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Fuel costs, tax values impact county budget

Editor's note: This is the first of two stories on this morning's county commission meeting. The second story will be in the Tuesday edition of *The Pampa News*.

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

Skyrocketing fuel costs and a taxpayer's motion to correct over \$7 million on property tax valuations have Gray County Commissioners pondering adjustments to the proposed

2006 county budget.

Budget talks are still in the works, but various entities, including each precinct and the sheriff's office, have already turned in tentative budgets for their respective groups.

"Gas prices have jumped about 30 cents per gallon since budgets were submitted for our consideration," said County Judge Richard Peet at a commissioner's meeting this morning in the courthouse.

Some county commissioners, including Precinct 4's James Hefley and Gerald Wright of Precinct 3, said this morning that they would have to increase their fuel fund requests for 2006 as a result of the price increase.

Sheriff Don Copeland faces the same situation. He said at this morning's meeting that mileage for his department is about 256,000 miles per year, with vehicles averaging 16.3 miles per gallon of fuel.

"I don't know where fuel prices are going to go. I've already asked deputies to double up every opportunity they get to save fuel," Copeland said.

Copies of a letter dated Aug. 12 from Gray County Chief Appraiser Pat Bagley to Peet were distributed to commissioners. The letter asks for a motion to correct the value of taxable property of Xcel Energy.

"The issue will be brought before the Appraisal Review

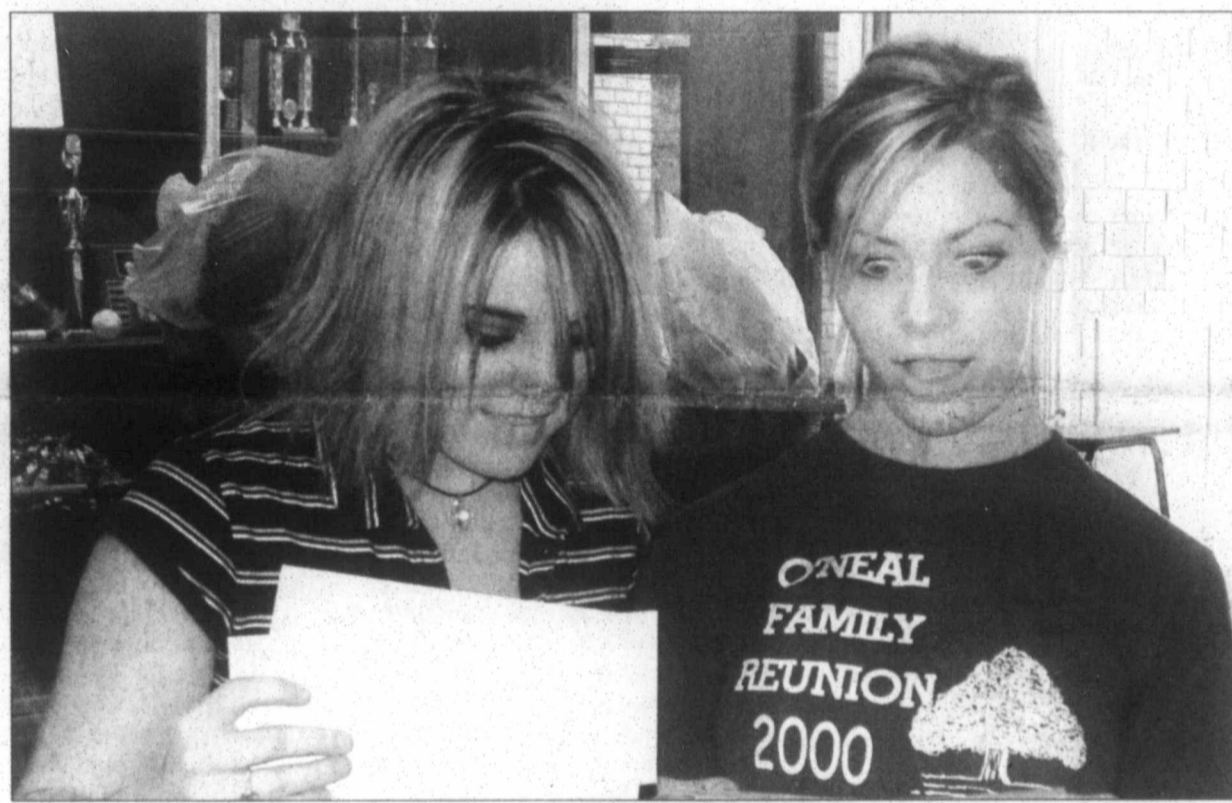
board for the Gray County Appraisal District as soon as possible at a date to be determined. The amount in contention is \$7,024,660," Bagley said in the letter.

Bagley, who did not attend this morning's commissioners' meeting, said in a telephone interview this morning that he had received the letter from Xcel Energy within the past week.

The letter from Bagley states that the motion to correct

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Back-to-school



Pampa News photos by MARILYN POWERS

▲ Valerie Rushing, left, and Katie O'Neal, right, both sophomores for the 2005-2006 school year, picked up their class schedules Thursday afternoon at Pampa High School. Pampa schools will hold their first day of class today.

► Billie Lowrey, left, an administrative assistant at Pampa High School, gives Erin Hall, right, her sophomore class schedule Thursday afternoon at the school.



DPS cautions drivers to stop for school buses

School children across the state are heading back to school. The Texas Department of Public Safety reminds all drivers to watch out for children walking to school or waiting for school buses, and to obey all traffic laws related to school buses.

Drivers also need to slow down and pay attention in school zones. Children may not be looking for oncoming traffic when they step

into the roadway, so drivers must remain alert.

"Although school buses are the safest form of transportation for students, the most dangerous time of the journey is when kids are entering and exiting the bus," said Col. Thomas A. Davis, Jr., director of the DPS. "When a school bus is loading or unloading students, the law requires that drivers stop on most roadways."

State law requires approaching drivers to stop when a school bus is stopped and operating a visual signal (red flashing lights or a stop sign). Drivers should not proceed until the school bus resumes motion; the driver is signaled by the bus driver to proceed; or the visual signal is no longer activated.

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Travis AC units hit by vandals

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

Travis Elementary School will be adequately cooled for the last hot days of the season, despite damage done to two-thirds of its heating and air conditioning units, according to Carol Fields, business manager of Pampa Independent School District.

"They're still working. They just aren't very efficient," she said.

The school district reported the damage to Pampa Police Department on Aug. 4. The report stated that criminal mischief to 25 heating and air conditioning units at the school had resulted in an estimated \$250,000 damage.

"We don't know when this happened. We just happened to have someone from the State here to look at helping us with our energy use," Fields said. When the visitors went up to the roof of the elementary school to look at the units, the damage was found.

The \$250,000 was an estimate the school requested for the purposes of the report, she said.

"They think they can repair them for \$60,000. Twenty-one or 22 units out of the 30 had extensive damage," Fields said.

It is not known how the damage occurred, she said. An insurance claim has been filed.

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Inmates to assist in town cleanup

By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer

Prisoners from the Jordan Unit are doing good works.

"We are really grateful to the warden, Capt. Kevin Andis and the inmates for what they're doing," Colette Dudley with the city manager's office said recently.

Pampa City Manager John Horst said the city has signed a contract with Jordan Unit Warden Tim Simmons to use inmates to clean up the town.

"The warden has agreed to supply us with two crews," Dudley said. "A skilled crew and an unskilled crew."

They will work five days a week, she said. Each crew consists of about nine inmates and will work from about 6:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

"They agreed to help us out with what-

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Obituaries

Carlah Raye Chapman Dauer, 66

MORGANTOWN, N.C. — Carlah Raye Chapman Dauer, 66, died Aug. 13, 2005, at Hickory, N.C.

Private family burial will be Thursday, Aug. 18, in Memory Gardens Cemetery of Pampa. Local arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Dauer was born Aug. 2, 1939, at Oklahoma City, Okla. She married Alvin Dauer on Oct. 21, 1983, in Pampa; he died March 25, 2001.

Mrs. Dauer, a former Pampa resident, moved to Morgantown in 2001. She was employed by Grace Hospital of Morgantown as a housekeeper in the operating room. She was a member of Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

Survivors include a daughter, Patricia Hall of Morgantown; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

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

Lee Ray 'Bud' Steel, 73

McLEAN — Lee Ray "Bud" Steel, 73, died Friday, Aug. 12, 2005, at McLean, Texas.

Memorial services were at 4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 14, 2005, at Heald Methodist Church, McLean, Texas, with the Rev. Thacker Haynes officiating.

Lee Ray "Bud" was born Dec. 6, 1931, in Goree, Texas, to George and Annie Steel.

Mr. Steel was a sergeant in the army during the Korean War. He was a pumper in the oilfield for Chevron.

He is survived by one son, Dale Steel

(Rose), McLean; two daughters, Teresa Finley (Rex), Dennison, Texas, and Kay Martin (Fred), Eufaula, Okla.; two sisters, Billie Faye Hindman (Emmitt), Breckenridge, Texas, and Edie Bea Cole (Bob), Midwest City, Okla.; one brother, Gaylen Steel (Corky), Granbury, Texas; one sister-in-law, Mary Steel, Arkansas; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Carl Lee Henley Scholarship, McLean, Texas; and Heald Methodist Church, McLean, Texas.

Gray County Weather

Today: A 50 percent chance of showers. Cloudy, with a high around 77. North wind around 5 mph becoming east-southeast.

Tonight: A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 63. South wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Tuesday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high around 86. South wind between 5 and 15 mph.

