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4 arrested after harvesting produce from garden

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

Garden-variety lawbreakers were plucked from the scene of the crime last Friday when four Pampa residents were found to be harvesting produce that didn't belong to them. "They had already picked two truckfuls, and were still picking," said Lt. Joe B. Hoard of the Gray

County sheriff's office. "The garden is massive in size."

The produce included squash, cucumbers, and green beans. The incident occurred Friday when a relative of the garden's owners drove by and saw the unfamiliar foursome in the midst of the property, 20 miles south of Pampa on Highway 70, picking produce.

The relative called the property owner, who called Gray County Sheriff's Office and reported the incident, Hoard said.

Deputy Chad Brooks arrested the four and booked them into Gray County Jail at about 2 p.m., according to jail records.

Caroline Joy Smith, 52, 408 Hughes; Bennie B. Owen, 64, 730

Perry; Lana Whitely Roberts, 43, 816 N. Wells; and Andrea Joyce Reed, 57, 730 Perry, were each charged with criminal trespass, according to jail records.

All four were out of jail an hour later, according to jail records. Smith, Roberts and Reed were freed on \$300 bond each. Owen was released to pay at a future date.

Morning accident



Pampa News photo by DAVID BOWSER

A Chevrolet pickup knocked out power to the 1000 block of South Barnes today when it hit a power pole at Barnes and Fields. The driver of the pickup suffered minor injuries.

Minor injury in accident

By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer

A Pampa woman suffered minor injuries this morning when the pickup she was driving struck a power pole and metal building.

Brenda Wade, 51, 1201 Finley, was south bound on Barnes shortly after 7 a.m. today when her 2000 Chevrolet Silverado veered off the street to the right and struck a light pole and metal building on the southwest corner of Barnes and Fields St.

Wade was taken by Guardian EMS ambulance to the Pampa Regional Medical Center.

Emergency works at the scene said her injuries did not appear life threatening.

Pampa police officers said the airbag deployed in

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Tax increase tops commission meeting

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

A proposed tax increase will highlight Tuesday's Pampa City Commission.

The city commission will discuss the ad valorem tax rate for the next fiscal year during their regularly scheduled meeting at 4 p.m. Tuesday at city hall. They are expected to set public hearings for 4 p.m., Sept. 6, and 4 p.m., Sept. 9, in the city commission chambers at Pampa City Hall.

The commission will also vote on the second and final reading of an ordinance calling for an election to adopt a half percent sales tax for

economic development and an ordinance allowing for the sale of alcoholic beverages at Hidden Hills Golf Course.

Commissioners will consider publishing notice of intention to issue certificates of obligation.

City commissioners will also discuss an agreement with the Pampa Independent School District for drug dog searches this school year.

The commission will hear reports from the animal control committee, budget comparisons and the business incubator scheduled to open later this year.

Motorcycle Raffle



Pampa News photo by DAVID BOWSER

Carolea Summers and Linda Stanton inspect the Harley Davidson Road King to be given away in Lefors this weekend. The motorcycle and a trailer are being raffled off to benefit the Lefors Volunteer Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services.

Stem cell researchers report potential breakthrough

WASHINGTON (AP) — Harvard scientists announced they've discovered a way to fuse adult skin cells with embryonic stem cells, a promising breakthrough that could lead to the creation of useful stem cells without first having to create and destroy human embryos.

The scientists said they were able to show in their early research that the fused cell "was reprogrammed to its embryonic state."

Such a breakthrough could have

the effect of taming a biting national debate about the ethics of stem-cell research, but not any time soon.

"If future experiments indicate that this reprogrammed state is retained after removing the embryonic stem cell DNA — currently a formidable technical hurdle — the hybrid cells could theoretically be used to produce embryonic stem cells lines that are tailored to individual patients without the need to create and destroy human embryos,"

said a summary of the research reported on the Science journal site.

Researcher Kevin Eggan stressed, however, that the technology is preliminary.

"I can't stress enough that this technology is not ready for prime time right now," Eggan said at a briefing Monday.

"It is not a replacement for those techniques that we already have for derivation of embryonic stem cells."

"This is the first step down a long

and uncertain road," said Eggan, noting that it comes with its own set of limitations.

It could easily be 10 years before the process is usable in people, he said.

The goal is to make stem cells that carry a patient's genes, and only the patients genes, he said. The cells created in this process carry too much DNA, both that of the stem cell and that from the embryonic stem cell used in the process.

Pampa City Wide Garage Sale • Saturday, August 27 MORE THAN 80 SALES

Check the Friday Edition of the Pampa News for a list of addresses "OR" pickup a map at Brown's Shoe Fit, Trash & Treasure, Hamburger Station, Heard-Jones Healthmart, Raggedy Andy, Black Gold Motel, Saddle Hawkins Store, The Red Barn or Rev. Bob's Appliances on Friday or Saturday. Maps will also be available at the Chamber Office at 200 N. Ballard until 5:00 pm on Friday.



Obituaries

Dewey W. Palmitier, 87

PAMPA — Dewey W. Palmitier, 87, died Saturday, Aug. 20, 2005, in Canadian.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Fairview Cemetery with John Curry officiating. Arrangements are by Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Palmitier was born Aug. 6, 1918, in Vinita, Okla., and was a lifelong resident of Pampa, attending Pampa schools through Pampa High School. He was a proud veteran of the U.S. Army, serving in North Africa and Italy. He was a citizen of the Cherokee Indian Nation and was a direct descendant of Nancy Ward, Cherokee Chieftaness. He married Margaret V. (Peggy) Johnston on Sept. 15, 1939, in Denver, Colo.

He was employed by Jones-Everett Machine Shop

as warehouse manager for 25 years, retiring in 1984. He had enjoyed being retired and helping his wife in her art endeavors. He was a Methodist and was a loving husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. Mr. Palmitier will always be known by his remarkable humor, kindness and friendship with family and friends. He is now joining his two closest friends, R.B. Ragsdale and Dale Ladd, to recall old time stories.

Survivors include his wife, Margaret V. (Peggy) Palmitier, of the home; three sons, Stephen Palmitier of Yukon, Okla., Dennis Palmitier and John Palmitier and wife Ellen, all of Pampa; four grandsons, Daniel Albert Palmitier of San Antonio, James Christopher Palmitier of Pampa, John Douglas Palmitier of San Marcos and Jeremy Robin

Palmitier of San Antonio; two great-grandchildren, Heather Lynn Palmitier of San Antonio and Tyler James Palmitier of Pampa; one niece, Sandra Waters of Pampa; and two nephews, Larry Palmitier of Denver, Colo., and Ray Palmitier of Pampa.

