

Emergency Services

Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents and arrest today.

Wednesday, Sept. 7

Six traffic stops were made. Traffic complaints were received from the intersection of 16th and Evergreen streets, the 700 block of Davis, the 600 block of North Russell and the 1000 block of Neel Road.

Motorist assistance was rendered at the intersection of Brown and Gray streets, and the 600 block of North Hobart. A vehicle accident was reported at the intersection of Browning and Ballard streets. A hit and run accident was reported in the 1100 block of Neel Road.

Emergency medical services assistance was rendered in the 1400 block of East Browning, the 1000 block of North Sumner and the 1000 block of Varnon Drive.

Civil matters were reported in the 400 block of Red Deer and the 1100 block of Neel Road.

A silent/abusive 911 call was received from the 1000 block of Prairie Drive.

One business alarm and one residential alarm were reported.

Suspicious person calls were received from the intersection of Tyng and Finley streets, the intersection of Tuke and Somerville streets, the intersection of Frederic and Barnes streets, the 300 block of East Francis, the 1300 block of Coffee and the

intersection of Cook and Frost streets.

Disorderly conduct/fighting was reported at Pampa High School, 111 E. Harvester, and the 700 block of Scott.

Disorderly conduct/other was reported in the 600 block of North Zimmers, the 2200 block of Perryton Parkway and the 800 block of Brunow.

Warrant service was attempted at one location.

Narcotic drug law violations were reported in the police department lobby and in the 1900 block of North Hobart.

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

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 2600 block of Seminole. The incident was verbal only; no injuries were reported.

Assault by threat was reported in the 900 block of East Francis.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 400 block of North Somerville.

Criminal trespass was reported in the 900 block of Gordon.

Found property was reported in the 1800 block of Evergreen. A bicycle valued at \$150 was found.

Found property was reported at Recreation Lake, East Highway 60. A cash register was found.

Theft was reported in the 1000 block of North Wells and the 1200 block of South Nelson, where a cell phone valued at \$200 was taken.

Identity theft was reported in the police department lobby.

Burglary was reported in the 1100 block of Seneca. Tools, electronics and cash were taken, for an estimated loss of \$1,300.

Burglary was reported in the 200 block of North Sumner. It is unknown at this time what, if anything, is missing.

A possible burglary was reported in the 700 block of North Wells.

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Trina Annett, 38, of Skellytown, was arrested in the 200 block of East Brown for theft by check and issuing a bad check.

Accidents

Pampa Police Department reported the following accident today.

Wednesday, Sept. 8

10:45 a.m. — A 1994 Ford Taurus, driven by Jose Luis Hinojosa, 18, 1192 Prairie Drive, and a 1995 Cadillac DeVille, driven by Roger Juan Pineda, 23, 408 Hill, collided in the intersection of Ballard and Browning streets. Hinojosa and a passenger in his vehicle, Alicia Mijarez, 16, 1192 Prairie Drive, were taken to Pampa Regional Medical Center by Guardian EMS ambulance with possible injuries. Pineda was taken by private vehicle to PRMC with possible injuries. Hinojosa was cited for no driver's license.

Sheriff

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

Wednesday, Sept. 7

William Jeffery Trusty, 19, 827 Deane Drive, was arrested for criminal mischief.

Omar Kirklin, 18, 926 Campbell, was arrested on capias pro fines for minor in possession of tobacco and violation of a promise to appear.

Brian Riggs, 27, Foster City, Calif., was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety for possession of a controlled substance.

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Gary Nutlouis, 35, Blue Gap, Ariz., was arrested for public intoxication.

Fire

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

Wednesday, Sept. 7

10:47 a.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to the 1000 block of North Sumner on a lifting assist.

10:54 a.m. — Two units and three firefighters responded to the intersection of Browning and Ballard to assist EMS at a vehicle accident.

11:22 a.m. — Two units and

three firefighters responded to the 1400 block of East Browning on a medical assist.

4:09 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to the 1300 block of North Sumner on a medical assist.

Ambulance

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

Wednesday, Sept. 7

9:52 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to Pampa Regional Medical Center and transported a patient to Northwest Texas Hospital, Amarillo.

10:47 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to Ballard and Browning and transported a patient to PRMC.

11:21 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1400 block of Browning. No transport.

4:08 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1000 block of North Sumner and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

9:11 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1000 block of Varnon and transported a patient(s) to Baptist-St. Anthony's West, Amarillo.

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12:07 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 900 block of Gordon and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

Stocks

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

Wheat3.01
Milo3.06
Corn3.94
Soybeans5.01

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

OXY84.73 +0.83
BP PLC ADR 69.76 +0.25
Cobalt Corp 33.06 +0.03
Celanese NA
Cobalt Oil Gas 44.85 +1.28
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NS Grp41.80 -0.43
New York Gold 444.70
Silver7.04
West Texas Crude 64.37

Obituaries

Ola Mae Price, 94

Ola Mae Price, 94, of Pampa, died Sept. 8, 2005, at Pampa. Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. Friday in Memory Gardens Cemetery with Case Duggan, a Jehovah's Witness minister of Borger, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors. Born Feb. 9, 1911, at Hugo, Okla., Mrs. Price came to Pampa in 1938 where she was

a housekeeper for many years.

Survivors include a niece, Kathy Wilson of Lubbock; two great-nieces; and a great-nephew.

