you it was all about family, friends, teammates and teamwork," said his nephew, David Friedman. "Proud yet unpretentious, that was the essence of my uncle."

"His example of excellence will survive for as long as there is a Hall of Fame."

Pollard, like Friedman, was a pro football pioneer and the first black NFL head coach. After a sensational college career at Brown, where he became the first black to play in the Rose Bowl, the running back led the Akron Pros to the 1920 championship. They went undefeated.

He later organized the Chicago Brown Bombers, an independent team of black players that barnstormed the country from 1927-33.

Pollard is among the most important minority figures in football history, a man who seemed to open the door for black athletes in his sport, only to see it slammed shut from 1934 until 1946.

"Fritz Pollard was a 5-foot-9, 165-pound running back who had the speed of Tony Dorsett, the elusiveness of Barry Sanders and the tenacity of Walter Payton," said his grandson, Stephen Towns, in his acceptance speech. "My grandfather and Jim Thorpe were the highest-paid players of their times. Jim Thorpe became the first commissioner of pro football and was inducted into the first class of the Hall of Fame in 1963. My grandfather became a footnote."

"After today, everyone will know the gifts you have given to football. Rest in peace, Grandpa."



Something to cheer about

Miami has reason to cheer as both the high school and junior high school cheer squads brought home ribbons and honors from the recent UCA Cheer Camp in Wellington. High school members Niki Derr (above, left to right), Julie Scott, Courtney Wood, Jamie McCuistion, Kelsi Wiggins and Rachelle Greene gather for a group picture. McCuistion was awarded the All-Star Medal, earning the right to perform in the London Parade in December. Below, (left to right) junior high members Jessie Faith, Caitlyn Leach, Camille Bivens, Kelbi Barton and Danielle Nelson are all smiles following the completion of camp.



NFL Camps: Culpepper to restructure deal with Vikings

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Daunte Culpepper and the Minnesota Vikings reached an agreement on Sunday to restructure the quarterback's contract, giving the three-time Pro Bowl selection an unspecified raise.

Rob Brzezinski, the team's vice president for football operations, said the deal — given the blessing of new owner Zygi Wilf — has been in the works since January.

Brzezinski didn't divulge financial terms, other than to confirm that Culpepper was getting an increase from the framework of the 10-year, \$102 million extension he signed in May 2003. Culpepper's agent, Mason Ashe, also declined to specify — but said the raise was in the form of both bonuses and annual salary increases.

Culpepper's 2005 salary, according to the NFL Players Association's Web site, would have been \$540,000. That's sure to go up substantially.

"He's a premier player in this league, and we felt like his contract needed an adjustment to reflect that," Brzezinski said.

"Zygi stepped up, like he's done with

everything else."

Players were unavailable for comment on Sunday, their first day off since training camp began last week. The Vikings were to resume practice in Mankato, Minn., on Monday morning.

Eagles

Wide receiver Terrell Owens returned to practice with Philadelphia after missing the last two days with inflammation in his left groin.

Owens participated in both the morning and afternoon sessions. After wearing full pads for the morning practice, players wore shells and shorts during a brief afternoon workout.

The five-time Pro Bowl selection was scheduled to sign autographs with the rest of the wide receivers after the morning practice, but was a no-show. The team said he was receiving treatment.

Beginning the second year of a seven-year deal worth just under \$49 million, the disgruntled Owens is still hoping the Eagles will redo his contract.

Owens left practice Thursday morning and did not return for the afternoon session.

Coach Andy Reid dismissed any suggestion that the injury might not be genuine, calling it a chronic condition.

Redskins

Wide receiver Taylor Jacobs will be sidelined at least a week with a sprained big left toe.

Jacobs was injured during Washington's scrimmage against Baltimore on Saturday. An MRI revealed moderate swelling but nothing more serious than a sprain.

A second-round draft pick in 2003, Jacobs is vying for the No. 3 receiver spot behind Santana Moss and David Patten. Jacobs also missed a day of practice last week because of heat-related symptoms.

Panthers

Tight end Freddie Jones retired, ending his eight-year career just four months after signing a free agent contract with Carolina.

Jones had 404 receptions over five seasons in San Diego and three in Arizona. His offensive attributes were not a great fit with the Panthers, who use their tight ends primarily for blocking.

"It was in the best interest of my family that I conclude my career at this time,"

Jones said. "I appreciate the Panthers signing me. It's a top-notch organization and I'm glad I got a chance to experience it before I retired."