He was preceded in death by three brothers, Franklin Palmitier, Raymond Palmitier and Tom Palmitier; and by two sisters, Evelyn Morton and Ruth Palmitier. Memorials should be to Freedom Museum, 600 N. Hobart, Pampa, TX 79065.

The family will receive friends at 2500 Aspen immediately following the services.

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

Maudie Fay Morgan, 82

McLEAN, Texas — Maudie Fay Morgan, 82, died Aug. 20, 2005, at McLoud, Okla.

Services were to be at 11 a.m. today, Monday, Aug. 22, 2005, at the Church of Christ in McLean, Texas, with Jim Reyna, minister, officiating.

Burial will be in Hillcrest Cemetery, McLean, Texas, under the direction of Bailey-Ware Funeral Home of McLean.

Maudie Fay Morgan was born June 22, 1923, in Coal County, OK, to Landon and

Nora Mason. She married Charlie Morgan on June 10, 1939, and they raised eight children in McLean where they lived for many years.

Survivors include three daughters, Eva Rose Hawley (Fred), of Springdale, Ark., Emma Francis Finn (Tom), Palm Spring, Calif., and Deloris Howell (Pat), of McLoud, Okla.; four sons, Preston Morgan (Julia), of Palestine, Texas, Loyd Morgan (Kay), of Amarillo, Texas, and Skip Morgan of Pampa, Texas, and Dwayne Morgan (Terri), of Owasso,

Okla.; one sister, Harty Vista Henry (Dee Troy), of Commanche, Okla.; one brother, Willow Dean Mason (Marlene), of Corning, Calif.; 24 grandchildren; 40 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Charlie Morgan in 1980; one baby daughter in 1942; and one daughter, Joyce Ann in 1997.

The family requests memorials be to Loving Care Hospice, 1940 N. Harrison, Shawnee, OK, 74801; or Church of Christ, McLean, TX, 79057.

Emergency Services

Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents and arrests today.

Saturday, Aug. 20

Eight traffic stops were made. A vehicle accident was reported at the intersection of Harvester and Duncan streets.

Law enforcement assistance was rendered in the 1100 block of Seneca, the 600 block of Carr, the 1500 block of West Somerville, and the 1300 block of Barnes.

Two business alarms were reported.

Welfare checks were made in the 900 block of East Frederic and the 1100 block of North Starkweather.

Found property was reported in the 500 block of Powell. Drug paraphernalia was found in a vacant home which was being cleaned.

Found property was reported in the police department lobby. A set of keys was found.

Suspicious person calls were received from the intersection of Atchison and Gillespie streets, Highway 60 East, the 1700 block of Coffee, and the 1300 block of North Hobart.

A prowler was reported in the 300 block of Perry.

A suspicious vehicle report was made in the 1500 block of North Hobart. An arrest for fictitious or altered motor vehicle inspection sticker was made in connection with the incident.

A suspicious vehicle call was received from the 1000 block of West Wilks.

Disorderly conduct/noise was reported in the 1600 block of West Somerville, the 300 block of Perry, and the 1100 block of Neel Road.

Disorderly conduct/other was reported in the 1000 block of Prairie Drive. A weapons violation was reported, and an arrest for unlawful carrying of a weapon was made in connection with the incident.

Disorderly conduct/other was reported in the 1100 block of Terry Road and the 1900 block of Hamilton.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 600 block of Roberta.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 900 block of Rham. An arrest for assault causing bodily injury to a family member was made in connection with the incident. Minor injuries were reported.

Telephone harassment was reported in the police department lobby and the 500 block of East 19th.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 500 block of North Faulkner. Two cars were egged. Estimated value of damage is \$10.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 2100 block of North Sumner. A truck tag was damaged. Estimated cost of damage is \$5.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1500 block of Dogwood and the intersection of 22nd and Coffee streets.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 2100 block of

North Sumner. Cars were egged. Estimated value of damage is \$5.

Theft was reported in the 1800 block of Chestnut, concerning lawn furniture.

Theft was reported in the 1200 block of South Sumner. A drill press was taken.

Theft was reported in the 1400 block of West Somerville. A bicycle was taken.

A gas drive-off was reported at Allsup's, 140 S. Starkweather. Fuel valued at \$57 was taken.

A gas drive-off was reported at Allsup's, 1900 N. Hobart. Fuel valued at \$41 was taken.

Burglary of a habitation was reported in the 600 block of Campbell.

Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle was reported in the 400 block of North Sumner and the 600 block of Magnolia.

Aggravated assault was reported in the 100 block of North Cuyler. The weapon involved was a knife. No injuries were reported.

Danasty Mize, 20, Wheeler, was arrested for two capias pro fines and a Wheeler County charge of forgery.

Marlon Larue, 36, 123 S. Nelson, was arrested in the 1500 block of North Hobart for fictitious motor vehicle inspection.

Sunday, Aug. 21

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

Vehicle accidents were reported in the intersection of Alcock and Wells streets, the 1700 block of North Hobart, and the 1400 block of North Hobart.

An animal complaint was made from the 700 block of North Christy.

Two business alarms were reported.

A suspicious person call was received from the 2100 block of North Hobart.

Disorderly conduct/noise was reported in the 600 block of North Dwight.

Disorderly conduct/fighting was reported in the 1000 block of Huff Road.

Disorderly conduct/fighting was reported in the 2200 block of Dogwood. An arrest for assault causing bodily injury to a family member was made in connection with the incident.

Violation of a city ordinance concerning fireworks was reported in the 600 block of North Dwight.

Violation of a city ordinance was reported in the 2200 block of North Duncan.

Criminal trespass was reported in the 1000 block of North Wells and the 1400 block of North Hobart.

A silent/abusive 911 call was made in the 1400 block of North Banks.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 1400 block of West Somerville.

A domestic assault was reported in the 100 block of South Faulkner. No injuries were reported.

Domestic assault/family violence was reported in the 2800 block of Rosewood.

Minor injuries were reported.

Suicide attempts were made at two locations.

Found property was reported from the 2500 block of Mary Ellen. A credit card was found.

Theft over \$50 was reported in the 2600 block of Seminole. A license plate was taken.

Burglary of a habitation and assault was reported in the 300 block of North Christy. Minor injuries were reported.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 2300 block of Charles. A stereo valued at \$200 was taken.

Fredrick Antonio Jackson, 28, 1125 Neel Road, was arrested in the 2200 block of Dogwood for assault causing bodily injury and family violence.

Fred Brian Wall, 36, 1313 Mary Ellen, was arrested in the 1400 block of North Banks for assault causing bodily injury and family violence.

Danny Lynn Roberts, 44, 2808 Rosewood, was arrested in the 2800 block of Rosewood for assault causing bodily injury.

Accidents

Pampa Police Department reported the following accidents today.