The family requests memorials be to a favorite charity.

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

Services

tomorrow

PRICE, Ola Mae — Graveside services, 1 p.m., Memory Gardens Cemetery, Pampa.

Gray County Weather

Today: Mostly sunny, with a high around 89. South-southwest wind between 10 and 20 mph.

Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 67. South wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Friday: Partly cloudy, with a high around 91. Windy, with a south wind 10 to 15 mph increasing to

between 20 and 25 mph.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low near 67. South wind between 15 and 20 mph.

Saturday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 90. Windy, with a south wind between 15 and 25 mph.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 66. South wind between 10

and 20 mph.

Sunday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high around 87. South wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Sunday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 65. South wind around 15

mph.

Monday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high around 86. South wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Monday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low near 62.

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Grand jury returns sealed indictment, paper reports

AUSTIN (AP) — The Travis County grand jury investigating how corporate money was spent in 2002 legislative campaigns indicted the Texas Association of

Business last month and sealed two felony charges, the Austin American-Statesman reported in its Thursday editions.

TAB attorney Roy Minton said he expected indictments to be made public Thursday.

The newspaper cited sources familiar with the investigation who did not want to be named because of the confidentiality of the grand jury action.

The investigation continues and the grand jury was to meet again Thursday.

Minton said he went with TAB president Bill Hammond to a meeting with prosecutors on Wednesday to try to head off criminal charges against the organization or its officers.

"I'm hoping there won't be any individually against Bill," Minton told The Associated Press on Thursday. "I don't think there will be and I don't think there should be."

Hammond explained to the prosecutors how the prominent statewide business group was organized and how it spent about \$1.7 million in corporate money for mailings to educate voters on issues.

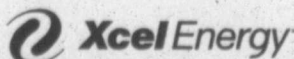
The group has said its mailers did not advocate the election or defeat of any candidates, but were permissible issue ads.



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Storm

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College and a chaplain at a New Orleans hospice, is out of work.

"The kids have lost a lot more than we have," Penny said of the Holcombs.

The Holcombs evacuated their home in Slidell, La., on Saturday before the storm and headed for his brother's home in Mobile, Ala., before Hurricane Katrina hit the central Gulf Coast in the early morning hours of Aug. 29. It was the fourth time since they settled in Slidell that they've had to evacuate the area because of storms.

While Eric waited out the storm in Mobile, Sonia and Zach made their way to Chattanooga, Tenn., and then on to Atlanta, Ga., where they were able to get a flight to Amarillo.

Lyndon and Penny Glaesman rode out the storm at their home in Picayune, Miss., about 40 miles north of New Orleans.

While Mobile got hit by Katrina, Eric said the damage wasn't as bad as in Slidell.

"They did get hit hard and there's a lot of signs and trees down," Eric said of Mobile, "but they didn't get hit as hard as the New Orleans, Slidell and Picayune area."

After riding out the storm in Mobile, he drove to Pampa, arriving early Tuesday morning. Today, after getting the rear window on his Jeep fixed, he, Sonia and Zach are heading on to Oregon, where Eric has family. They don't plan to return to Slidell.

The Holcombs lost everything. Even Eric's eyeglasses were broken.

"I had a rough week," Eric said.

Eric and Sonia's house was on Lake Pontchartrain. When the waters there rose, it covered the Holcomb's home with eight feet of water and muck.

As Eric headed toward Pampa and his wife and son, he stopped in Slidell to salvage what he could.

He found a small red wagon Penny and Lyndon had given Zach for Christmas last year and put the few belongings he could find in it.

"Everything he owned was in that wagon," Penny said. "That was just the saddest thing."

Sonia lost several family heirlooms.

"We didn't leave," Penny said. "We stayed."

The couple had purchased a 100-year-old house and turned it into a bed and breakfast. By the time they got the windows boarded and everything tied down, the governor of Mississippi was asking the people on the coast be allowed to evacuate first.

"All the roads were very bad," Penny said.

She said she didn't want to be caught on the open road in a pickup with a 175 mph wind.

"That house has been through a couple of large hurricanes in the past," Penny said.

She and Lyndon hunkered down in the middle of the house.

"We thought if the trees didn't fall," Penny said, "we would make it OK. There are a lot of old trees there, a lot of beautiful old oaks and cypress. We've got a sycamore tree in the backyard that's huge."

The trees stayed up and so did the house, although the house was damaged.

"We had some rain in the house," Penny said.

The rain came in horizontally, she said.

"We had some roof damage and some floor damage," Penny said.

Trees fell on the fence and damaged their car.

"It was nothing compared to what everybody else had," Penny said.

Almost every home in



Courtesy Photo

Eric Holcomb with all that he could salvage from his home. He had to leave the wagon behind because he had no room for it.

Picayune had at least one tree lying in it after the storm.

"Some of the people there had as many as four trees in their homes," Penny said. "It was sad."

Oak trees that had stood for 250 years were toppled, she said.

Penny said they didn't get the water damage in Picayune that her kids suffered in Slidell.

"The front end of the storm was very wet," Penny said, "and there was lots and lots of rain. All horizontal."

The storm blew in before dawn and that first frontal attack lasted about three hours, she said.

"We went through the eye of the storm," Penny said. "That was very weird. That was strange. You went outside and there was no wind, and it was barely sprinkling."

She said she had trouble opening the front door because of the air pressure.