Tuesday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy,

with a low near 66. South wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Wednesday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high near 92. South-southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Wednesday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 67. South-southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Thursday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 92. South-southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

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Corn	3.83	
Soybeans	5.43	
The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa.		
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BP PLC ADR	69.89	-0.66

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Cabot Oil Gas	42.95	-0.53	JCP	51.84	-0.66
Coca Cola	43.54	-0.04	COP	66.41	-0.21
VLO	93.61	-0.19	SLB	85.56	-0.46
HAL	58.55	-0.27	Tenneco	18.69	-0.18
TRI	46.18	-0.68	CVX	62.15	-0.13
KMI	94.32	-0.46	Wal-Mart	48.65	-0.05
XCEL	19.06	-0.08	OKE	33.25	-0.07
Kerr McGee	85.01	-0.63	NS Grp	38.19	+0.12
XOM	60.91	-0.14	New York Gold	446.20	
Limited	23.81	-0.43	Silver	7.07	
Williams	21.85	-0.08	West Texas Crude	66.86	
MCD	32.97	-0.28			

Inmates

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ever we need," Dudley said.

The inmate crews started last week down town, picking up trash and pulling weeds.

Starting the week of Aug. 22, they will work at M.K. Brown Auditorium.

"The following week, they'll be at the library," Dudley said. "The first week of September, they'll be here at city hall painting trim."

The Jordan Unit is also providing two guards.

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Commissioners estimated the amount quoted in the letter from Bagley would result in a difference to the county of approximately \$35,000.

Commissioners were still discussing the 2006 tax rate as of press time today.

rect is under Sec. 25.25 (c)(1) of the Texas Property Code.

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A state loan may also be available at a low interest rate. The funds are available for use on energy costs, and could be paid back using money saved by installing more efficient units, she said.

"Replacing the units is not much more than repairing the coils, and some of those units are really old. We will take care of it depending on what insurance will pay," Fields said.

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Margaret Hill

Buses

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A driver does not have to stop for a school bus if it is on a highway with roadways separated by an intervening space or physical barrier. If a highway is divided only by a left-turning lane, the roadways are not considered separated, and drivers must stop for school buses.

Drivers who do not stop for school buses face a fine of up to \$1,000. If a driver is convicted of this offense more than

one time, DPS can suspend their license for up to six months.

"DPS has zero tolerance for vehicles that pass stopped school buses," Davis said. "Drivers must slow down, obey school zone speed limits and stop for school buses to ensure the safety of Texas school children."

For more information on school bus safety, contact DPS School Bus Safety Program Administrator Charley Kennington at 254-759-7235 or the Public Information Office at 512-424-2080. More information is also located at <http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/schoolbus>.

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Man fires off shotgun as mother of fallen soldier holds service

CRAWFORD, Texas (AP) — A man fired a shotgun into the air as about 60 anti-war protesters held a religious service on the road to President Bush's ranch. Sheriff's deputies and Secret Service agents in the area of the

demonstration site Sunday rushed to the home of Larry Matlage after the shots were fired but did not arrest him.

"I ain't threatening nobody, and I ain't pointing a gun at nobody," Matlage said. "This is Texas."

Cindy Sheehan of Vacaville, Calif., began a protest Aug. 6 on the road that leads to Bush's ranch in memory of her 24-year-old son Casey, who was killed in Iraq last year.

Dozens of others have since

joined her.

Sheehan said Sunday she will continue to demonstrate for three more weeks.

Matlage said he was sympathetic toward the demonstrators at first, but they have blocked roads in the

area and caused traffic problems.

He said he fired his gun in preparation for dove-hunting season but when asked if he had another motive, he said, "Figure it out for yourself."

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Reclaimed wastewater: An idea that could eventually soak in

By KATHLEEN PHILLIPS
Texas A&M News/Public Affairs

EL PASO — As water becomes ever more scarce, quenching thirsty crops with wastewater may be OK if done right, researchers here say.

"Managing reclaimed water by pre-treating before using it to irrigate, monitoring for viruses, choosing correct crops and periodically leaching the soils should be successful and safe," said Dr. George Di Giovanni, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station environmental microbiologist.

Di Giovanni and his colleagues studied the movement of viruses carried in water through sandy and clay soils on which spinach was planted. They were interested in how long viruses in the water remain in the soil, how they move through the soil and whether they could harm humans or livestock. Their findings have been accepted for an article in *Agriculture Ecosystems and Environment* journal.

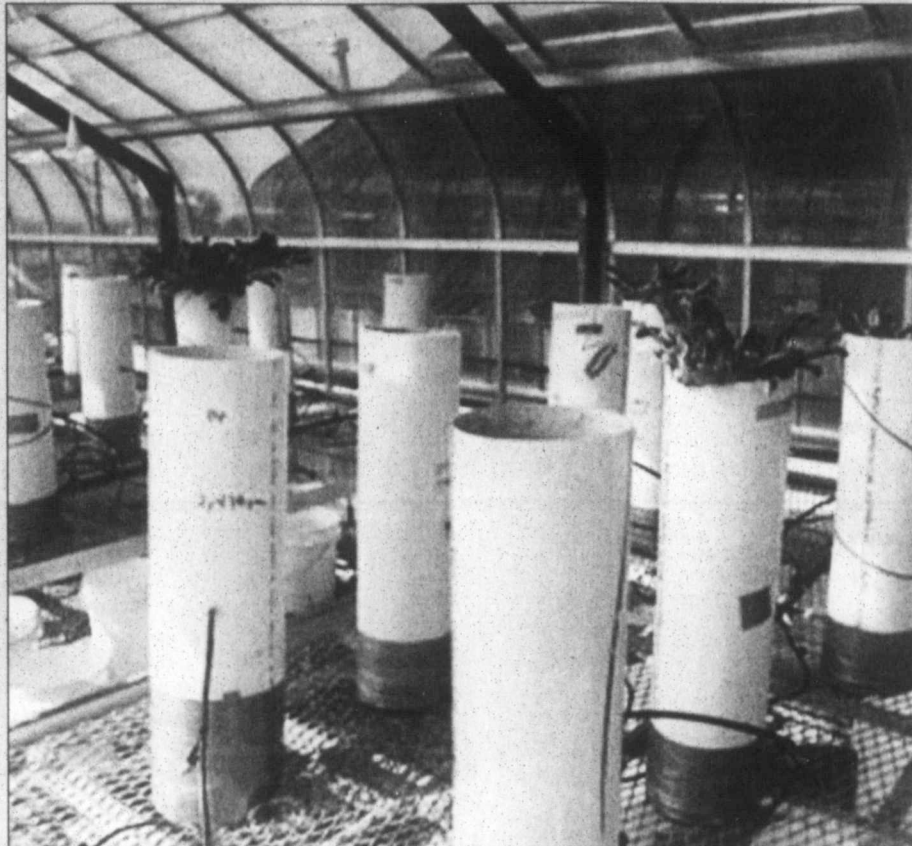
"No bacteriophage (virus) was found on the spinach leaves, regardless of the type of soil they grew in," Di Giovanni said.

The tests were done in a greenhouse in soil collected from the region. Two types of water were tested — a blend of reclaimed water and filtered wastewater laced with bacteriophage, which is a type of virus that infects only bacteria. A bacteriophage is often used in studies as a substitute for human viruses, Di Giovanni said. The water was dripped under the soil surface in plastic columns built for the test.

The research found that bacteriophage could be found on the crusty surfaces of both soil types and remained in the clay soil for about a month after irrigation ended.

"That suggests that human viruses could also linger in the soil," Di Giovanni said. "Reclaimed water must be effectively treated to remove or kill pathogens before use, regardless of irrigation method."

Finding such uses for reclaimed water is vital, said Experiment Station wastewater researcher Dr.



(Texas Agricultural Experiment Station photo)

Several plastic columns were filled with soil collected around El Paso for a Texas Agricultural Experiment Station test of whether viruses would linger from wastewater applied under the soil surface of crops.

Naomi Assadian.

"Wastewater reuse for agriculture and managed landscapes will be necessary to meet growing water demands and conserve current drinking supplies in arid regions such as the upper Rio Grande River area," Assadian said. "But alternative supplies, such as treated municipal wastewater, often contain microbial and chemical elements that may affect public health and/or the environment."

Assadian and Di Giovanni collaborated on the project with Dr. Jaime Iglesias, Texas Cooperative Extension agent in El Paso County; Dr. Juan Enciso, Experiment Station agriculture engineer in Weslaco; and Dr. William Lindemann, New Mexico

State University agronomist.

The researchers said a "closed system," as in their method of using underground pipes to apply water to the crop, limited exposure to the soil surface and edible parts of the crop, a positive finding as scientists continue to explore how to reuse water.

While their study showed a feasible use of wastewater, the researchers said similar trials would need to be conducted at each site where such a system is considered. That's because variations in soil might yield different results, they said.

The study was funded by the Texas Department of Agriculture, U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Experiment Station.

Farm scene: Nation's cotton production down

By BETSY BLANEY
Associated Press Writer

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — Texas' cotton crop suffered from a lack of rain early in the growing season, influencing a federal forecast that shows a 22 percent drop in cotton production nationwide this year from 2004's record harvest.

Texas is expected to produce 6.1 million bales this year, down from 7.8 million bales last year, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's first field survey this year shows.

The expected 1.7 million fewer Texas bales account for the bulk of the 8 percent drop in the nation's production outlook, which calls for 21.3 million harvested bales.

"This is still by historical standards a good crop," said Gary Adams, an economist with the Memphis, Tenn.-based National Cotton Council. "While this is a good number, it can still move around one way or another."

Rainfall did not arrive as needed shortly after planting this year. Also, cool temperatures in May kept many producers from planting at the optimum time, said Roger Haldenby, a spokesman for the Plains Cotton Growers.

Texas is the country's largest cotton producing state, bringing in more than a third of the nation's total harvest. Large crops are

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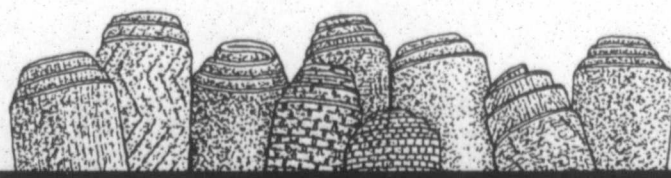
forecast in Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, the Carolinas and Tennessee. California is forecast to have a smaller crop with fewer acres and lower yields.