Saturday, Aug. 20

4:11 p.m. A 1993 Chevrolet Caprice, driven by Charlene Mashburn Woods, 78, Skellytown, and a 2005 Chevrolet Silverado, driven by Randy Edward Bowerman, 45, Canadian, collided at the intersection of Harvester and Duncan streets. No injuries were reported. Woods was cited for disregarding a red light.

Sunday, Aug. 21

9:04 p.m. — A 2000 Dodge 2500, driven by Justin Robert Holman, 19, West Highway 60, and a 1997 Ford F-150, driven by Gene J. Moya Jr., 28, 429 N. Zimmers, collided in the 1400 block of North Hobart. No injuries were reported. Holman was cited for failure to yield right of way during a left turn.

Fire

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

Saturday, Aug. 20

11:11 a.m. — One unit and two firefighters responded to a call in the 500 block of Powell to investigate a small container of fluid.

12:06 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to the 2100 block of Mary Ellen to install smoke detectors.

Sunday, Aug. 21

4:16 p.m. — Two units and six firefighters responded to a call in the 100 block of Sumner to investigate light smoke in a mobile home.

6:07 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a traffic accident call at Alcock and Wells and helped Guardian load one patient for transport.

Ambulance

Guardian EMS ambulance today reported the following calls.

Friday, Aug. 19

6:47 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1500 block of West Kentucky and transported a patient(s) to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

9:30 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1100 block of South Wells. No transport.

Saturday, Aug. 20

12:23 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 200 block of North Russell. No transport.

1:14 a.m. — A mobile ICU

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Injury

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her pickup, preventing more serious injuries.

Officers said Wade, who had just gotten off work, appeared to have fallen asleep and run off the road.

Residents of the 1000 block of South Barnes, just south of Fields Street, reported their power was out following the accident.

Raquel Godoy, 1006 S. Barnes, said she was up this morning when her lights went off. She said she was checking the fuse box at her home when she heard the sirens of fire and police vehicles outside. She walked out to see the pickup and downed power pole up against the metal shed next door.

Guardian EMS, 1008 S. Barnes, also reported a power outage after the pickup knocked down the power pole.

Xcel Energy crews were busy by 8 a.m. today repairing the light pole and restoring electricity to the area.

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Members of the 2005 Chamber Country Fair Solicitations Committee met recently at Pampa Community Building. The committee will be calling on area businesses, asking for donations towards silent and live auctions planned for this year's Country Fair. Above: Solicitations Chair Paulette Hinkle, left, Vonda Higgins, Barb Hahn, Kathy Cota, Dorothy Clark and Glennette Goode. Not pictured: Mary Ann Richards and Bob Marx. The theme for this year's event is The Pampa Chamber of Commerce Country Fair "Under the Harvest Moon."

Fifty years after war, honorees get diplomas

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Toshiko Aiboshi remembers swelling with pride at her grandson's high school graduation — and now she hopes her grandson feels the same pride for her.

Aiboshi and nearly 60 other Japanese-Americans sent to internment camps during World War II belatedly received their high school diplomas Sunday amid tears and shouts of joy from their children and grandchildren.

Aiboshi's grandson, 23-year-old Nicolas Echevestre, accepted a diploma for his late grandfather.

"We both went to Nic's graduation. That was a very special moment," Aiboshi said. "I hope Nic will feel this is a special moment."

The honorees, wearing colorful leis and sashes, walked down the aisle of Los Angeles Technical Trade School's auditorium.

Some needed canes, a few were in

wheelchairs and more than a few were crying.

"For all you young people who are going to call out to Grandma for representing your family today," said Warren Furutani of the Los Angeles Community College District, "this is the unfolding of history right before your eyes."

The graduates represented the largest group of former internees to ever receive their diplomas at one time. Children went to school in the internment camps and received diplomas there, but not from the schools they were taken from.

Takashi Hoshizaki, who should have graduated from Belmont High School in 1944, was one of two student speakers. He described how his life detoured when he was sent to the camps in Wyoming.

"Some may consider a high school

diploma just a piece of paper, but it's a symbol to me," Hoshizaki told the audience of several hundred.

The diploma project is the result of legislation sponsored by Democratic Assemblywoman Sally Lieber allowing school districts to bestow diplomas to students interned by the government during World War II. Some 120,000 Japanese-Americans, most of them from California, were forced into camps.

Since Lieber's legislation passed last year, more than 400 people have received diplomas, some posthumously.

In 1988, the U.S. government officially apologized for the internments and offered \$20,000 to eligible survivors, but the diplomas have helped survivors make their experience relevant to the younger generations.

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Analysis shows defense lawyers reject white jurors at a higher rate

DALLAS (AP) — Dallas County defense lawyers prefer almost any black juror over a white one, according to a newspaper investigation.

The number of blacks on juries in Dallas County approximate their proportion of the population, but primarily because defense attorneys have struck whites from the panel to cancel prosecutors' strikes against blacks, according to a statistical analysis by The Dallas Morning News.

The News reported its findings in Monday's editions in the second part of a three-part series on jury selection in Dallas County.

Defense attorneys used 6 percent of their peremptory challenges of potential jurors, or strikes, against blacks compared to 82 percent of strikes against whites, which eliminates more than a third of white eligible jurors, according to the report.

Although defense attorneys say they seek a more diverse jury, they only occasionally challenge prosecutors who eliminate black prospective jurors, the newspaper's analysis showed.

"Most defense attorneys, if they're honest, will admit that they want to get rid of the whites because the prosecution is getting rid of the

blacks," said David Baldus, one of the nationally recognized experts on race in jury selection who reviewed the newspaper's findings.

"It's a kind of discrimination that no one is really objecting to very much because everybody is doing it."

The newspaper examined 108 noncapital felony cases tried in 2002. The analysis also found:

— Defense attorneys were more likely to disqualify potential jurors who had been crime victims, worked in law enforcement or had friends or family in law enforcement.

Record

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unit responded to the 900 block of Rham. No transport.

2:28 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded east on Highway 273 on a mutual aid call with Lefors EMS and transported a patient to PRMC.

3:33 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to PRMC and transferred a patient to Northwest Texas Hospital, Amarillo.

6:03 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to Jordan prison unit and transported a patient to PRMC.

9:16 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to Jordan prison unit and transported a patient to PRMC.

Sunday, Aug. 21

3:16 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 300 block of North Christy. No transport.

3:33 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 900 block of Malone and transported a patient to PRMC.

6:05 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 2000 block of Dogwood and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

11:27 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to PRMC and transferred a patient(s) to NWTH.

5:52 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 700

block of Clark Street. No transport.

6:11 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to Alcock and Wells and transported a patient to PRMC.

9:03 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1400 block of Hobart. No transport.