"But the wind wasn't blowing," Penny said.

She said it was very quiet, and she could hear the squirrels crying.

The heavy winds came with the backside of the storm. There were 135 mph sustained winds with gusts up to 175 mph.

"I've lived through some pretty nasty Panhandle winds, but never anything like this," Penny said. "I've been through the tornado here. It was nothing like that."

After the storm, Penny and Lyndon checked on their elderly neighbors to make sure they were all right.

A couple of houses had lost their roofs. There was no electricity. There wasn't any telephone service.

"That was one of the most difficult things," she said. "We had no communications. We didn't know what was going on in New Orleans. We didn't know what was going on in Slidell."

One New Orleans radio station managed to stay on the air. The announcer was in a closet at the station across from the Superdome.

"That was our only link to anything outside," Penny said.

On the evening after the storm, a local radio station came back on the air.

"That was literally our lifeline," Penny said. "They told us where we could go get water. Where you could go get ice."

They developed a network throughout the neighborhood to keep everyone informed on the latest information.

Penny said they found out

ice was going to be given out at 8 a.m. the next day. She got up at 6 a.m. to get ice and the line was already a mile and a half long.

That's when they decided to come back to Pampa.

"I used to live here in Pampa," said Penny, who graduated from Pampa High School in 1977. "As a matter of fact, I lived in this house. I went to school here. This is home."

Lyndon, a native of Leedey, Okla., came to Pampa to work at Cabot and ended up being pastor at Calvary Baptist Church for 10 years.

"We moved from here to New Orleans for me to finish my seminary degree," said Penny. "I went to the Baptist Seminary there. Then we moved from New Orleans to Slidell and from Slidell to Picayune. We've only been in Picayune a year and a half."

She said their reception back in Pampa has been warm with an outpouring of love and support.

"This is home for me," Penny said.

Angie Collins, who had been in Penny's Sunday school class at Calvary Baptist Church, came to check on them. Angie is now grown and married to Steve Collins with three sons of their own, Colton, Jake and Trevor.

The Collins' youngest son, Colton, 7, was worried that Zach didn't have any toys, so Colton went to work to earn money so he could go to Wal-Mart and buy some toys.

"He picked them out himself," Penny said, wiping away a tear.

Colton picked out a stuffed dog and a stuffed teddy bear and a toy tool bin.

"Zachary loved those," Penny said. "That's exactly what he would have picked."

Colton took all the toy tools out of the bin and showed Zachary how to use them.

"When he got ready to leave," Penny said, "he walked over to me and he handed me the spare change he had left. Then he walked over to Sonia and handed her a five dollar bill."

Colton's oldest brother, Trevor, 14, came by Monday and brought Penny a new package of stickers and some money.

"He was in my Sunday school class, and I used to give the children stickers every Sunday morning," Penny said. "I was the sticker lady."

Penny said that their faith got them through the ordeal.

Budget

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increased a total of \$106,321. District court budgets are \$43,663 for 31st District, an increase of \$1,068; and \$174,090 for 223rd District, up \$9,503. Miscellaneous court costs are \$257,900 for 2006, up \$85,250 from 2005.

The jump in court budgets is largely due to the increased cost of court-appointed attorney fees, Morris said.

The fourth court-related budget item, the jury budget, increased \$10,500 from 2005, to \$23,500. The increase was necessary due to new legislation effective Jan. 1, 2006, concerning compensation for those serving on juries, Morris said.

Gray County currently

pays \$6 per day of jury duty. The new law requires that \$6 be paid the first day, and \$40 per day thereafter for the duration of the trial, Morris said.

The rising costs of housing and caring for prisoners are reflected in the 2006 budget for Gray County Jail. The jail's new budget total is \$1,137,387, up \$47,721 from 2005.

Climbing fuel costs are the main reason for an increase in the sheriff's office budget, which is up \$63,542 from 2005. The 2006 sheriff's office budget is \$1,000,842.

The remaining budget increases, which are at least \$10,000 higher than their 2005 totals, are those of the county tax assessor/collector and the county buildings fund. The county tax assessor/collector's budget is up \$30,120 from last year; the 2006 amount is \$506,083.

The county buildings fund is \$96,600 for fiscal 2006, up \$19,000 from 2005.

The increase in the county tax assessor/collector's budget is mainly due to a new postage machine to replace the old one, which was obsolete and for which parts were no longer available, Morris said.

An expected rise in utility costs prompted the increased county buildings fund for 2006, she said.

The remaining budget items in the general fund were increased anywhere from \$200 for the state's indigent health care fund, to an increase of \$8,495 for Perry LeFors Air Field.

The indigent health care budget for 2006 is \$183,400; the Pampa airport's new total is \$80,912.

The airport's budget increase will go toward repairs, Morris said.

Cleanup

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seven vacant structures in the last three weeks. There are about 400 on the list to be destroyed over the next four to five years, Horst said.

Earlier this year, Horst

said he would like to tear down about 100 of the dilapidated buildings each year, but the public service department doesn't have the manpower to demolish the structures and still fulfill their other duties.

Horst said in the past the city had simply cleared the lots when they tore down a

vacant building. Now, however, they are leaving the trees where it is practical.

Many of the structures being torn down have been taken over by the city for delinquent taxes. Horst said the owners of other structures have given the city permission to flatten the structures.