Dry weather has reduced yields in south and central Texas. Statewide, yields are down, accounting for the

an 81 percent increase over 2003's 4.3 million bales.

This time of year cotton plants need heat to help their later blossoming flowers develop into bolls, which mature and open when ripe to expose the white cotton lint. If bolls are not mature, they might not yield as much cotton or might be of lower quality.

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Viewpoints

No other state has its own Navy but Texas

There are many reasons why Texas is unique among the 50 states but one of the most interesting is the fact that our state, alone, had its own battle-tested navy and continues to have an existing, albeit honorary, navy today.

Texas has had three navies in its history. The First Texas Navy was formed to fight during the battle for independence from Mexico. This fleet was decommissioned after independence was won but continuing threats from Mexico led to the bitterly contested creation of the second navy.

The Second Texas Navy, commanded by a brash young naval officer by the name of Edwin Moore, held off threats from Mexico to the young Texas Republic.

However, squabbles over naval funding led to the decision to "rent" out the fleet to the breakaway province of Yucatan as it fought Mexico's central government. Texas' two sailing ships, the Austin and the Wharton, scored a spectacular victory at Campeche during May in 1843 by driving away a Mexican fleet containing what was, at that time, the world's mightiest warship, the 1,100-ton iron steamer the Guadalupe. This was the only time in history that a sailing ship defeated an iron steam-powered warship.

Not long after that battle, the Second Texas Navy was decommissioned, but Moore gained a place in Texan's hearts. In 1867, Moore County in the Panhandle was

named in Moore's honor.

The Third Texas Navy was established in 1958 by Gov. Price Daniel, as a commemorative organization to assure the survival of Texas' U.S. Senator

Kay Bailey Hutchison



U.S. Senator

Ironically, the Third Texas Navy is by far the strongest of the three, for her flagship is the Battleship Texas, which fought in both World Wars I and II and is now berthed at the San Jacinto Monument in La Porte. She flies the flag of Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, who was born in Fredericksburg, Texas. The Texas navy now

includes World War II vessels including PT-309 in Galveston, PT-305 which is being restored,

the submarine U.S.S. Cavalla in Galveston and the famous aircraft carrier U.S.S. Lexington, which is moored at Corpus Christi. Other WWII ships include a Liberty Ship, the Edwin W. Moore built in Houston and named after the Second Texas Navy commander, and the U.S.S. Orleck, a Gearing class destroyer built in Orange, which has now returned to its birthplace to serve as a museum.

The oldest ship in the Texas navy is the Elissa, a

tall sailing ship built in 1877. She now calls Galveston home.

Texas' navy also includes an honorary roster of active duty ships serving with the United States Navy and the Coast Guard. These include the nuclear-powered aircraft carriers, the USS Eisenhower and USS Nimitz, and several nuclear-powered submarines, the Houston, City of Corpus Christi and the Dallas. The USS Texas is brand-new and will be part of the Virginia class of submarines.

One of the best known ships in Texas' navy is the U.S.T.S. Texas Clipper II, which up until June of this year, was the Texas State Maritime Program's training ship. It replaced the Texas Clipper I, which was sunk to

provide an artificial reef 25 miles off the coast. The Texas Clipper II started life as the U.S.S. Chauvenet in 1970 and was converted to serve as a maritime classroom in 1996. This year, she made her last voyage before being delivered to the government of Panama. Her place is being taken by a newer and much larger vessel, the U.S.S. Sirius, which will be given a new name at a christening ceremony planned for this November. I have been invited to christen her.

This would be my second christening of a Texas ship. I was honored to christen the first in its class of a versatile and powerful amphibious assault ship, the U.S.S. San

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Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, Aug. 15, the 227th day of 2005. There are 138 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

Aug. 15, 1945, was proclaimed "V-J Day" by the Allies, a day after Japan agreed to surrender unconditionally.

On this date:

In 1769, Napoleon Bonaparte was born on the island of Corsica.

In 1914, the Panama Canal opened to traffic.

In 1935, humorist Will Rogers and aviator Wiley Post were killed when their airplane crashed near Point Barrow, Alaska.

In 1944, during World War II, Allied forces landed in southern France.

In 1947, India became independent after some 200 years of British rule.

In 1948, the Republic of Korea was proclaimed.

In 1969, the Woodstock Music and Art Fair opened in upstate New York.

In 1971, President Nixon announced a 90-day freeze on wages, prices and rents.

In 1994, Ilich Ramirez Sanchez, the terrorist better known as "Carlos the Jackal," was jailed in France after being captured in Sudan.

In 1998, 29 people were killed by a car bomb in Omagh, Northern Ireland; a splinter group calling itself the Real IRA claimed responsibility.

Ten years ago: The Justice Department agreed to pay \$3.1 million to white separatist Randy Weaver and his family to settle their claims over the killing of Weaver's wife and son during a 1992 siege by federal agents at Ruby Ridge, Idaho. Pioneering TV journalist and Timex watch pitchman John Cameron Swayze died in Sarasota, Fla., at age 89.

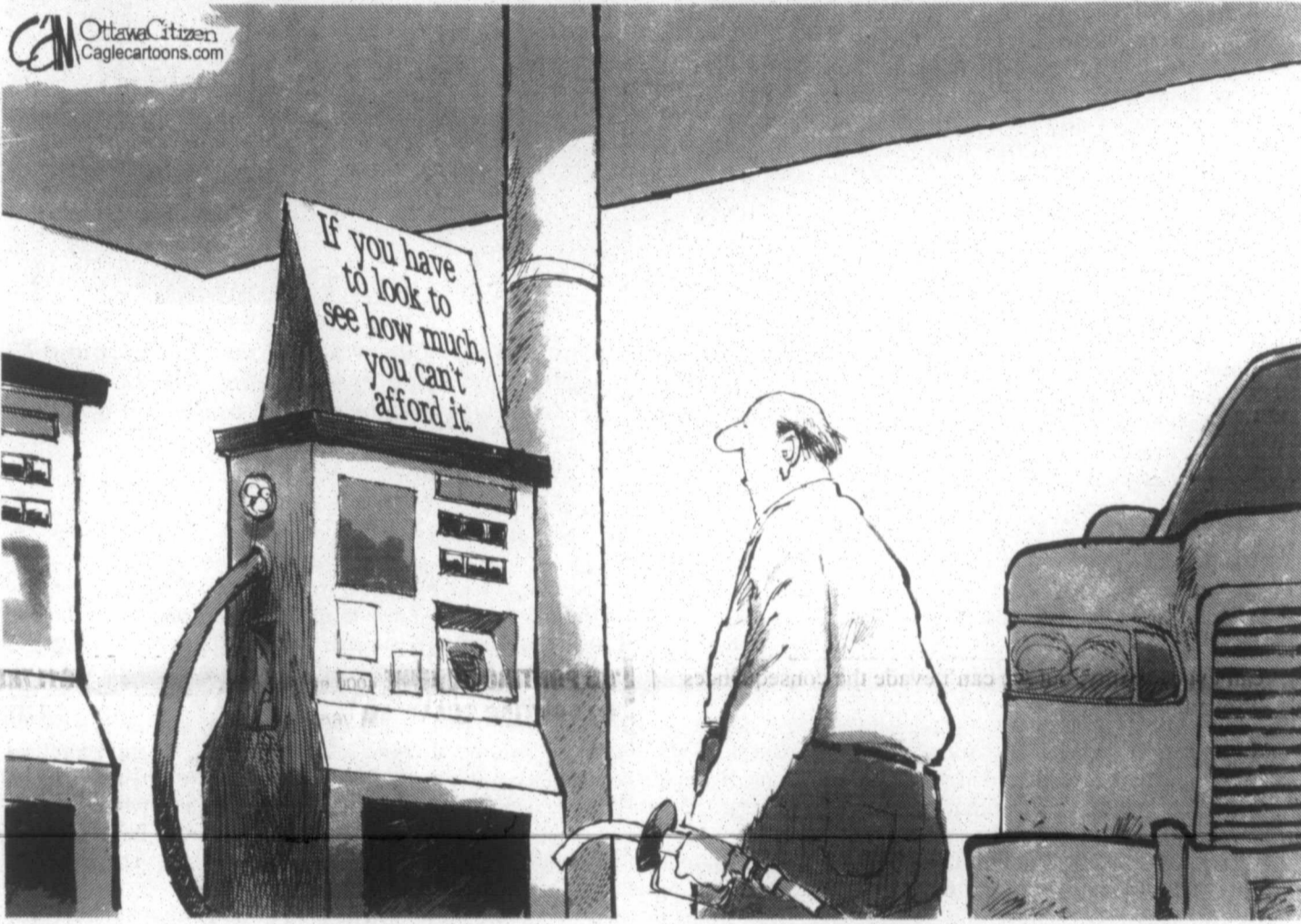
Five years ago: Democrats stirred memories of President John F. Kennedy at their national convention in Los Angeles, with his daughter Caroline beckoning delegates to turn the New Frontier into a "timeless call" that would send Al Gore to the White House.

British Airways joined Air France in grounding its Concorde supersonic jets in the wake of the July 25 crash near Paris that claimed 113 lives. A group of 100 separated family members from North Korea arrived in South Korea for temporary reunions with relatives they had not seen for half a century; a group of 100 South Koreans visited the North.

'To feel that one has a place in life solves half the problem of contentment.'

— George Edward Woodberry
American poet, critic and educator

Ottawa Citizen
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First, take a long look at the terrain

A young lieutenant on maneuvers near Fort Bragg in North Carolina was studying a map when a sergeant said, "Have you figured out where we are, Sir?" The lieutenant said the map indicated there should be a hill, but he couldn't see one. "Well," the sergeant said, "when the ground don't agree with the map, the map is wrong."