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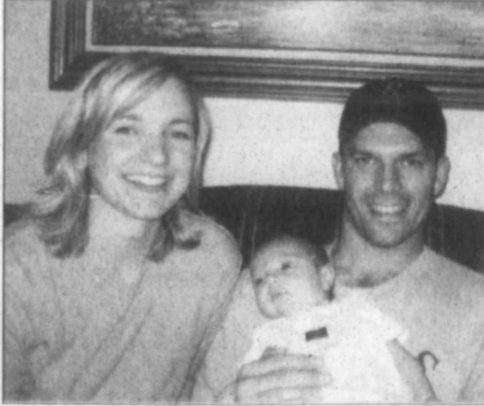
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Viewpoints

Security efforts should not harm Texas' commerce

With the savage bomb attacks in London, the world was put on notice that terrorists are continuing their jihad against the peaceful free people of the world and trying to destroy freedom. Because these murderers have often stated that their goal is to attack Americans in our homeland, we have to continue our efforts to improve our domestic security.

A key element in any plan to make America safer is prevention of terrorists and their weapons from entering our country in the first place. This is why, ever since 9/11, Congress has been providing increased resources to make our seaports, airports and land border crossings more secure. This is vitally important in the valley region. After all, Texas is widely known as America's "Third

Coast" because of its long gulf shorelines; it has 1,254 miles of shared border with Mexico.

Terrorists as well as violent drug gangs are trying to penetrate our borders more and more.

Al-Qaeda's number one man in Iraq, Abu Musab Al-Zarqawi, has said his goal is to attack Americans in our homeland and suggested smuggling terrorists in through Mexico. Already, investigators report finding Qurans and prayer mats in border areas of Arizona.

Currently, our policy requires our border agents to handle Mexican illegal immigrants differently from those who come from other countries, who are known by the acronym OTM, or Other Than Mexican. Amazingly, most OTM individuals are set free on personal recogni-

zance and ordered to appear for court hearings a few weeks later. In testimony before the House Judiciary Committee, it was reported that more than 70 percent of these illegal immigrants fail to appear for those hearings.

Kay Bailey Hutchison

U.S. Senator

but how many of her allies have been released to blend into the population?

What complicates efforts to make the border safer is the explosion of goods and people traveling between the United States and Mexico. This trade has been a part of our history, but began to

accelerate with the signing of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) in 1996.

Texas roads and rails carry most of America's NAFTA trade. Our challenge is to properly screen the huge amount of people and goods which cross our border each year well enough to provide good security while being efficient enough to allow

trade to continue to flourish.

To improve security, we must provide sufficient resources and personnel to do the job. This was a key reason why I successfully fought to restore funding to increase the number of border patrol officers to the full 2,000 authorized in the Intelligence Reform Bill.

We cannot physically screen every single container in our nation's vast economy, but we can certainly screen more than we do at present, and can set up a system to coordinate methods of identifying shippers and materials. We can also use large scanners, canine teams and other methods to determine whether containers are carrying weapons, narcotics, explosives, currency or people.

We can also do a better job of monitoring Texas'

substantial cross-border truck traffic. A single truck booth on the border may handle 3.9 million vehicles per year. To address this problem, we are beginning a pilot program using Radio Frequency Identification Devices (RFIDs) on the vehicles. If the program proves successful, we should think about speeding up adoption of these devices.

Some people think we can solve our problems by simply slamming the door on our borders. We in Texas know better, and I am committed to working with residents in the valley to come up with solutions which will allow our commerce and prosperity to increase even as we improve our nation's security against the terrorists and drug traffickers who threaten our way of life.

Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, Aug. 22, the 234th day of 2005. There are 131 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Aug. 22, 1775, Britain's King George III proclaimed the American colonies in a state of open rebellion.

On this date:

In 1485, England's King Richard III was killed in the Battle of Bosworth Field, ending the War of the Roses.

In 1787, inventor John Fitch demonstrated his steamboat on the Delaware River to delegates of the Continental Congress.

In 1846, the United States annexed New Mexico.

In 1851, the schooner America outraced the Aurora off the English coast to win a trophy that came to be known as the America's Cup.

In 1902, President Theodore Roosevelt became the first U.S. chief executive to ride in an

'Authors and actors and artists and such/ Never know nothing, and never know much.'

— Dorothy Parker
Writer

automobile, in Hartford, Conn.

In 1911, it was announced in Paris that Leonardo da Vinci's "Mona Lisa" had been stolen from the Louvre Museum the night before. (The painting turned up two years later, in Italy.)

In 1956, President Eisenhower and Vice President Nixon were nominated for second terms in office by the Republican national convention in San Francisco.

In 1978, President Jomo Kenyatta, a leading figure in Kenya's struggle for independence, died; Vice President Daniel Arap Moi was sworn in as acting president.

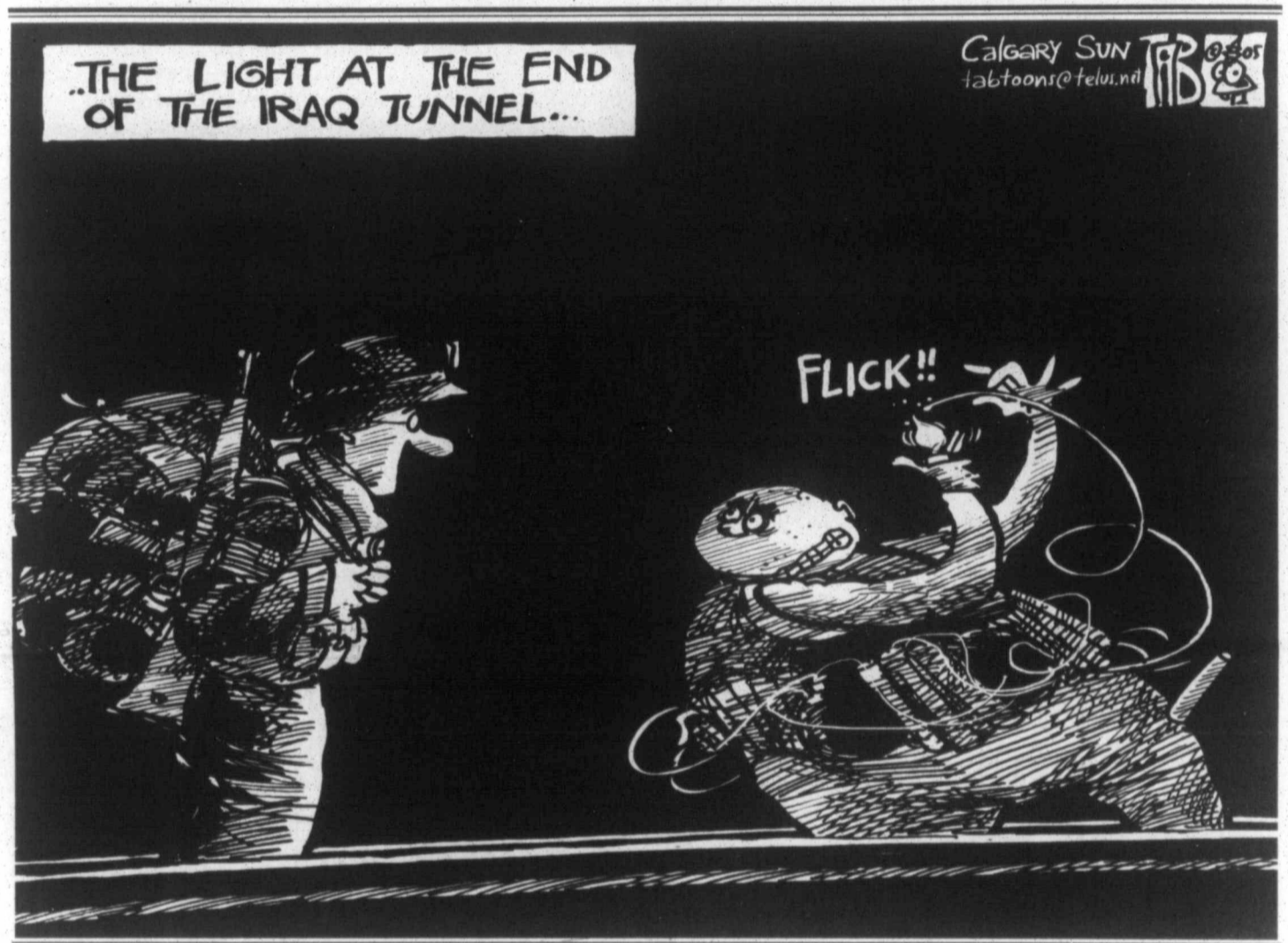
In 1985, 55 people died when fire broke out aboard a British Airways charter jet on a runway at Manchester Airport in England.