Katrina jobless file claims

WASHINGTON (AP) — An estimated 10,000 workers who lost their jobs because of Hurricane Katrina filed for unemployment benefits last week, the first wave of what likely will be hundreds of thousands of displaced workers seeking benefits.

The Labor Department said Thursday that the 10,000 figure was an estimate of the number of disaster-related claims based on spot checks with claims offices in Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and neighboring states such as

Texas who have agreed to accept benefit applications from workers who have relocated from the hurricane areas.

Overall, a total of 319,000 newly laid off workers filed for claims last week, a slight drop of 1,000 from the previous week.

Department analysts cautioned that that the big-picture figure would have been higher except for the fact that many claims offices in the path of the hurricane were shut down.

They predicted the number of disaster-related claims

will rise sharply in coming week.

Private economists agreed with that assessment and said that last week's total is likely to be revised higher as well once the government collects more complete data on benefit filings last week.

"We know that a flood of Katrina-related claims is coming," said Stephen Stanley, chief economist at RBS Greenwich Capital.

"The magnitude and the timing are uncertain but the figures will clearly be boosted sharply very soon."

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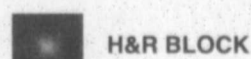
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Viewpoints

I now remember why I don't often drink

This is a column about the evils of alcohol.

A friend of mine, another photographer, called one recent Saturday afternoon and said he had a couple of passes for the block party in downtown Amarillo. He had to shoot some photos for the group hosting the thing and wanted to know if I wanted to come along.

I had a lot of hard work to do and needed to spend many long hours sitting at the computer to catch up, so naturally I blew off what I needed to do and said, yeah, it sounds like fun.

While my friend shot specific pictures of what he was supposed to, I wandered along looking at the strange people and taking pictures of

bikers, babes and babies. I debated about shooting a series on people with odd-looking sunglasses or wild T-shirts.

After a few hours, we decided to take a break and ducked into a nice restaurant on Polk Street for a drink.

Now here I would point out that I'm not much of a drinker. I still have four bottles of beer in my refrigerator from a six-pack I bought last summer.

But a warm summer's day, a lot of walking, a nice restaurant, a vodka martini just seemed the right thing to do.

A voice behind us said, "Did somebody say vodka?"

A fellow came over and asked if we had ever heard of a particular brand of vodka.

We hadn't. He said, "Let me buy you a drink."

It turned out that he was pushing the new brand and a drink turned into several as my friend and I told how wonderful his vodka was. Of course, anything is more wonderful if you don't have to pay for it. He even gave

David Bowser

Staff Writer



us neat black ball caps and T-shirts with the vodka's logo on them.

Now the pictures I had been getting up to that time weren't all that great. The lighting was harsh. The people not that photogenic.

But as we left the restau-

rant, the light had softened. The people were looking better.

I remember climbing a tall building so my friend could get an aerial shot of the block party. I remember pulling him from in front of an oncoming car. I remember eating a roast beef sandwich

and commenting on how good it was although I could taste nothing.

I remember telling a cute little blonde that I needed to take more pictures of her. I think I gave her my T-shirt with the vodka logo on it and suggested that we go have a

drink. I remember an ugly biker taking exception to my talking to the cute little blonde. I remember my friend pulling me away and saying, "We need to leave now."

I remember leaving my friend after we found his wife. The last words I heard as I wandered out into the rain was my friend saying, "But he gave us these really cool caps."

I remember looking at the light rain coming down and the light from the street lamps reflected on each droplet. I remember thinking, "Wow, that would make a really good picture."

As I sit here Sunday afternoon looking at the pictures I've downloaded on my com-

puter, after taking a bottle of aspirin and drinking two gallons of orange juice, I wonder where all those great pictures went.

I have pictures of some really ugly people, some of them out of focus (that's really hard to do with an auto focus camera), and some pictures of blurred street-lights.

I'm wearing my really neat black ball cap, but I can't find my T-shirt.

Somewhere in Amarillo, there is a cute blonde with my T-shirt and a really ugly biker that, I hope, is as hung over as I am.

Why do I get the feeling that the four beers in the refrigerator will probably still be there next summer?

Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, Sept. 8, the 251st day of 2005. There are 114 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 8, 1930, the comic strip "Blondie," created by Chic Young, was first published. Also on this day, Scotch cellophane tape made its

debut as a sample of the tape, invented by Richard Drew of 3M, was shipped to a Chicago firm which specialized in wrapping bakery goods in cellophane.

On this date:

In 1664, the Dutch surrendered New

Amsterdam to the British, who renamed it New York.

In 1900, Galveston, Texas, was struck by a hurricane that killed about 6,000 people.

In 1921, Margaret Gorman of Washington D.C. was crowned the first Miss America in Atlantic City, N.J.

In 1934, 134 people lost their lives in a fire aboard the liner Morro Castle off the New Jersey coast.

'Censorship is the height of vanity.'

— Martha Graham
American modern dance pioneer (1893-1991)

Our readers write

New EDC must be run differently

A new EDC? Well, here we go again. We spent approximately \$12 million of taxpayer money on the last experiment with a lot of questionable results. Now we are discussing starting a different version of the same concept.

I personally believe that the last one failed due to a complete failure to properly oversee where the money was going. A friend of mine (an officer in a local bank) told me that when someone applies for a business loan from them without the proper criteria, they send them to the small business center in Canyon.