That young lieutenant, now a psychiatrist and writer, used that anecdote in an article in ETC, the quarterly magazine of the Institute of General Semantics. It's a wonderful article on choosing and keeping a mate, but the principle the sergeant referred to is applicable to all of our lives.

There are at least two worlds. One exists inside our heads and is constructed mainly with language and

memories of personal experiences. The other one exists outside and independently of our heads and is often called reality.

General semantics often refers to the world inside our heads as a map, and the goal is to get our maps as close to the world outside as possible.

We are quite limited as far as data input goes. Genes seem to play some part, but mainly there are only our five senses — touch, smell, sight, hearing and taste. It is only through those that we have contact with the world outside of ourselves.

What distinguishes humans from other animals is what general semanticists call time-binding. Because

of language, both verbal and written, we can pass along knowledge to succeeding generations. I would guess that 99.9 percent of everything we "know" is knowledge developed by people in the past.

During the 1960s it became a fad among the types of people Ernest Hemingway ridiculed in the 1920s to place a high value on "creativity" and "originality." Both, in my opinion, are practically nonexistent. Their opinions about creativity and originality are based primarily on their ignorance of the past. Besides, striving to be creative and original for the sake of being creative and original is a fool's waste of time.

If we learn the knowledge of the past and add to it, we are progressing. If we refuse to learn, then society will regress. You've probably already concluded that I'm talking about education as a lifelong process, not as an institutional event that starts with matriculation and ends with graduation. That should be considered only a start.

Our generation, however, faces a unique problem. That problem is the tremendous proliferation and the instantaneous distribution of data. We are drowning in information, much of it inaccurate, irrelevant, or commercial and political propaganda. Our task is to edit. The best advice I saw on this subject was, "Don't learn to read fast; learn what not to read." By extension, we must learn what not to watch and who

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Bill Frist provides some sound suggestions

In his Senate speech supporting legislation to loosen restrictions on federal funding of embryonic stem cell research, Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist mirrored the conflicting feelings of many Americans.

He recounted, on the one hand, great unease at the prospect of disposing of human life or creating it expressly for scientific research.

On the other hand, he identified the great hope many Americans have in research that may save lives and alleviate the suffering

of loved ones.

Frist is pro-life. He is also a doctor. "It's not just a matter of faith," Frist said on the Senate floor, "it's a matter of science."

Between these two competing convictions, Frist has suggested a reasonable balance that should guide the federal government.

The principles he laid down would ban embryo creation for research, ban

human cloning, only approve stem cell research on excess embryos that would otherwise be discarded from fertility clinics and tie the donation of those

embryos to a rigorous informed consent process. President Bush stands committed to his 2001 policy that restricts embryonic stem cell research to lines in existence at that time.

He should reconsider.

Texas Thoughts

San Antonio Express-News

Researchers at the University of California San Diego and the Salk Institute for Biological Studies say the lines used in federally funded research are contaminated and no longer usable.

The train of embryonic stem cell research has left the station.

The only issue now is whether the U.S. government will contribute to that research and whether it will be guided by the sensible ethics suggested by Frist.

Texas

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Antonio, named after a vessel in the Second Texas Navy which was lost to a hurricane. I asked, of course, that the sparkling wine used to christen the ship come from a Texas vineyard, but I had forgotten how strong we make things in our state. I walloped the bow of the ship two times with the bottle without affect. On the third try, the bottle exploded, dousing me with sparkling Texas wine. Some newspapers quipped afterwards that I christened myself.

I cannot tell you how much it meant to me to play a small part in launching another vessel which will defend America and build on Texas' heroic naval traditions. In November the new floating classroom will take its place in our state's naval history. I look forward to meeting the newest member of the Third Texas Navy's fleet.

House leader takes on high court at rally

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — The No. 2 GOP leader in the House took the opportunity to remind his audience that law-making is the job of lawmakers, not judges — no matter how high up or distinguished.

Majority Leader Tom DeLay, R-Texas, had the attention of thousands of evangelical Christians, shoehorned into a Nashville church Sunday to learn more

about the Supreme Court.

DeLay's remarks at "Justice Sunday II," televised for broadcast to churches nationwide, came only three weeks before the Senate begins considering the nomination of John Roberts to replace retiring Justice Sandra Day O'Connor. Those hearings are scheduled to start Sept. 6.

"All wisdom does not

reside in nine persons in black robes," DeLay told the crowd. "The Constitution is clear on the point that the power to make laws is vested on Congress."

Roberts' views on judicial activism are under scrutiny by Democrats and Republicans alike.

Republicans are heartened by Roberts, who sits on the federal appeals bench, remarking that judges should

interpret the law, not make law. Democrats, fearful of a high-court reversal on abortion, like that Roberts sees precedent playing an "important role in promoting the stability of the legal system."

James Dobson, founder of Focus on the Family, cautioned that America's most powerful judges are "unelected, unaccountable and arrogant."

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not to listen to. It's always been my practice that once I discover that someone deliberately lies, that person ceases to exist, as far as I'm concerned.

I'm not talking about avoiding unpleasant facts. I'm talking about learning to separate the trash from the valuable. Some people have fine minds and can offer us valuable insights. Others are just windbags. There are liars, and there are truth-seekers. A huge amount of the information directed at us is nothing more than sales pitches for products and services. Life equals time, and time for each of us is limited and nonrenewable. Wasting time is literally wasting one's life.

Of course, no one can possibly learn everything, so one of our editing tasks is to decide what knowledge we need and what knowledge we don't. For example, unless we are going into the hard sciences, we have no need to study advanced mathematics. I believe one of the problems of institutional education is that not enough thought is given to the curricula.

I heartily recommend general semantics for mind stimulation. You can reach the institute at www.time-binding.org or at P.O. Box 1565, Fort Worth, TX 76101. Since we have just this one life, we should try to make it as rich, as interesting and as productive as possible. We all have a part to play in what an old Hollywood studio used to call the passing parade of human progress.

And remember the old sergeant's advice: Don't confuse the map with the ground. Ayn Rand used to say we can evade reality, but we can't evade the consequences of evading reality.

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: What can I do about a family member who corrects my grammar and pronunciation, interrupting what I am saying? I am well-educated and pronounce things well -- most of the time. An example: I was saying, "So, she said she was the liaison to ..." and this person will say, "Is that how you say that?"

I will say, "I thought so," and the person will respond, "Well, it's French, you know, so I would think it is pronounced ..." and on and on, and of course the original conversation is lost.

I have tried everything. I have asked her to stop and she promises, but does not. I have tried ignoring the interruption and talking over her, but that is rude, and then she acts hurt. I have tried stopping the conversation and not continuing afterward, but she doesn't notice. It seems not to have occurred to her that others in the room might actually want to hear what I was going to say.

I think she would stop if she could, and she isn't trying to be mean. Have you any suggestions, because this certainly is frustrating. -- PAMELA IN TAMPA, FLA.

DEAR PAMELA: If you haven't been able to make your family member cease and desist, there is little I can do. However, I will point out that people who interrupt others are rude -- and if she makes a habit of doing it, she is probably as welcome as a skunk at a garden party. She may interrupt to correct you because she wants attention, or she may consciously or unconsciously be trying to "one up" you. Whatever the problem is, I wouldn't blame you if you were in her company as little as possible -- which, by the way, may be the solution to your problem.

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 21-year-old woman with a best friend I'll call "Darren." Darren is the sweetest guy you would ever want to meet. He'll be a good husband to someone someday.

My problem is that Darren wants a romantic relationship with me. He has wanted this ever since we met at work a year ago.

Abby, I don't feel the same way about him. I have told him repeatedly that I want to be free to date whoever I want, and I don't consider going out on a "date" with him dating. I think of it as two friends hanging out. I have also told him he should go out with other women if he gets the chance, but he refuses. He says he likes only me.

I recently met a hot guy named "Mike" I really like a lot. When I told Darren, he was jealous and hurt. He asked how I could consider a "date" with Mike, but not with him.

I'm afraid if I decide to go steady with Mike it will hurt Darren, and that's the last thing I want to do. Also, what if Mike is wrong for me and I miss out on a great guy like Darren? Do you think I led him on? Am I wrong for wanting to start a relationship with someone else? Please tell me what to do. -- SOUTHERN SIREN IN NEW ORLEANS

DEAR SIREN: You haven't led anyone on, and you are entitled to your feelings. Darren has been hanging around, hoping you will fall in love with him. You have been up-front with him. Please don't let him wear you down. If the chemistry hasn't kicked in for a year, it isn't likely to happen -- regardless of whether Mike is or isn't "the one." Tell Darren the time has come for both of you to date others, and let him go.