In 1989, Black Panther co-founder Huey P. Newton was shot to death in Oakland, Calif. (Gunman Tyrone Robinson was later sentenced to 32 years to life in prison.)

Ten years ago: Democratic Congressman Mel Reynolds of Illinois was convicted in Chicago of sexual misconduct involving an underage campaign volunteer. (Reynolds was later sentenced to five years in prison; he ended up serving 2 1/2.)

Five years ago: Publishers Clearing House agreed to pay \$18 million to 24 states and the District of Columbia to settle allegations it had used deceptive promotions in its sweepstakes mailings.

One year ago: As shocked spectators watched, armed thieves stole one of four versions of the Edvard Munch masterpiece "The Scream" and a second Munch painting, "Madonna," from the Munch museum in Oslo, Norway.



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Washington full of 'deluded imperialists'

As of this writing, more than 1,800 young Americans have died in Iraq. The combined cost of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan is \$340 billion. This is what happens when we elect people who refuse to accept the limits set by the U.S. Constitution.

The Constitution gave us a government to govern America, not the world. It is none of our business what forms of government other countries have, just as it is none of our business whether the women in a foreign country wear burkas or bikinis.

Surely you realize by now that either the Bush administration knew Iraq had no weapons of mass destruction or, even scarier, was dumb enough to believe it did have them. On Sept. 11, 2001, we had one enemy — a terrorist

organization that calls itself al-Qaida. Instead of limiting our response to taking out that organization, President George Bush declared war on the world.

He bought the childish unrealistic theory, concocted by mostly pro-Israeli neoconservatives, that we could take out Saddam Hussein and install a Jeffersonian democracy in Iraq, and that this fine example would spread liberal democracy to the entire Middle East. This was going to be cheap and easy, they said. It was not only a childish and simplistic theory, it was stupid. It's what you would expect from a bunch

of mostly academics who have never heard the sound of gunfire and who don't read or speak Arabic, much less have ever spent any time in the area.

In the Iraq War we were everybody's sucker. That crook Ahmad Chalabi played us for a sucker, and the Israelis played us for a sucker. They both got what they wanted — the destruction of Saddam Hussein's government without spending a dollar of their money or a drop of their blood. Instead of Iraqi oil paying for the war, as the neocons had promised, we are paying \$61 a barrel for oil. After two years of American occu-

pation, the Iraqi people still don't have (1) security, (2) dependable power, (3) cheap and plentiful gasoline, (4) clean water, (5) a decent sewer system or (6) a viable economy.

The deluded imperialists in Washington can blame that on the insurgency, but I assure you, the Iraqi people blame us.

There is now more terror, not less; the Middle East is less stable, not more stable; and we are not going to end up with a democracy in Iraq. We're going to end up instead with a theocracy aligned with Iran, a civil war or another authoritarian government — or the entire series of bad outcomes, one after another. And in the meantime, our own liberty is

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August: Thank goodness for legislative rest

We don't know about most readers, but we're always relieved when August rolls around. Just knowing Congress is on its annual summer recess and wont be "lawmaking" for an entire month is a weight lifted from our shoulders. We don't really care if members are off junketing in Asia, on fact-finding missions to the French Riviera or have just gone fishing.

Anything better than their being in Washington, especially if they insist on making work for them-

selves. We're thankful for all that was left undone when members blew out of town, leaving the legislative sausage-maker unplugged for 30 glorious days.

We regret that Congress rammed energy and transportation bills through as they rushed to wrap up business. The pork-laden packages give credence to the old adage about

haste making waste. Typical was an energy bill chock full of the usual corporate welfare handouts, including a doubling of the ethanol production

quota, and a passel of new subsidies, for gerbil-powered solar windmills, the Sunflower Seed Energy Initiative, the Buck Rogers rainwater-powered car of the future and other "alterna-

tive" energy efforts.

In all the excitement, most taxpayers might have overlooked what hasn't gotten done — the dozen major appropriations bills that will fund the government through fiscal 2006. Although the end of the fiscal year is less than two months away, the Senate has approved only five of the bills, and only two have been finalized by Congress. But not to worry. It's been years since the bills were done on time, if done at all.

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President promoting Iraq war policy

By NEDRA PICKLER
Associated Press Writer

WACO, Texas (AP) — After more than a week out of the public eye, President Bush is telling a veterans audience in Salt Lake City that the United States must not give up on peace and stability in Iraq.

While Bush has been secluded at his ranch in nearby Crawford since Aug. 13, anti-war protesters camped by the roadside have taken the limelight, complete with a Sunday evening concert by folk singer Joan Baez.

Meanwhile, Sen. Chuck Hagel, R-Neb., a prospective presidential candidate, said the war in Iraq has destabilized the Middle East and is looking more like the Vietnam conflict in which he fought a generation ago.