Cowboys

Dallas signed kicker Jose Cortez after a workout on Saturday and waived injured kicker Brett Visintainer.

Cortez spent the past two seasons with Minnesota, appearing in 10 games and only handling kickoffs. He hasn't attempted a field goal since 2002 with Washington.

Buccaneers

Tampa Bay signed tackle Todd Steussie less than two weeks after releasing him.

The Bucs released Steussie on July 28. Last season, he started five times in 16 games for the Bucs. He has also played for the Minnesota Vikings and Carolina Panthers, totaling 175 career games with 164 starts.

The team also released wide receiver Adrian Madise, who had been signed as a free agent in January. He also spent a week on the Bucs' active roster before he was released in October 2004. Chiefs

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1826 Hamilton	\$72,500	4/2/2 cp - 2196 SF/GCAD
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1424 Williston	\$65,000	3/1.75/2 - 1464 SF/GCAD
1205 Charles	\$57,500	2/1.5/1 - 1490 SF/GCAD
1420 Hamilton	\$49,900	4/1.75/1 - 1377 SF/GCAD
1113 E. Harvester E2	\$48,000	2/1/1 - 1479 SF/GCAD
2705 Navajo	\$46,900	3/1.75/1 - 1125 SF/GCAD
2121 Chestnut	\$45,000	3/2/1 - 1332 SF/GCAD
2126 N. Russell	\$38,000	2/2/None - 1485 SF/GCAD
718 Somerville	\$35,000	3/1.75/1 Det - 1175 SF/GCAD
2314 Mary Ellen	\$32,500	3/1/1 - 1148 SF/GCAD
2122 Hamilton	\$32,000	3/1/None - 1212 SF/GCAD
1534 Hamilton	\$31,000	2/1/1 - 1293 SF/GCAD
615 Frost	\$29,900	3/1/1 - 1308 SF/GCAD
2630 Seminole	\$28,500	2/1/None - 1020 SF/GCAD
1013 Mary Ellen	\$26,000	2/1/1 - 1280 SF/GCAD
1105 Garland	\$25,000	2/1/1 cp - 898 SF/GCAD
2118 Williston	\$21,900	2/1/1 - 962 SF/GCAD

Lions camp



This summer Brody Gilbert of Pampa attended the Texas Lions Camp in Kerville. Gilbert was sponsored by Billy Kindig of the local Lions Club. Texas Lions Camp offers camping sessions to children between the ages of 7 and 16 who have visual, hearing or physical disabilities. Activities include arts and crafts, field sports, riding horses, swimming, theater and more. For more information about the camp, call (830) 896-8500 or log onto www.lionscamp.com on the World Wide Web.

Iran resumes uranium conversion activities despite U.S. opposition

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Iran resumed uranium conversion activities at its Isfahan nuclear facility today, a step that Europeans and the United States warned would prompt them to seek U.N. sanctions against Tehran.

Work resumed at the conversion facility quickly after inspectors from the U.N. nuclear watchdog finished installing surveillance equipment there and seals on equipment were removed.

The move came a day before the International Atomic Energy Agency, the U.N. nuclear watchdog, is to hold an emergency meeting at which it could consider referring Tehran to the U.N. Security Council, which could impose sanctions.

Germany, France and the United States have said they would likely recommend doing so if work at Isfahan resumes.

Iran had suspended work at the plant and its other nuclear facilities in November to avoid sanctions and as a gesture in negotiations with the Europeans.

The resumption escalates a confrontation between Iran and the West over its nuclear program, which the

Europeans have been trying to persuade the Iranians to sharply limit.

Iran on Saturday rejected European proposals for it to curtail the program in return for economic incentives.

The United States accuses Iran of seeking to develop nuclear weapons, while Iran insists its program aims only to produce electricity.

Iran also has insisted it has the right to develop the entire fuel cycle.

Europe fears that if Iran can develop fuel on its own, it also will secretly produce material for a bomb.

The conversion facility, 10 miles southeast of the historical city of Isfahan, carried out an early stage of the fuel cycle, turning raw uranium, known as yellowcake, into gas, the feedstock for enrichment.

"The uranium conversion facility restarted its work a few minutes ago," the official Islamic Republic News Agency reported today.

In the next stage of the process the gas is fed in centrifuges for enrichment.

Uranium enriched to a low level is used to produce nuclear fuel and further enrichment makes it suitable for use in atomic bomb.