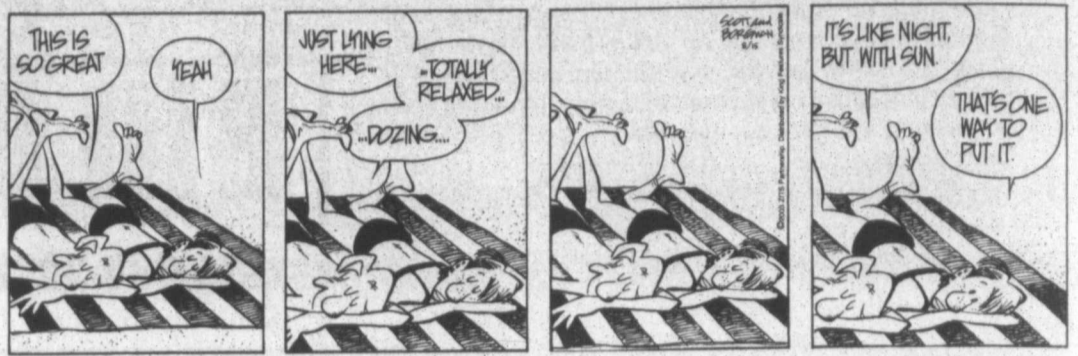
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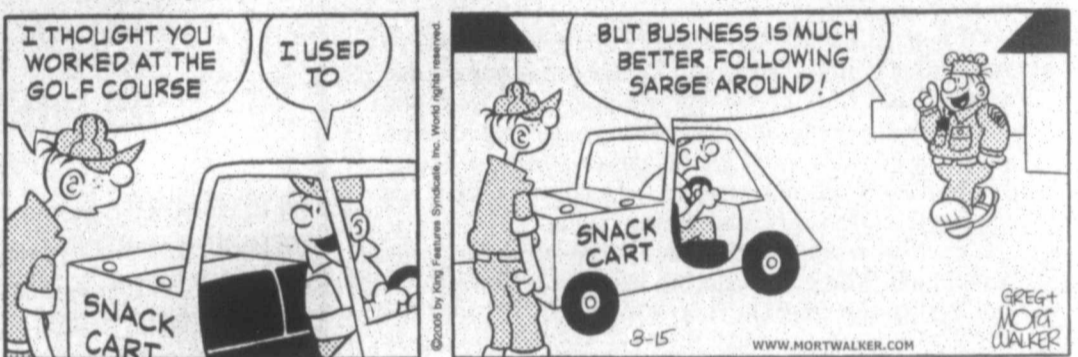
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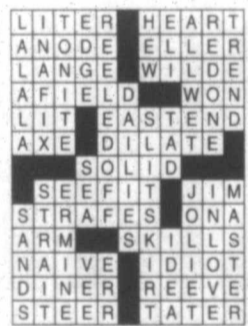


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By THOMAS JOSEPH

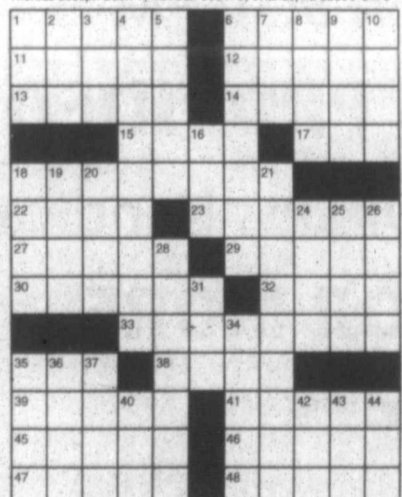
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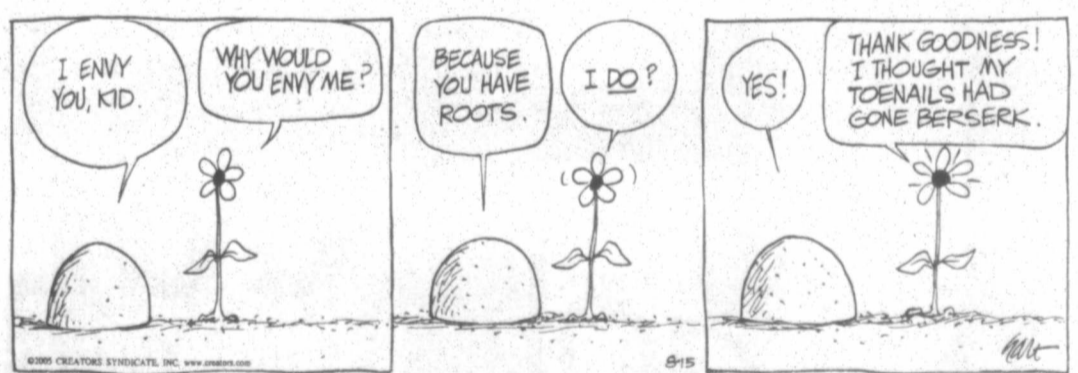


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Sports Day

Lady Harvesters fall to Frenship

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

Coming off the win at home over Perryton last week, Coach Sonia VanGilder and her Lady Harvesters traveled to Frenship to face the Lady Tigers in Pampa's second regular season meeting of the season.

The Lady Harvesters gave Frenship all they could handle before falling to the Lady Tigers 23-25, 25-12, 19-25, 25-20, 15-13.

Pampa is now 1-1.

The team travels to Amarillo tomorrow to take on the Lady Sandies and River Road. First serve is scheduled for 5 p.m. for both the varsity and junior varsity squads.

The lineup for this year's Lady Harvester varsity team is:

- #1 Cassy Tice Junior
- #2 Britteni Rice Junior
- #3 Krishna Henderson Sophomore
- #5 Jackye Barber Junior
- #6 McKinsie East Junior
- #8 Logan Winkelman Junior
- #10 Nicole Clark Junior
- #12 Stephanie McVay Junior
- #14 Jackie Gerber Senior/Captain

Palmeiro plays to mixed reviews in hitless return

BALTIMORE (AP) — Rafael Palmeiro had heard jeers and disparaging remarks from the home crowd in his four previous trips to the plate. It had been a difficult afternoon, and now the maligned slugger had a chance to salvage a performance in which he failed to hit the ball out of the infield.

As he took his place in the batter's box in the ninth inning, a familiar chant drowned out the boos from the remaining unforgiving Baltimore Orioles fans in attendance.

"Raffy! Raffy!" they yelled.

Although he struggled Sunday in his first game since returning from a 10-day suspension for using steroids, he now he had a chance to win the game. The Orioles trailed the Toronto Blue Jays 7-6 and had the

potential tying and winning runs on base with two outs.

"I thought it would've been a good opportunity for me to at least get a hit to tie the game," Palmeiro said.

Alas, he hit a routine fly ball to right, ending the game and an afternoon in which he went 0-for-4 with a walk.

After the huge media throng finally stopped asking questions and walked away from his locker, Palmeiro received a bear hug from his youngest son, 10-year-old Preston.

It might have been the first time all day that Palmeiro smiled.

"I'm sure it's a relief for him to get it out of the way," Orioles interim manager Sam Perlozzo said. "He's probably going in there to take a deep breath and go, 'Whew. I'm glad that's over with. Now I can go ahead

and play real baseball."

On a day originally designed to honor his performance on the baseball diamond, Palmeiro was simultaneously cheered and jeered for his dishonorable activity off the field.

He returned to the Orioles on Thursday after serving the suspension that tarnished his name, perhaps forever, but this was the first time that he played before the home fans. Batting sixth as the designated hitter, Palmeiro heard a mixture of boos and cheers when his name was announced during pregame introductions.

The response was more animated when Palmeiro walked to the plate in the first inning.

Many fans stood and cheered in a display of forgiveness to a longtime contributor to the Orioles. Others jeered, angered that

Palmeiro has yet to explain how steroids were detected in his system only a few months after he wagged his finger at Congress in March, vowing before a congressional committee that he never used the performance-enhancing drug.

Upon being suspended by Major League Baseball for steroid use on Aug. 1, Palmeiro, 40, insisted that he did not know how the drug got in his body.

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Another major for Mickelson

SPRINGFIELD, N.J. (AP) — Phil Mickelson delivered another dramatic finish in a major on Monday, flopping a chip out of deep rough to 2 feet for a birdie on the final hole and a one-shot victory in the PGA Championship.

The putt wasn't nearly as long as his 18-footer to win the Masters last year, and there was no need to jump for joy this time.

Still, it was a sweet conclusion to a major championship season that had gone sour until he put together his best golf of the summer stretched over five days at Baltusrol by a storm-delayed final round.

It was the first Monday finish at the PGA Championship in 19 years. And not since 1986 at Inverness had a play-

er from the last group won with a birdie on the 72nd hole at the final major.

Bob Tway got his by holing a bunker shot to deny Greg Norman. Mickelson's chip from about 50 feet wasn't nearly dramatic, but it was no less effective.

Steve Elkington, then Thomas Bjorn, came to the 554-yard closing hole with a chance to make birdie. Elkington grazed the left edge of the cup from 10 feet. Bjorn pulled his second shot into the left bunker and blasted to 20 feet, his putt looking good all the way until it caught the inside edge of the cup and spun out.

Mickelson was 247 yards away, some 10 yards behind the plaque in the

fairway that commemorated the 1-iron Jack Nicklaus hit to the green in 1967 to win the U.S. Open. He tapped it twice with his 4-wood for luck, but the shot came up short in grass that covered the tops of his shoes.

The flop came out perfect, and Mickelson raised his arms and lightly pumped his fist twice. The final putt was merely a tap-in, giving Lefty another year with a major trophy.

"It was a shot that I struggled with out of the rough this week," Mickelson said. "I tried to remember some of the shots I hit as a kid in my backyard. I hit it aggressively, and the ball popped up nicely, and it rolled smoothly."

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WHEN COLLEGE MASCOTS GO BAD

The Hereford Precious Ponies, doesn't sound right, does it?

In 1945, Palmer High School, located in my hometown of Colorado Spring, Colo., adopted a mascot. One that would fit the school's nickname, the Palmer High School Terrors. They opted for Eaglebeak. A little Indian character with something of a Jimmy Durante honker as I recall. And so it was that Eaglebeak would reign over the school, evoking team spirit while seeing the Terrors and their horrible school colors of brown and white through good times and bad. I would learn later the school colors were chosen to represent the mountains (brown) and snow (white). Good idea, but having grown up there, I have to believe the early settlers were sight challenged if not color blind. I don't recall any brown mountains. But I digress.

Around 1985, while still a hungry radio personality, I caught wind that some folks didn't appreciate the way Eaglebeak looked. They said it painted a comical image of a Native American, though I think we were still calling them indians at the time. What began as a simmering pot quickly came to an angry boil. Those opposed to the mascot argued defamation. At the very least, they reasoned, Eaglebeak was a misleading representation of what a Native American really looked like. They whined Eaglebeak was demeaning and a disgrace. And so it was, my first foray into the wonderful world of political correctness. It was ridiculous then. It is even more so now.

Twenty years later, the NCAA has decided that postseason championships will be free of mascots that some might consider offensive. In truth, what it has done is give in to pressure. By its edict issued last week, those who head the NCAA weakened it and themselves. They and their organization are now vulnerable and susceptible to attack by countless other special interest groups.