With so much attention focused on Iraq's problems, Bush planned to deliver two speeches this week to reaffirm his plan to stay the course. The first was Monday at the Veterans of Foreign Wars' national convention in Salt Lake City, followed by a speech Wednesday to a National Guard group in Nampa, Idaho.

The Salt Lake City speech was coming just as Iraqi offi-

cials faced a deadline for parliamentary approval of a new constitution. They

Qaida terrorists. One station, ABC affiliate KTVX, refused to run the

policy. "By any standard, when you analyze 2 1/2 years in Iraq ... we're not winning," he said.

Other Republican senators appearing on Sunday news shows advocated remaining in Iraq until the mission set by Bush is completed, but they also noted that the public is becoming more and more concerned and needs to be reassured.

The Army's top general, Chief of Staff Peter Schoomaker, told The Associated Press on Saturday that his service is planning for the possibility of keeping the current number of soldiers in Iraq — well over 100,000 — for four more years as part of preparations for a worst-case scenario.

Hagel described the Army contingency plan as "complete folly."

"I don't know where he's going to get these troops," the senator said. "There won't be any National Guard left ... no Army Reserve left ... there is no way America is going to have 100,000 troops in Iraq, nor should it, in four years."

Associated Press Writer Jennifer Dobner in Salt Lake City contributed to this report.

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Senator, R-Neb.

missed the initial deadline last week.

In his weekly radio address Saturday, Bush said that as with past conflicts, the war on terror requires great sacrifice. He offered his condolences for the families of fallen soldiers.

He didn't mention Cindy Sheehan, the grieving mother who started the protest vigil outside his ranch.

In an ad airing in Salt Lake City to coincide with Bush's visit, Sheehan pleaded for a meeting with him and accused him of lying to the American people about Iraq's development of weapons of mass destruction and its connection to al-

ad, saying it could be offensive to the community.

An anti-war rally was planned near the convention site, but some VFW delegates said they considered it disrespectful to veterans.

Bush has strong support in Utah, where he received nearly 70 percent of the vote last fall. But nationwide polls find the public growing more skeptical about his handling of the war.

Hagel, who received two Purple Hearts and other military honors for his service in Vietnam, said Sunday the United States needs to develop a strategy to leave Iraq. He told ABC's "This Week" that "stay the course" is not a

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Instead, it's now standard operating procedure for Congress to delay action long enough to precipitate a budget crisis, then combine all the undone spending bills into one big money pot (shaped suspiciously like a pork barrel) and ram it down the taxpayers throats in a frenzy reminiscent of a frat house keg party. Given all this, we hope Congress not only enjoys its month away from Washington, but takes its sweet time about coming back. Go ahead, members, take September off, too. With pay. And why not October?

It's said to be a wonderful time of year for fact-finding junkets to the Cote d'Azur. Drop us a postcard. Well miss you ... but somehow muddle through.

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time, our own liberty is being diminished.

What we routinely misname a democracy (our form of government is a republic, not a democracy) evolved through the centuries from our mother country, the United Kingdom. It has taken hold nowhere else on the globe except in the English-speaking countries, not even on Continental Europe. It is uniquely English based on English

common law.

One would have to be a moron or entirely ignorant of the Muslim world to expect that you could impose that system on Iraq at the point of a gun. There is such a striking absence of common sense in Washington that I sometimes think we ought to outsource the State Department to the Teamsters Union, and intelligence work to the Mafia. It would help if we moved the national capital to Fargo, N.D., where subzero temperatures might encourage Congress to do its work on time.

Recently, a bunch of insurgents — probably none of whom had any formal training — killed 14 of the "best-

trained, best-equipped soldiers in the world" with one homemade bomb. The insurgents know one thing: the hotshots in Washington overlooked: The way to fight a high-tech army is with low-tech tactics and weapons.

As long as we keep troops in Iraq, some of them will die, because in that part of the world, when you kill a man, you automatically incur the mortal enmity of his family. In other words, we are manufacturing new insurgents every time we kill one. Like the Viet Cong, the insurgents know they can't beat us on the battlefield, but they know that in the long run, they will be there and we won't.

Events calendar

• **A meeting to discuss a proposed "Ten Commandments monument"** is scheduled at 7 p.m. today at McLean City Park in McLean. The Rev. Archie Cooper is spearheading the effort to erect the monument. All residents are invited to attend. In case of inclement weather, the meeting will convene in First Baptist Church of McLean. Kim Fowler, of Wallace Monument Co. of Clarendon, will be present with pictures of the project. A site for the monument has been singled out. All attendees are advised to bring their own chairs.

• **To promote World Breastfeeding Month**, the local WIC office, 1201 N. Hobart, Suite 1-1 (near Beall's) will host a celebration from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Tuesday. The event will explore breastfeeding and other infant feeding topics and products with participants. The theme will be "Mother's Milk: It's more than just food." For more information, contact WIC at 665-1182. The event is being co-sponsored by Gray County Texas Cooperative Extension.

• **A Saturday Night Jamboree** will be staged from 6-10 p.m. Saturday at the Armstrong County Activity Center in Claude. The jamboree will include food, music and will benefit a good cause. Proceeds will go to Methodist Church Community Outreach Program. Fish fry plates will cost \$10 for adults, \$5 for children or \$12 for all you can eat. Dale Burson & Family, Dustin Sanders, Terry Brewer and The Country Gentlemen Band will be performing. All are

invited to bring an instrument and play along. Musicians will eat for free. For more information, call (806) 226-2061.

• The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil


Harrington Cancer Center has announced the following upcoming breast cancer screening clinics: Aug. 30, Shephard's Crook Nursing Agency, 916 N. Crest, both in Pampa. All


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All are welcome.



Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: As a practicing physician, a mother, and CEO of the nation's largest health foundation, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, I care deeply about the 45 million Americans who lack health insurance -- especially the 8.4 million uninsured children.

These kids often do not receive needed medical care for sore throats, earaches and asthma. However, many of them are eligible for programs that provide low-cost or free health-care coverage, even if their parents work and earn only modest incomes. These programs exist in every state and the District of Columbia through Medicaid and the State Children's Health Insurance Program. Eligibility varies by state, but families of four earning up to \$38,000 a year or more may qualify. The programs cover doctor visits, hospitalizations, prescriptions and more.

Making sure our children have health-care coverage is an investment in their healthy future as well as our nation's. Thank you, Abby, for helping America's kids by printing this. -- RISA LAVIZZO-MOUREY, M.D., PRESIDENT AND CEO

DEAR DR. LAVIZZO-MOUREY: Thank you for the important heads-up. That a country as rich and powerful as the United States does not have a comprehensive national health program protecting all of our children is a national embarrassment.

Readers, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation sponsors a program nationwide called "Covering Kids and Families," and encourages parents of noninsured children to call (toll-free) 877-543-7669 (877-KIDS-NOW) to find out if your children are eligible. The need is great, so please don't wait to place that call.