The SBA will help the individual develop a work-

able business plan that is necessary for any business to stand a chance of success. This serves to ensure that the person has got all his ducks lined up in a row, so to speak. Our last EDC seemed to attract businesses that were risky to loan money to and may have helped contribute to so many business failures.

The EDC, as a steward of taxpayers' money, has the responsibility to see that the taxpayers' money is invested wisely. If the EDC is going to compete with local banks, etc., in making loans, then the EDC has the responsibility of seeing that it uses the

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Econut crowd practicing blame game

By now you've probably heard about the lunatic comments of Robert F. Kennedy Jr., the Cindy Sheehan of the environmental movement, who blamed Hurricane Katrina on President Bush and Mississippi Gov. Haley Barbour for not buying into the global warming hype, and not signing up for the thoroughly-discredited Kyoto Treaty.

RFK is not alone in his delusions. In Europe, the president is being castigated for not falling in line with all those Old World socialists eager to use the alleged warming of the world climate to create a new world order organized along the lines laid down by Karl Marx.

Their cynicism and political opportunism has drawn the scorn of the widely-acclaimed British social

anthropologist Benny Peiser, a fellow of the Royal Astronomical Society whose research focuses on the effects of environmental change and catastrophic events on contemporary thought and societal evolution.

Here's what he just wrote about the attacks on President Bush by the global warming fanatics:

"Notwithstanding continuing rescue and support efforts, the calamity has triggered a rather opportunistic and cynical reaction by opponents of the current U.S. Administration. In an eerie development that echoes the political exploitation of the Indian Ocean tsunami disaster last

December, environmental campaigners, Green journalists and European officials are blaming (once again) the U.S. and its people for the devastation caused by Hurricane Katrina. Instead of supporting the rescue

efforts, demagogues are using the human tragedy in a futile attempt to score points. At a time of utter desolation and misfortune, propagandists in high office and parts of the media are abandoning America and its victims for purely political goals."

What he said next should endear him to every American: "Europeans in particular, who have been rescued and liberated from

themselves by the U.S. no less than three times in the course of the 20th century, should feel ashamed for kicking a friend and ally when he is down. Let me reassure our American friends and colleagues that this pitiless mind-set of environmental activists is not representative for the vast majority of Europeans who are following the heartbreaking events with great concern and empathy."

Nobody could have said it better. I hope Germany's environmental minister Jürgen Trittin was listening. He blames George Bush for hurricane Katrina despite the fact that that statistics don't show a particular increase in the frequency of hurricanes in the U.S. in the last decades.

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How to use filtering to your best advantage

Last week, I let you in on some of my favorite e-mail tips and tricks. Today, I want to show you step-by-step how you can separate your important messages from the everyday junk. As I mentioned in the last column, the instructions here will work on Microsoft Outlook and Microsoft Outlook Express.

Before we jump right in, though, let's talk about WHY you might need filters. I receive about 80 pieces of e-mail every day. Do you think I read every single piece? Of course not. I delete quite a bit of it without opening it. Is that rude? No,

because what am I deleting? That's right: Junk e-mail. How am I making that determination? Primarily, the sender and subject lines tell you if it is junk or not.

If you receive a large amount of e-mail, the process of sifting through the junk can be tedious. Your e-mail program can aid in that endeavor, though, saving you a lot of time. This task is accomplished through

"Mail Rules."

Both Outlook and Outlook Express have a set of rules that are applied to every message before you see it in your Inbox. When you first start out, the rules are very limited or even nonexistent. That's where you come in.

You can set up rules to change the color of an important message, automatically delete messages from

certain people, or move certain messages to specified folders. The criteria you use to affect a message can be based on who the message was sent TO, the SUBJECT, who it was sent FROM, or any keyword within the message itself. Sounds pretty comprehensive, doesn't it?

Well, let's jump right into it with an example. Let's say that cousin Joe-Bob just got on the Internet. You and I both know what happens. He is so excited about e-mail that he forwards EVERY joke to EVERY e-mail address he has, including

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you). You don't want to hurt his feelings by asking him to stop, BUT you are also getting tired of going through all those jokes. What's the solution? Filters!

Despite their similar names, Outlook and Outlook Express operate very differently in dealing with filters. For that reason, I will first go through an example with Outlook and then with Outlook Express.

Outlook

Single-click on the message you want to work with (Joe-Bob's most recent joke). Click the ORGANIZE button on your toolbar. Then choose "Using Colors." Here, you can have all messages from Joe-Bob show up as any color you wish. Choose one of the colors and hit the "Apply Color" button.

Outlook actually calls this action, "Automatic Formatting" and considers it different than setting "rules." Many more options (including automatic deletion) are available if you choose the TOOLS menu and then "Rules Wizard."

Outlook Express

First, single-click on the offending message you want to filter. Pull down the MESSAGE menu and choose "Create Rule from Message." You will see a step-by-step process to create a rule for that message. Notice all the ways you can select messages to filter in the first scrolling list. In our joke example, we will want to choose "Where the From Line contains people." In other words, we want our e-mail program to apply this rule to EVERY message FROM cousin Joe-Bob's e-mail address. Put a

check in that box. In the second section labeled "Select the Actions for your Rule," scroll down until you see "Highlight it with color." Check that box.

In the third section, click on the blue underlined word, "color." A window will pop-up allowing you to choose a variety of colors. After choosing your color and hitting OK, go to the fourth section and give your rule a name. For instance, you could call it, "Cousin Joe-Bob's Jokes." Hit the OK button when you are done.