According to NCAA President Myles Brand, "The NCAA objects to

institutions using racial/ethnic/national origin references in their intercollegiate athletics programs." He went on, "Several institutions have made changes that adhere to the core values of the NCAA Constitution pertaining to cultural diversity, ethical sportsmanship and nondiscrimination. We applaud that, and we will continue to monitor these institutions and others."

Michael J. Stevens
Sports Editor



All institutions are encouraged to promote these core values and take proactive steps at every NCAA event through institutional event management to enhance the integrity of intercollegiate athletics related to these issues."

Yeah, I know what you mean. I had to rub my eyes and blink a dozen times too. Still, take a moment to read that again. I'll wait.

Done? What do you make if it? If it were to be taken literally, it means the organization he heads would find it groovy if all schools that might have a name or mascot that could be considered offensive would see their way clear to change. In particular, those institutions with characters or names that might upset races.

The problem is, where do you start and stop?

Some schools that face changes would be Florida State (Seminoles), Utah (Utes) and Illinois (Fighting Illini). There are Indians, Braves and Redmen. Even Savages. Heck, the University of Alaska Fairbanks is home of the Nanooks.

In addition to my hometown Palmer Terrors, there were the Cheyenne Mountain High School Indians and Mitchell Marauders. Oh, the shame.

Eaglebeak, I understand, was morphed from Native American to a bird in 1988.

But what of schools like Hereford? What peril will they face in the not too distant and politically correct future? I mean, come on, Hostile Herd and Lady Whitefaces? Now that they have seen the NCAA succumb, there will no doubt be some one looking to make a name for them self or their organization by taking the UIL to task and issue similar demands.

And what about the Fighting Irish, Blue Devils, Demon Deacons, Pirates and Buccaneers?

When schools chose mascots and nicknames long ago, they did so based on the school's location, heritage, and/or for the sake of striking fear in an opponent. I can't see names like Cute Bunnies, Pretty Ponies or Nonconfrontational Tolerants really making it.

Lastly, the NCAA is only asking these nicknames and mascots find a closet to hide in during postseason championships effective Feb. 1, 2006. This really only affects basketball. Not many college sports have actual championships. Besides, am I to believe the only time people get offended by these names and characters is during the postseason? Sponsors maybe.

I'm not sure what the NCAA was hoping to accomplish last week. But with all that is wrong in the world today, I think this was something that Mr. Brand and his colleagues should have kept to themselves until they had the chance to focus-group-it. At the very least, consult a magic eight ball. As it is, all they managed to do is make public the NCAA's true position when it comes to such issues. Rather than stand behind and defend the schools that generate the revenue so many enjoy, the NCAA chose instead to bow to supposed pressure and give in to those whose true intent is to rid them of it.

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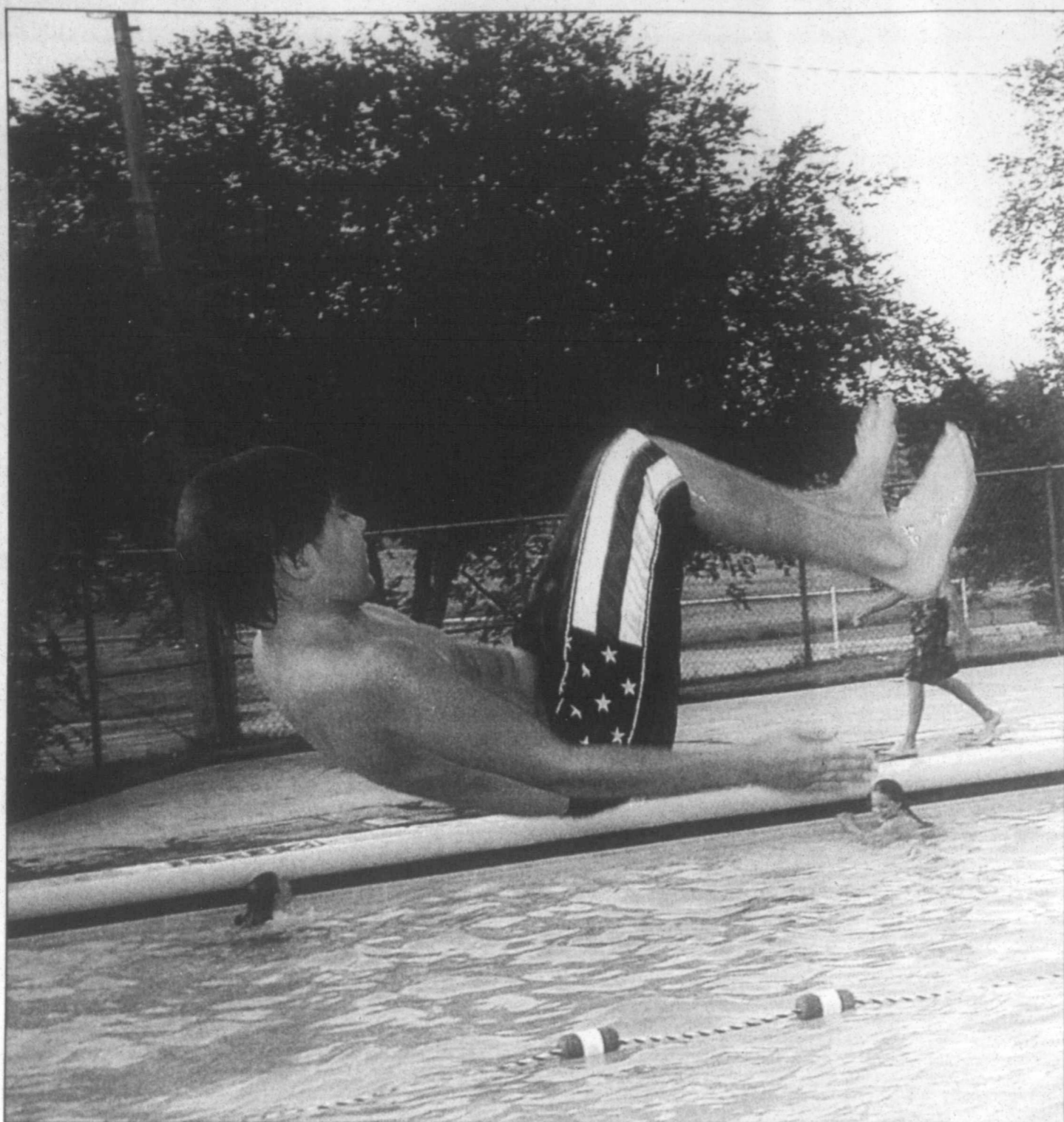
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Summer fun



Dustin Whinery shoots for a flip off of the diving board at the Pampa city pool recently.

Yankees crush Rangers, 10-3

NEW YORK (AP) — The statistics were imposing. Yankees slugger Hideki Matsui was 0-for-10 against sidearming left-hander Brian Shouse of the Texas Rangers. New York manager Joe Torre knew the numbers. "I'm not going to pinch-hit for him," Torre said.

So with heavy clouds hovering over Yankee Stadium on Sunday, the lefty-swinging Matsui stepped in to face the sidwinding Shouse with two outs in the fifth inning. Texas was sitting on a 3-2 lead, one out from an official game and perhaps a rain-shortened victory.

No such luck for the Rangers. Matsui beat the rainstorm with a three-run homer that gave New York the lead, and the Yankees went on to a 10-3 victory that was interrupted twice by rain. Alex Rodriguez added his fifth homer in eight days as the Yankees completed a four-game sweep and stretched the Rangers' losing streak to seven games.

Matsui's homer was the turning point. "That was so important for us," Torre said. "It was a complete 180-degree turn. They had just taken the lead and he got it right back for us."

"He's so good in his preparation. He's so darned determined." Shouse got two strikes on sliders and then tried one more.

"The third one was high in the strike zone," Matsui said through a translator. "I have my strategy against left-handers."

Matsui turned on it and the ball curved just inside the foul pole for his 19th homer, scoring Gary Sheffield and Rodriguez, who had walked against starter Joaquin Benoit (3-2).

Shouse knew he let Texas down. "You come in and you're supposed to do your job and get the lefty out," he said. "Unfortunately, it didn't happen today."

Texas manager Buck Showalter said, "Brian had done a great job against him. Not many left-handers have."

Shaken by the Matsui homer, Shouse walked Jason Giambi. Jorge Posada and Bernie Williams followed with singles, making it 6-3. Posada scored on a wild pitch in a driving rain and play was suspended for the first time.

The game resumed after a delay of 1 hour, 6 minutes.

In the sixth, Derek Jeter walked and Rodriguez hit his 35th home run, upping the lead to 9-3.

"I'm not trying to hit homers," Rodriguez said. "I'm trying to hit to all parts of the field, left-center to right-center."

It's paid off with a long ball surge. "That two-run homer probably put it out of reach," Torre said.

Pirates shutout Astros, 8-0

HOUSTON (AP) — Dave Williams is getting used to working with catcher Ryan Doumit, and that helped him pitch his first complete game.

Jack Wilson hit a grand slam for one of Pittsburgh's four homers to back Williams, leading the Pirates to an 8-0 victory Sunday and their second consecutive shutout of the Houston Astros.

"Doumit has been up two months and I'm finally clicking with him," Williams said. "He called a great game. There were very few times I shook him off. He's really coming around."

It was the first time Williams (10-8) lasted longer than seven innings in 55 major league starts. He gave up five hits against Houston. The left-hander struck out seven, walked one and did not allow a runner past first base in Pittsburgh's ninth shutout of the season.

"I was throwing everything for strikes," Williams said. "It's easy to pitch when you've got good stuff."

Jason Bay, Jose Castillo and Ryan Doumit also connected for the Pirates, who have blanked Houston four times this season. The Astros, who hold a slim lead in the NL wild-card race, have been shut out 14 times overall — most in the major leagues.

"I think he faced a team that just allowed ourselves to be easy outs," Houston's Morgan Ensberg said. "It wasn't as much Dave Williams as it was our not getting good at-bats."