DEAR ABBY: I am engaged to be married. The problem is that "Todd" and I come from different religions. I'm a Catholic and he is a Baptist.

Todd refuses to even consider being mar-

ried in a Catholic church and, because he won't, I won't get married in his. I really want a church wedding, and my mother doesn't want me to be married in any other church. (I don't attend church on a regular basis.)

So, what do I do to get my perfect wedding? -- **CONFUSED IN KENTUCKY**

DEAR CONFUSED: That depends upon what you consider a "perfect wedding." If it involves being married in a Catholic church, you will have to break this engagement and find a nice Catholic boy. If it's marrying Todd, you will probably have to change religions.

Because this is a subject about which neither of you seems willing to compromise, I strongly recommend that the two of you get premarital counseling. It appears there are many important subjects you need to discuss -- including in which religion you plan to raise your children.

DEAR ABBY: My wife and I rent a house from her mother. I run a home-based business and use our bedroom as an office. On several occasions I have returned to the house and found my business documents rearranged.

I suspected someone was going through the house in our absence, so I set up my camcorder and left it running one afternoon. When I came home later, I played it back and saw I had caught "on tape" my mother-in-law going through our personal belongings and my private papers.

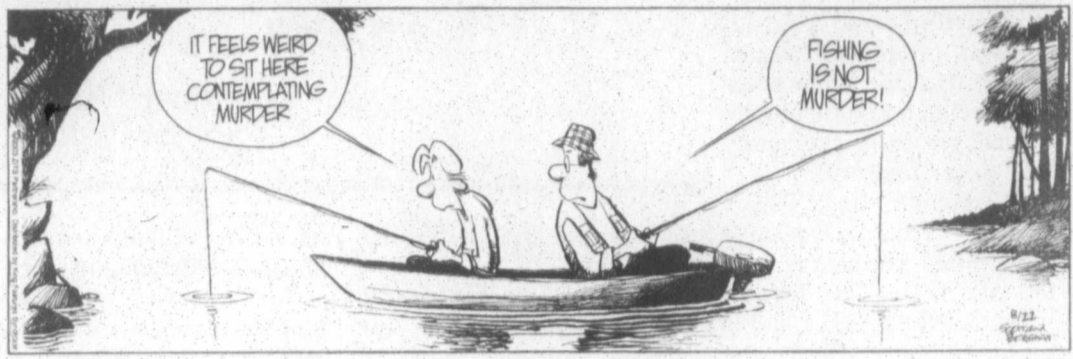
I'm afraid if we confront her she might evict us. How should we handle this? -- **DISAPPOINTED SON-IN-LAW IN FLORIDA**

DEAR DISAPPOINTED: Do not confront her. Install a deadbolt lock on your bedroom/office door and keep it locked whenever you're away from the house. And as soon as you can save enough to rent or buy another place, get the heck out of there.

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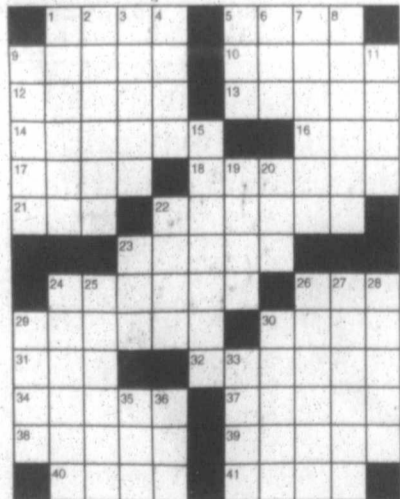
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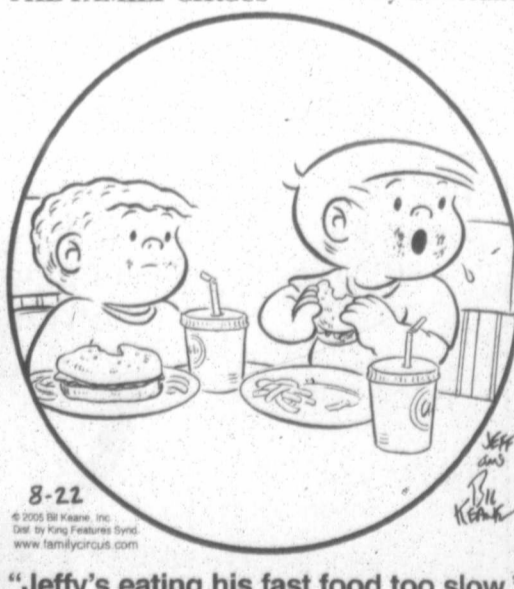


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Sports Day

Lady Harvesters 5-3 following weekend tournament; travel to Plainview tomorrow

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

The Lady Harvesters varsity volleyball team looked good in Friday's opening round of the Borger Tournament. Pampa defeated a very tough Amarillo Rockets squad, 25-21, 25-19 to start things off.

They then dropped Bushland, 25-17, 25-19, giving them a mark of 4-2 going into Saturday's meetings.

Pampa opened Saturday against Palo Duro, defeating the Lady Dons 25-23, 25-13. The second game of

the day for the Lady Harvesters was a rematch with the Rockets. Pampa took game one, 15-25, but fell in game two, 25-18. The Lady Harvesters would make things difficult in the third game before finally succumbing to a 26-24 decision.

Pampa is in action again Tuesday when the Lady Harvesters and the Amarillo Rockets visit Plainview. Games are to begin at 5 p.m.

Rhodes experiments with sidelines

SEATTLE (AP) — Coach Mike Holmgren felt like he was playing bumper cars. Everytime he turned around, there was Seahawks defensive coordinator Ray Rhodes.

"He bumped into me way too much during the game, so that is the third thing he's got to do, stay away from me," Holmgren said. "He gets kind of excited down there."

Always a fixture in the press box, Rhodes is experimenting with calling plays from the sidelines during the preseason as Seattle tries to mesh possibly seven new starters on defense.

Rhodes' second chance to test the idea comes Monday night when the Seahawks host the Dallas Cowboys.

Being on the sideline allows Rhodes to get plays

in faster and the ability to talk to the entire defense without having to relay messages through coaches.

There are drawbacks. Rhodes can't get a full view of the field and there isn't much space — not only to work, but away from Holmgren.

"He was in the path a few times, and we tried to avoid each other. I know to stay away from the head coach," Rhodes said. "I talked to Mike in the offseason about trying to get a little closer to the players in game situations. It was OK."

Last year, Dallas rallied from 10 points down in the final two minutes to beat Seattle 43-39 in week 13 in a nationally televised matchup.

Again, the teams will play in prime-time, but this

time both will be getting their second chance to examine significant defensive changes.