Dynegy profit up on tax benefit

HOUSTON (AP) — Electricity and natural-gas provider Dynegy Inc. said today its second-quarter profit rose because of a tax benefit resulting from the anticipated sale of its Midstream natural-gas business.

Net income rose to \$32 million, or 8 cents per share, from \$2 million, or 1 cent per share, a year ago.

The company reported a loss from continuing operations of \$109 million, or 30 cents per share, in the latest quarter.

Analysts surveyed by

Thomson Financial expected a loss of 12 cents per share.

Revenue fell 33 percent to \$459 million from \$689 million last year.

Dynegy expects full-year earnings of \$400 million to \$410 million, up from its previous estimated loss of about \$410 million to \$395 million, because of an expected gain of \$815 million on the Midstream sale.

The Houston-based company announced Tuesday it would sell its Midstream unit for about \$2.48 billion to Targa Resources.

Ex oil-for-food chief resigns

NEW YORK (AP) — The former chief of the Iraq oil-for-food program resigned just a day before investigators release a report that is expected to accuse him of taking kickbacks under the \$64 billion humanitarian operation.

Benon Sevan announced his decision Sunday in a scathing letter that lambasted U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan, the U.N. Security Council, the United Nations' critics, and the Independent Inquiry Committee investigating the allegations of corruption against him.

"As I predicted, a high-profile investigative body invested with absolute power would feel compelled to target someone and that someone turned out to be me," Sevan wrote in the letter. "The charges are false, and you, who have known me for all these years, should know that they are false."

The resignation is largely symbolic because the United Nations was paying Sevan just \$1 a year to keep him on payroll so he would cooperate with the committee. But it removes his diplomatic immunity and could leave him open to prosecution; Sevan, a Cypriot citizen believed to be in Nicosia, is

also being investigated by the Manhattan District Attorney's office.

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Former program chief

On Thursday, Sevan's lawyer Eric Lewis said the committee would find in its upcoming report that Sevan got kickbacks for steering contracts under oil-for-food to a small trading company called African Middle East Petroleum Co. Ltd. Inc. Lewis said it would also accuse Sevan of failing to cooperate with the investigation.

The amount of money Sevan allegedly took wasn't immediately known — and may be as little as \$160,000. In a February report, the committee, led by former U.S. Federal Reserve Chairman Paul Volcker, concluded that Sevan solicited oil allocations on behalf of the company, known as AMEP, between 1998 and 2001. It accused Sevan of a "grave conflict of interest."

That report questioned \$160,000 in cash that Sevan said he received from his aunt in his native Cyprus between 1999 and 2003. The report called the money "unexplained wealth" and noted that the aunt, who has passed away, was a retired government photographer living on a modest pension.

The oil-for-food program, launched in December 1996 to help ordinary Iraqis cope with U.N. sanctions imposed after Saddam Hussein's 1990 invasion of Kuwait, quickly became a lifeline for 90 percent of the country's population of 26 million.

Under the program, Saddam's regime could sell oil, provided the proceeds went to buy humanitarian goods or pay war reparations.

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"As part of this product study, five leading manufacturers of hearing aids are looking for 50 people who will qualify as product testers to try this new innovative hearing solution," said Richard Davila of Livingston Hearing Centers. "We are proud to participate in this study and will pay each qualified participant \$50 to complete the study."

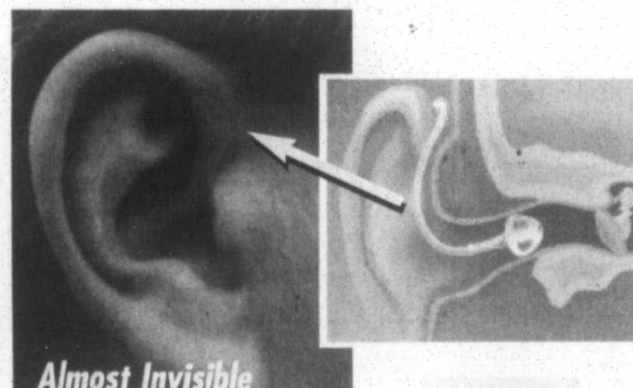
And interestingly enough, the popularity of this new product has spread quickly — not by what they look like, because they are practically impossible to see when being worn—but by good reviews, word of mouth and a remarkable hi-fi sound. This On-The-Ear product markets itself with very little effort because it solves a really big problem in an

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