"It's extremely frustrating. We just haven't shown up offensively the last two days. To not score a run in two games is unacceptable."

Astros manager Phil Garner is also concerned about his team's offense.

"We didn't strike the ball well today," Garner said. "It isn't like they were diving all over the place catching balls. Williams had an assortment of off-speed pitches. He had movement on his fastball and he pounded the strike zone."

"The good news is that the odds are in our favor that we will score some runs tomorrow."

The Pirates think Williams is improving quickly.

"Back in the spring, we tried to impress upon Dave that he had to pitch, not just throw," manager Lloyd McClendon said. "Today he did that. He created a tempo and maintained it."

"He used his breaking ball well and it just made his fastball and changeup that much better. It was just a nice performance."

Win

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Mickelson closed with a 2-over 72, playing the final four holes Monday morning at even par.

He joined Tiger Woods, Nick Faldo and Curtis Strange as the only players in the last 20 years to win majors in consecutive years.

Mickelson finished at 4-under 276 and earned \$1.17 million for his fourth victory of the year, matching Woods and Vijay Singh for the most on the PGA Tour this year.

Elkington shot 71 and Bjorn had a 72, both leaving Baltusrol haunted by missed chances.

"There's a lot to be said to be the last guy out there, having the final say," Elkington said. "Thomas and I both had good chances to birdie 18 and couldn't do it."

His par to finish at 3-under 277 meant Woods was free to leave.

Woods finished birdie-birdie Sunday afternoon

before thunderstorms arrived and had to wait to make sure the half-dozen guys still on the course and in contention didn't falter.

He wound up tied with Davis Love for fourth, two shots behind. Woods has to settle for a Masters and British Open this year, missing out on the calendar Grand Slam by a combined four strokes.

Bjorn dropped a shot when play resumed by missing a 6-footer on the 15th, got it back with a clutch birdie on the par-5 17th from 12 feet, and was stunned when his birdie putt on the last refused to fall.

"I had a putt that pretty much the whole world didn't think would miss, but it did," he said. "That's what golf is sometimes. The best guy won this week."

Singh had an outside chance to become only the second repeat PGA champion in the stroke-play era, but he missed a 10-foot par putt on the 16th when play resumed, bogeyed the 18th and wound up with a 74 to tie for 10th.

Rahman still in line for shot at Klitschko

CHICAGO (AP) — Hasim Rahman unanimously outpointed friend Monte Barrett on Saturday night at the United Center to win the WBC interim heavyweight championship and keep his place at the front of the line to face Vitali Klitschko.

Rahman (41-5, 33 knockouts) had said he wanted an early knockout, but was unable to catch Barrett (31-4, 17

HOUSTON VS. DENVER

Texans hope to learn from preseason opener

HOUSTON (AP) — David Carr and the Houston Texans starting offense played only one series in their preseason opening loss to Denver, but it was long enough to give them something to work on in practice this week.

With a first down on the 1-yard line, Domanick Davis tried and failed four times to get in the end zone.

Players were disappointed and so were the fans, who welcomed the team to a new season with a rousing chorus of boos.

"We definitely don't want to do that, but it happened," center Steve McKinney said. "We'll be able to go back and look at it and learn from it. But it's definitely something we're not going to do again."

The Texans looked good on the drive, going 72 yards in seven plays to get to the one.

The team is focusing on that, instead of the goal line failure.

"I was pleased with the consistency of our first offense," coach Dom Capers said. "That was one of the nicer drives that we had in preseason. We went right down the field. We did have one ball that we didn't catch. Other than that we were hitting it on all cylinders."

Carr was 1-of-2 for 15 yards and had an 11-yard run.

Capers said the team will "invest some time" on goal line work this week.

Victor Riley, who is in his first year with the team, started at left tackle in place of Seth Wand. Capers said the combination of Riley and Chester Pitts looked good.

The offense took a hit when starting right guard Zach Wiegert left the game with a high ankle sprain. He could miss as much as three weeks. Fred Weary will likely start in his place.

While the offense sputtered early, the first team defense was strong, forcing Denver to a three and out on its first drive and just four snaps before a punt on the second.

The new inside linebacker duo of Kailee Wong and Merton Greenwood combined for four tackles in limited action.

Second-year cornerback Dunta Robinson broke up a key third down pass for Houston.

The game also gave Houston a chance to check out its rookies.

First-round pick Travis Johnson, who was sporting a new mohawk reminiscent of Mr. T from the old A-Team television show, said he got too excited and had to catch his

breath early.

The defensive end assisted on one tackle but got a 15-yard roughing the passer call for a late hit on Bradlee Van Pelt. Capers said Johnson still has a lot of work to do, but that he liked his power and speed.

"I did some good things and some bad things," Johnson said.

"I've still got a lot of learning to do. I think I'm coming along."

Third-round draft pick Vernand Morency, who is competing to be Davis' backup, was the Texans leading rusher.

He had 10 attempts for 26 yards and a fumble. He showed his cutting ability and quick feet in his second half appearance.

Morency was glad to have his first game behind him.

"I think I played pretty poor," he said. "I made a lot of mistakes. I got some stuff on film now that I can go ahead and definitely correct and just bounce back for the second game."

Reggie Swinton handled the return duties almost single-handedly.

He started slow, losing one yard on his first punt return. He rebounded to finish with three punt returns for 23 yards and two kickoff returns for 39 yards.

NOTES: Fourth-string quarterback B.J. Symons was sacked late in the game and has a separated throwing shoulder.

He was 2-of-5 for seven yards. Capers is not sure how long the injury will keep the second-year player out. ...RB Jonathan Wells could have a torn tendon in his right index finger. He had four carries for 18 yards. He will see a hand surgeon this week.

...The Texans played 300-plus pound defensive end Robaire Smith at fullback in a couple of short yardage situations.

The veteran last played the position in high school. "I'm learning what to do and trying to perfect it," he said.

...Capers was impressed with the play of third-string linebacker and special teams player Shantee Orr.

Orr had a sack on Van Pelt for a 11-yard loss and hit punt returner Darrent Williams for a loss of one. He finished with seven tackles.

...Third-year TE Matt Murphy had a 31-yard touchdown pass from Tony Banks in the first quarter for his first NFL score. ...The Texans continue camp with one practice on Monday and will host Oakland for their second preseason game on Saturday.

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— Vernand Morency
Running Back, Houston Texans

Chamber

Chamber letter

Dear Members,
So far in Pampa this summer, we have enjoyed a carnival, a rodeo, classic car and mud bog events, a business expo, a Fourth of July fireworks display, a summer celebration in Central Park, a Seniors' golf tournament, a water pond and garden tour, and this doesn't even cover all of the events that have taken place. I would say that it has been an awesome summer already, with more to come.

Isn't it great to be a part of the exciting activities and events that are occurring in Pampa and our surrounding area?!

The Second Annual City-Wide Garage Sale is scheduled to take place on Saturday, Aug. 27. Pampa Fine Arts members are hard at work on Labor Day favorite, Chautauqua, which takes place each year in Central Park. Pampa's tribute to Woody Guthrie is also busy preparing for a special event taking place on Saturday, Oct. 1 in the Woody Guthrie neighborhood on South Cuyler. The Top O' Texas Rodeo Association is preparing for another great WRCA Ranch Rodeo. This event will be held Sept. 30 through Oct. 2 at the Top O' Texas Rodeo Arena. Pampa Chamber of Commerce volunteers and staff are already getting ready for our annual fall spectacular, the "Country Fair." This year's theme will be the Pampa Chamber of Commerce Country Fair "Under the Harvest Moon." The 2005 Country Fair will be on Saturday, Oct. 29, at the M.K. Brown Auditorium, featuring "Cooder Graw," for the second straight year. That is not all, our Chamber Retail Trade Committee is now planning our 2005 Christmas Parade and our "Shop Pampa and Win" promotion. We invite everyone to be as involved as possible.

With all of these events and activities, you can see that 2005 has been, and will continue to be, one exciting year!
Clay Rice

Clay Rice

Executive director, Pampa Chamber of Commerce

Chamber Goldcoats



Goldcoats Bill Bridges, Paulette Hinkle and Chuck White greeted guests at the Chamber of Commerce reception for the Tri-State Senior Golfers on Sunday, July 24, in the M.K. Brown Room of the Pampa Community Building.

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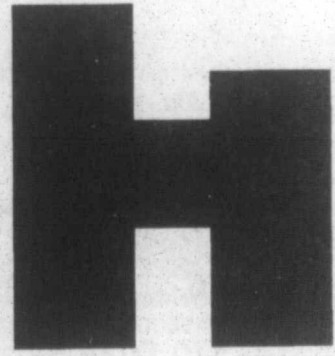
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Any household or business in the immediate Pampa area is eligible to participate. There will be a \$15 charge for each address to help cover the cost of advertising. The Chamber will advertise the Garage Sale extensively, both locally and in surrounding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

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

Name: _____

Address of sale: _____

Mailing Address (if different): _____

Phone #: _____

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

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

YES NO

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

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

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Angling 101: College offers class on how to catch Alaska fish

COOPER LANDING, Alaska (AP) — Curt Muse stood on the cobbled shore of a creek, casting a 3-weight fly rod upstream as a dozen students — all middle-aged or older — watched.

Muse was the day's guest lecturer for the Kenai Fishing Academy, a weeklong class offered four times a summer by Kenai Peninsula College, a branch of the University of Alaska Anchorage.

As the students looked on, the longtime guide spotted a sockeye salmon, red as a fire hydrant but easy to miss swimming above colored rocks and below the rippled surface.

"You can barely see that fish and he's red," Muse observed.

Now in its third year, the noncredit course is aimed at fishing novices or anglers new to Alaska who want to avoid learning by reading how-to books or trolling for tips from salesmen at sporting goods stores.

The academy was the brainchild of Gary Turner, the college's director and an avid fisherman who helps teach classes.