Congratulations, you've just created your first Message Rule!

Suggestions

I like to use bright colors for my most important messages, and more subtle tones for jokes. Some of you might be wondering why I use colors instead of simply creating a rule that deletes the offending messages automatically.

I have never really had much success with creating rules that delete junk e-mail automatically. Junk e-mailers never send you messages from the same address twice. Your rule can only throw away mail from specific addresses. However, I have set up some rules that mark junk e-mail in grey if the subjects contain certain words.

I never automatically throw ANYTHING away, as one of my friends or family might actually use one of those words in a legitimate message subject. No, I simply mark them in a light grey color, making them easy to delete en masse.

Remember, there is NO guaranteed way to prevent junk e-mail. But filters and colors can help you sort the junk from your good messages.

I'll see you in Cyberspace!

Ophelia brings rain to Florida coast

JACKSONVILLE Jacksonville area on BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Wednesday.

Tropical Storm Ophelia strengthened off Florida's Atlantic coast early today, menacing one of the few spots spared serious damage from the six hurricanes that have hit the state in 13 months.

Ophelia, with sustained 60 mph winds, stalled offshore about 70 miles east-northeast of Cape Canaveral, but forecasters said it was impossible to say what path the storm would take, or whether it would reach hurricane strength.

"We have to wait and see what (Ophelia) is going to do. The possibilities are endless," said Steve Letro, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Jacksonville.

Brisk wind and forceful rain began hitting the

Jacksonville area on Wednesday.

"We are as ready as we can be," said Eric Fort, general manager of a Jacksonville Beach hotel, as he stocked up on canned goods. "People are concerned. All it takes is a look at New Orleans to understand the strength of Mother Nature."

Ophelia is the 15th named storm of the season. A tropical storm warning was posted for Florida's east coast from Cocoa Beach to Flagler Beach. A tropical storm watch was in effect from Flagler Beach north to Fernandina Beach.

According to the National Hurricane Center, the storm could bring high wind and rain across portions of central and northern Florida and southeastern Georgia over the next few days.

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According to Herr Trittin, President Bush has neglected environmental protection and shut his eyes "to the economic and human damage that natural catastrophes like Katrina inflict on his country and the world's economy."

He and his Econut pals should listen to Professor Kerry Emanuel of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, who told Britain's The Independent: "I don't think you can put this down to global warming."

Dr. William Gray, a Colorado State University meteorologist, considered one of the fathers of modern tropical cyclone science, says worldwide weather records were too inadequate for a thorough examination of trends. "The people who have a bias in favor of the argument that humans are making the globe warmer will push any data that suggests humans are making hurricanes worse, but it just isn't so. These are natural cycles," he told the New

York Times.

In a 2001 paper in Science, by Stanley Goldenberg of the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Association (NOAA), it was explained that the Atlantic goes through decades-long stretches where it creates extra hurricanes while there are equally long lulls where the number of hurricanes is low.

Over recent decades we have been in a lull period. According to Professor John Molinari, of Albany's State University of New York: "We were way below normal levels for hurricanes in the 1970s, '80s, and '90s." Now he says it appears that Goldenberg and his colleagues were right, and that the east coast of the United States is in a period of increased hurricane activity that could last 20 years or more.

And George Bush has nothing to do with that. It's all Mother Nature's fault.

—Mike Reagan, the eldest son of the late President Ronald Reagan, is heard on more than 200 talk radio stations nationally as part of the Radio America Network.

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same wisdom in making investments as the local banks do.

Another big problem I have with the new concept is having a board of seven members with four of them being from the city. Talk about stacking the deck to push through whatever projects the city desires to work on. A more balanced board would consist of one member from the city of Pampa management, one member from Gray County management and five volunteer members from residents of Gray County at-large.

I have included Gray County in the equation as residents outside Pampa also spend their money here. The five members could be

appointed from a list of volunteers by a joint session of city of Pampa commissioners and Gray County commissioners.

If the EDC passes, then I think that all meetings should be held in the evening hours and broadcast over our Community Access Channel, which Cable One furnishes us to use. The minutes of each meeting as well as all proposed spending (presented in a fashion that a non-accountant could understand) should be published in The Pampa News, placed on the city's Web site and be placed on the Community Access Channel for maximum exposure prior to being voted on by the EDC.

This would ensure as much exposure of the activities of the group as possible and would give the public an opportunity to put in their opinion of proposed spend-

ing projects.

I believe that a new EDC could benefit Pampa and Gray County if we can convince the voters that this is not going to be run like the last one and that the public interest is going to be respected as well as being informed of where and to whom the taxpayers' money is going to be spent.

This can be accomplished only by being open and honest in getting information to the public so that the public can regain the trust in this type of function that was lost by the last EDC. I personally will vote for a new EDC if a lot of changes are incorporated into the new organization. If it is going to be a "good old boys" private financing organization, then I will vote against it.

William Brady
Pampa

Events calendar

- **The Texas Department of State Health Services** will be offering immunization clinics for vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases. The TDH will charge money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability to pay. The following clinics will be offered: 9:30-11:45 a.m. and 1-4 p.m., Sept. 21, TDH, 736 S. Cuyler, Pampa; 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Sept. 19, Wheeler School, Wheeler; and 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m., Sept. 22, Groom Elementary School, Groom.