The Cowboys are switching to a 3-4 defense and have revamped the defensive line by drafting rookies

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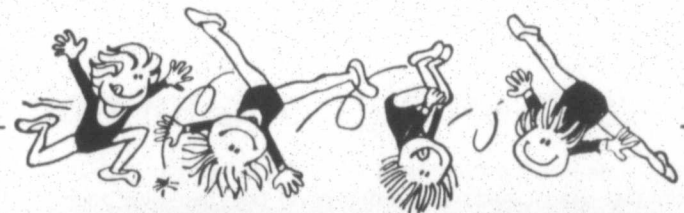
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Biker's maneuver should be more embarrassing than cool

I was heading back to the metropolis of Amarillo Friday afternoon, cruising along Highway 60 between Panhandle and FM 2161 when three toughs on their motorcycles came racing up on me. I was in the passing lane doing 72 mph with an 18-wheeler to my right.

One of the bikers thought perhaps if he got right on my bumper with his headlight shining in my rearview mirror it would encourage me to speed up.

Wrong. I've been pulled over enough on that highway.

His facial expressions made it clear to me this guy thought I was taking a little too long to work my way around the big rig. What he and his pals didn't know is that I stayed in this lane for their safety.

I take FM 2161. It is a left turn off of Highway 60 that, unless you give enough warning to those behind you, can cause some problem, especially in the situation I found myself in Friday.

The first biker backed off and turned the reigns of intimidation over to a leather-clad cat on a Harley. He too rode my bumper.

Now my turn was coming up. I

knew what this guy was thinking. I knew what he planned to do.

As the turn approached, he entered the shoulder to my left and began to pass me. The driver of the truck could now see what was going on and slowed down to allow the other two bikers to enter the right lane.

Michael J. Stevens

Sports Editor



As leather boy rode by the driver's side window of my car, he glanced at me with a look that suggested everything to that point was my fault. I gestured my view of his maneuver and his opinion.

The three then sped off toward their destination.

I am something of a bike enthusiast myself. I have attended many a rally, including Sturgis and Speed Week in Daytona. It concerns me when some of the rallies come within days of each other such as Red River, Sturgis and

the events that take place in Amarillo, a few bikers tend to believe this is 'their time'. That these events somehow make them invincible and provide excuse for almost anything they do, including passing me using the shoulder of a highway.

All that rider did Friday was endanger himself and the others on the road at the time, including me. He also single handedly eroded the respect other bikers have spent generations earning for him.

I couldn't help but wonder as the weekend went on if he had a family? Did he have a wife and children?

If so, did he tell them about his fantastic stunt?

Did he share the story of how he overtook a guy and his car using the shoulder of the highway? "You should have seen daddy, kids. I passed that dude using the shoulder of the highway. Nothing but him on my right and the grassy median to my left. Man, if he had turned left, I would have been in big trouble. It was cool. I better not ever see you try that."

Kind of like telling them you beat up a clown, isn't it?

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Benedict XVI calls for return to Christian roots, boosts interfaith efforts

COLOGNE, Germany (AP) — Pope Benedict XVI urged Europe to rediscover its Christian tradition and warned against rising secularism as he concluded his first foreign trip with an open-air Mass for a million people in his native Germany.

The four-day trip underlined interfaith relations — also a key theme of John Paul II's papacy. Benedict visited a synagogue in which he won applause for his warning about rising anti-Semitism, and he had a frank talk with Muslims about terrorism.

The 78-year-old pope on Sunday called on the pilgrims attending the World Youth Day Festival in Cologne to wisely use the freedom God gave them.

"Freedom is not simply about enjoying life in total autonomy, but rather about living by the measure of

truth and goodness so that we ourselves can become true and good," he told the crowd.

The throngs from almost 200 countries had been invited to the festival by a different pope, the charismatic John Paul, before his death April 2.

But they embraced his more subdued successor with the same huge turnout, shouts and applause on his first foreign trip as pope.

"Beeen-e-DET-to, Beeen-e-DET-to," they chanted, using the Italian version of his name. Some 800,000 of them spent the night in the

Marienfeld, or Mary's Field, outside Cologne, sleeping on the ground so they could attend Sunday's mass.

Benedict returned to Rome Sunday night.

The pope used his trip to make it clear that he intends to continue key parts of John Paul's heritage.

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Olympic Park, abortion clinic bomber Eric Rudolph to be sentenced in Atlanta

ATLANTA (AP) — Jane Henry refuses to give Eric Rudolph another second of her time, of her life.

Henry, of Boca Raton, Fla., was struck by shrapnel in her leg during the Olympic Park bombing in 1996, which Rudolph has taken responsibility for.

So she won't be in one of the 300 seats reserved for victims when Rudolph is sentenced Monday in federal court here to life in prison without parole.

"I don't want to give this guy any more time," Henry said. "It's taken enough of my time and my life."

Rudolph, 38, admitted earlier this year to carrying out the Olympics blast, which killed one and injured 111, and detonating bombs at an abortion clinic and a gay nightclub that injured 11 the following year.

He also received life without parole last month for the 1998 bombing of a women's clinic in Birmingham, Ala., that killed a police officer and maimed a nurse.

Only about half the Olympic Park victims were likely to show up, partly because Rudolph turned the sentencing in Alabama into a forum for his anti-abortion, anti-gay views, and partly because they believe it's time to move on.

Like Henry, Calvin Thorbourne won't be at the hearing.

"I don't need to be there. I can hear about it," said Thorbourne of Austell, whose legs also were hit by shrapnel from that bomb. "It's always going to be part of my life, but I've always felt justice would be served."

At the Alabama sentencing, Rudolph portrayed himself as a devout Christian motivated by his hatred of abortion and a federal gov-

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— Calvin Thorbourne
Victim

ernment that lets it continue.

Rudolph was identified after the Birmingham blast and spent the next five years hiding out in the mountains of western North Carolina. He was captured in 2003 while scavenging for food behind a grocery store in Murphy, N.C.

The former soldier and prosecutors struck a deal: They wouldn't seek the death penalty and he would tell them where to find more

than 250 pounds of stolen dynamite he had buried in the North Carolina woods.

Sixty-one victims and relatives notified the federal court here that they planned to attend. About a dozen plan to speak.

Some wanted to be there if for no other reason than to ask Rudolph why.

Tiffani Kelley of Atlanta was a teenager when shrapnel tore through her left leg as she was leaving Centennial Olympic Park.

"I think about it every day," she said. "I'm constantly reminded of it because I have a permanent scar on my leg."

While Thorbourne didn't plan to attend, he said there was something he'd say to Rudolph if he ever got the chance.

"I would say 'God be with you.' God is in control," Thorbourne said. "It's not for me to determine the proper sentence. He obviously has some issues, to say the least."

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