"I thought, we need to educate people and teach them how to fish," Turner said. "It just seemed natural."

The college in Kenai, a town of about 7,000 about 155 miles southwest of Anchorage, takes up 900 feet of riverbank on the Kenai River, known for its world-class rainbow trout and king, sockeye and silver salmon.

"We're trying to push our education mission to meet the avocations of people, or their external interests," Turner said.

Turner turned the idea over to Dave Atcheson, the college's night class coordinator and the author of a book on Kenai Peninsula fishing.

Atcheson assembled friends, guides and local experts to put on a week's worth of classes and outings.

For about \$1,100 — \$300 more with food and housing — the college offers 20 hours of classroom time and field trips that include flying to a remote lake, an excursion to the ocean or a float trip down the Kenai River. The tuition is in the same price range as that of booking individual day trips, said Atcheson, who also worked for the state as a fish and game technician.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, Aug. 16, 2005:

Leos always have a delightful and original way of expressing themselves. You are no different. In fact, you might have a lyrical quality to your voice or word choice. Others want to hear you talk. Still, you might push too hard for what you want, disenfranchising a key person, or at least starting a conflict. Look to creating a better quality of life! If you are single, your magnetic charm draws many to you. In fact, you will have your choice of suitors. Allow a relationship to flow through the next year before making any formal decisions. If you are attached, spend more time developing a mutual interest. Express your love more frequently. CAPRICORN demands efficiency.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★ You're in charge, whether you want to be or not. Quick action can make all the difference in what happens. You might be surprised at how much someone reveals. Obviously, this person trusts you. Investigate your options carefully. Tonight: A must appearance.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★★ Reach out to those around you. How you see someone could change dramatically if you go with detachment. Question all information crossing your desk. You'll get a lot more accomplished if you don't listen to gossip. Curb a tendency to go overboard. Tonight: Ease up and relax.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★★ You need to get to the bottom of a situation. Listen to feedback. Work

with someone you care about or someone you trust as an adviser. Others might want to make a difference, but you might want to help them along. Tonight: Teamwork, my Twin, and you'll get a lot closer to the essence of this bond.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Others look for you. If you are to get anything done, consider closing your door. Review what is being asked, and then you will know what to do. You are on top of a situation, though others might believe they are. Tonight: Let everything play out.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★ Emphasize what can be done rather than what cannot. Your positive frame of mind could make all the difference in how a situation develops. You might carry more responsibility than you want. Tonight: Catch up on some errands.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★★ Your ingenuity mixed with an innate talent helps make what you want a possibility. Your ability to get past an immediate problem helps others feel enthusiastic. Your imagination takes you in a new direction. Tonight: Let off steam.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★ Working from home might be more comfortable. Whatever you do happens because of your enthusiasm. You also might be carrying a lucky rabbit's foot! You might need to handle a personal matter. Tonight: Get some extra R and R.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★ You have a lot on your mind and on your plate. Ask for help, and you could be pleasantly surprised by those who want to chip in. Your sixth sense about how to approach a conversation is right-on. Tonight: Catch up on calls and

e-mail.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Friends easily could urge you in a direction that will cost you. You don't need to make a big deal, but you are capable of finding ways around the problem. Put on your thinking cap. Tonight: Use your high energy levels to get errands or chores done.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★★ The Moon in your sign highlights your energy. You have unusual charisma, whether you're tackling something serious or going to a fun get-together. Priorities count, as you cannot be everywhere and cover all bases. Tonight: Go for your desires.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Though you certainly have a strong point of view, you would be well advised not to share your opinions right now. You might want to check out some facts and figures on your own. Detach and don't get caught up in a squabble. Tonight: Do something just for yourself.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★★ Friends and meetings make a difference in today's events. Knowing when to back off and talk to a trusted adviser counts. You will find this fact true in all facets of your life. One person really makes a difference. Tonight: Hop around.

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Singer Vanessa Carlton (1980), singer Madonna (1958), actor Timothy Hutton (1960)

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PLANE CRASH

Cypriot airliner 'black boxes' sent to France

ATHENS, Greece (AP) — The flight recorders from the Cypriot airliner that crashed outside Athens will be sent to France for examination to determine why it went down, possibly with all 121 people on board already dead, officials said Monday.

In Cyprus, the pilots and crew of Helios Airways refused to fly after reports that passengers had complained that the Boeing 737 that crashed Sunday had experienced past technical problems. The company would not say why its crews were refusing to fly.

U.S. aviation experts were to help investigate the crash, which appeared to be caused by a technical failure that resulted in a sudden drop of air pressure. A Cypriot transport official said the 115 passengers and six crew may have been dead when the plane hit a mountainside.

As weeping relatives gathered at an Athens morgue to identify remains, searchers were still looking for three bodies at the crash site 25 miles north of the capital, firefighting officials said. The three reportedly included the German pilot, Marten Hans Jurgen, 50, from Berlin.

Greek deputy Health Minister Giorgos Constantopoulos said 21 children were on board Helios Airways flight ZU522 from Cyprus to Athens, "all aged 4 and above." Greek and Cypriot officials originally said there were 48 children. No explanation for the discrepancy was given.

According to a casualty list released by the Cypriot government, at least 10 families with children were among the dead. Most of the passengers and crew were Cypriot, but at least 12 Greeks and the German pilot were on board.

The body of the Cypriot co-pilot, Pambos Haralambous, was found in the cockpit. Greek air force F-16 pilots, who were sent to intercept the plane when it lost radio contact as it entered Greek air space, reported seeing him slumped over the controls.

Greek state television quoted the Cyprus transport minister as saying the plane had decompression problems in the past. But a Helios representative said the plane had "no problems and was serviced just last week."

The head of the Greek airline safety committee, Akrivos Tsolakis, said the plane's flight data and cockpit voice recorders would be sent to the French air safety investigators in Paris for further examination.

'It's in a bad state and, possibly, it won't give us the information we need. Both boxes will be sent to Paris where a French committee will help us and the foreign experts that are here to decode.'

— Akrivos Tsolakis
Greek airline safety committee chief

The voice recorder was badly damaged by the crash and ensuing fire, Tsolakis said.

"It's in a bad state and, possibly, it won't give us the information we need," he said. "Both boxes will be sent to Paris where a French committee will help us and the foreign experts that are here to decode."

He expressed confidence his committee would be able to reach a conclusion "in a few days, a very few days."

Tsolakis said Greek investigators would be helped by U.S. experts following a request made by the American government because the aircraft was manufactured in the United States.

The pilots of the airliner had reported air conditioning system problems to Cyprus air traffic control about a half-hour after takeoff. Within minutes, after entering Greek air space over the Aegean Sea, the Boeing 737 lost all radio contact. Two Greek F-16 fighter jets were dispatched soon afterward.

When the F-16s intercepted the plane at 34,000 feet, the pilots saw the airliner's co-pilot slumped over his seat. The captain was not in the cockpit, and oxygen masks dangled inside the cabin, government spokesman Theodoros Roussopoulos said.

He said the air force pilots also saw two people possibly trying to take control of the plane; it was unclear if they were crew members or passengers.

At least 28 suspected militants killed in Afghanistan

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan (AP) — Fighting across southern Afghanistan has left 28 suspected Taliban rebels dead, officials said Monday, amid stepped up violence in the countdown to crucial legislative elections next month.

Meanwhile, U.S. Marines and Afghan Special Forces in eastern Kunar province Monday pushed deeper into Korengal Valley, which is controlled by militants suspected of ambushing a team of U.S. commandos and shooting down a special forces helicopter on June 28.

U.S. military spokesman Col. James Yonts said the forces were making progress in the operation, but cautioned it may take a long time.

"That area as we all know has historically been a safe haven for enemy forces. It is

no secret that they still remain there," he told reporters in Kabul. "So what you see there is the continued aggression of the American forces taking the fight to the enemies of Afghanistan to rid them from that area."

The U.S.-led coalition, Afghan police and army are on the offensive across the country to prevent the Taliban and other militants from disrupting legislative elections on Sept. 18.

The bloodiest battle between Afghan forces and the Taliban occurred Sunday in Zabul province when Afghan forces attacked a group of suspected militants, killing 16 of them and arresting one, the Defense Ministry said in a statement.

Among the dead was a local Taliban commander, Mullah Nasir, it said.

Also Sunday, in neighboring Uruzgan province's Dehrawud district, a gunbattle between Afghan soldiers and insurgents left five militants dead, the ministry said.

In Zabul, alleged insurgents mistakenly detonated a mine that was intended to hit a convoy of U.S.-led coalition and Afghan forces Sunday, killing one militant and wounding another, Sori district chief Rovi Khan said.

Then in an adjacent district, Tirin Kot, police hunted down and killed six suspected guerrillas who attacked a highway checkpoint, provincial Gov. Jan Mohammed Khan said. Nine alleged militants were also arrested in a sweep of the area.

No security forces were hurt in any of the clashes, according to the statement and governor.

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Where: Central Park • Pampa, Texas
(corner of Georgia & Mary Ellen)

When: September 5, 2005

•Registration Day of Race beginning at 7:00 am

•Fun Run/Walk (one mile) begins at 8:00 am

•5K Run begins at 8:20 am

Entry Fees: Register By Mail Before August 29th

•Fun Run/Walk \$4.00 & 5K \$9.00

Register Day Of Race

•Fun Run/Walk \$5.00 & 5K \$10.00

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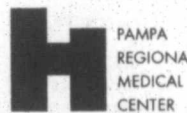
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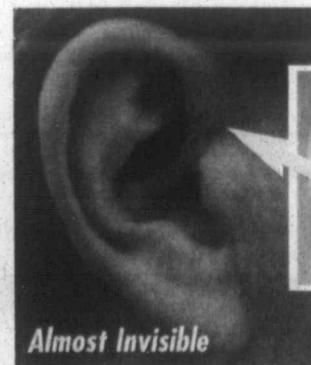
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