- **Texas Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs** will host a town hall meeting at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday in the M.K. Brown Room of Pampa Community Building (Chamber of Commerce), 200 N. Ballard. Combs will preside over an open forum to explore issues affecting Texas agriculture and rural communities today. The following topics will be addressed: Agricultural marketing, labor, nutrition, regulatory, rural economic development, trade and water. For more information, contact Ryan O'Neal, TDA producer relations specialist, at (512) 463-4879.

- **Pants Mandolin** will perform from 6-9 p.m. at Amarillo Museum of Art on Sept. 15. The group was formed about two years ago and consists of five West Texas A&M University students and a Canyon

High School senior.

- **A reception is scheduled for Pampa High School "Harvester" veterans** at 1:30 p.m. Sept. 16 in the school library. Individuals who played football for the Harvesters are invited to attend. Refreshments will be served and photographs will be taken. Harvester veterans who plan to attend are asked to call Eric Kingcade at 662-0975 or Callie Cobb at 664-0893 to RSVP. For additional details on Homecoming celebration activities, call Sherry Seaborn at 669-4800, ext. 301, or 669-9213.

- **Gray County Association for Retarded Citizens** will hold its annual Trail Ride Sept. 17 at Reynolds Ranch, 17 miles north of Pampa on Highway 70. Sign-up will begin at 8:30 a.m. The ride will get under way at 9:30 a.m. and conclude around 3 p.m. Registration is \$20. A current Coggins Test is required for all horses entered in the trail ride. Only original papers will be accepted. Prizes will be awarded including boots, horse feed and a Stetson hat. For more information, contact ride coordinator Gloria Swires at 665-2294 or Sherry Carlson at 669-9672.

- **The Red Hat Dollies Society** will meet at 11 a.m. Sept. 21 at The Dixie Cafe in Pampa. For more information, call 669-9916 or 669-9297.

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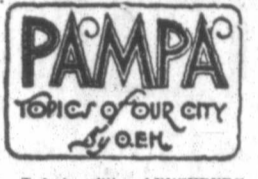
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MAJOR COMPANIES WILL FIGHT MURRAY'S ULTIMATUM BEER RUNNER ARRESTED IN SLAYING OF NEW YORK CHILD



Today's politics—LYNCHBURG, Va. (AP)—News D. Baker, former secretary of war, expressed the opinion that major political parties will promote bread rather than drink to the people in the 1932 presidential campaign.

Today's oil in brief: The ability to fix the price of oil almost completely rests in the hands of a few companies and subsidiaries. They could boost the price to one dollar instantly if they desired, with little attention to supply and demand.

Life today is too complex to permit production of commodities to continue unaided by education. There is a cry for the legislature to make it a violation of law to produce cotton twice from the same field in one year.

The American farmer acts independently. Contrast this independence with the government-dominated Soviet system. The Soviet regime not only dominates production, but marketing as well.

When an American market is called upon to absorb overproduction it must become a dump for surplus in the foreign markets at a low figure.

We are reminded that there is still time to plant a garden. Warm weather, water, and a little cultivation will produce much table produce in a small space.

Today's rap: "Why don't you, dearie, be a fender," "try to persuade Mrs. Lindbergh to stay home with that baby!"

CITY IS IRED AT ACTIVITIES OF GANGSTERS HUNDREDS OF POLICE ARE STATIONED ON EAST SIDE PRESS OFFERS REWARD

SICILIANS SILENT ON BRUTAL KILLING IN GHETTO By M. F. DUHAMEL. NEW YORK, July 29 (AP)—An outraged metropolitan, more or less hardened to casual underworld expectations, took the warpath tonight to bring to justice gangsters who killed one little boy and wounded four others at play in a sweetening upper east side street.

Prof. Agrees Today's bouquet—"I trust that it is proper for me to tell you that I fully agree with the thoughts expressed in your column. I do believe that respectable laboring people ask for nothing better than to be provided with useful employment in order that they may earn an honest, respectable living for themselves and families.

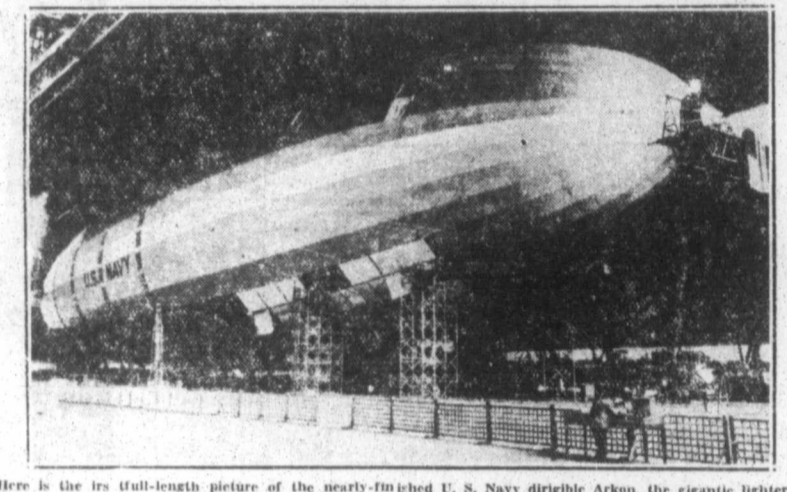
Highway Work Will Be Let STATE COMMISSION TO LET CONTRACT ON COUNTY ROADS AUSTIN, July 29 (AP)—Contracts for state highway construction estimated to cost between \$5,500,000 and \$6,000,000 will be awarded at the meeting of the Texas state highway commission tomorrow, Friday and Saturday.

Fire Department Makes Long Run Insufficient information regarding the whereabouts of a fire gave the fire department another long run late last night when the fire was only a few blocks from the fire station.

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HERE'S FIRST FULL VIEW OF NEW NAVY DIRIGIBLE



Here is the first full-length picture of the nearly-finished U. S. Navy dirigible Arkon, the gigantic lighter-than-air craft which will be christened early next month by Mrs. Herbert Hoover.

SPEARMAN MAN SUCCUMBS TO HEAD INJURES THOMPSON DIES AFTER HIGHWAY ACCIDENT NEAR STINNETT BORGER, July 29 (Special)—W. E. Thompson, 32, of Spearman, was fatally injured at 10:30 o'clock this morning in a highway accident two miles south of Stinnett.

Arguments Beome Heated in Case Arguments between attorneys, in a case which at times became heated, has held the interest of Judge Clifford Brady in 114th district court since it convened Monday morning.

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SOME PLAN TO PULL OUT FOR OTHER FIELDS WILL AWAIT OFFICIAL ORDER BEFORE ANY MOVE IS MADE MAY USE INJUNCTION

MURRAY STANDS FIRM ON ACTION ABOUT HIGHER PRICE TULSA, Okla., July 29 (AP)—With the larger oil companies showing signs of flight, developments were awaited tonight in Governor Murray's "war" to win a \$1 a barrel market for Oklahoma petroleum products.

Need Formal Order Most mid-continent executives were in agreement upon one thing—that their answer to the governor's ultimatum would await the action of a formal demand or order by him.

House Inquiry Is Concluded AUSTIN, July 29 (AP)—The house of representatives of the Texas legislature concluded its investigation into conditions of the oil industry late today, 16 days after the start of a special session convened by Governor R. S. Sterling to enact oil conservation laws and alleviate chaotic conditions in the industry.

Accident Victims Leave Hospital Mrs. F. S. Meskimen of Big Spring and Mrs. Jim Lovelace of Coahoma, injured in an automobile accident Tuesday night, were able to leave Wesley hospital last night.

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Looking calm and cool, with his upside down pipe resting neatly between his teeth, Ambassador Charles E. Dawe is shown here in his latest picture. The outspoken envoy played an important role in the recent German war debt negotiations at London.

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ONE OF PLANES ARRIVES SAFE OVER ATLANTIC PANGBORN, HERNDON TO CONTINUE FLIGHT TO CONTINENT FOUGHT FOG ALL WAY LAND IN FIELD NEAR CARDIGAN, WALES; VERY TIRED

CARDIGAN, Wales, July 29 (AP)—The American aviators Hugh Pangborn, Jr., and Clyde Herndon, landed tonight at 7 o'clock on a farm at Myllogrove, about five miles southeast of here. Both said they were well and appeared cheerful.

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Iraqis report arrest of 200 insurgents in Tal Afar

By JACOB SILBERBERG
Associated Press Writer

TAL AFAR, Iraq (AP) — U.S. and Iraqi forces have encircled the insurgent stronghold of Tal Afar, and the Iraqi military announced today the arrest of 200 suspected insurgents.

The Iraqi military said 150 of those arrested Wednesday in this town near the Syrian border were Arabs from Syria, Sudan, Yemen and Jordan.

The joint forces have reported heavy battles on the outskirts of the city and several bombings that have mainly killed civilians. Iraqi authorities reported most of the civilian population had fled the city, which is 260 miles north of Baghdad and about 35 miles from the Syrian border.

"Our forces arrested 150 non-Iraqi Arabs

yesterday in addition to 50 Iraqi terrorists with fake documents as they were trying to flee the city with the (civilian) families,"

Iraqi army Capt. Mohammed Ahmed said.

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— Mohammed Ahmed
Iraqi army captain

stronghold of the insurgents," Ahmed said. Eight civilians were killed in the city Wednesday by a suicide car bomber at an Iraqi checkpoint, he said. On Thursday, the

U.S. military said the combined American-Iraqi force had killed seven insurgents in the past two days.

Tal Afar is 90 percent Turkmen, and 70 percent of them are Sunnis. After the ouster of Saddam Hussein, the United States installed a largely Shiite

leadership in the city, including the mayor and much of the police force. The Sunnis have complained of oppression by the government and have turned to

the insurgents for protection.

Early today, a militant Web site carried a videotape showing the destruction of a U.S. Bradley Fighting Vehicle in Tal Afar. The video, emblazoned with the logo of al-Qaida in Iraq, claimed the armored vehicle was struck by a roadside bomb. A U.S. military official said two Bradleys had been hit by roadside bombs in recent days and a soldier was killed.

Also Thursday, police reported finding 17 unidentified bodies.

The 15 bodies found by soldiers and police near Mahmoudiya, 20 miles south of Baghdad, were in civilian clothes, with no identification documents, and had been shot to death, police Lt. Adnan Abdulla said.

The two bodies found near a sewage plant on the outskirts of Baghdad were blindfolded and handcuffed, police said.

WORLD

North Korea talks to resume Tuesday

By ALEXA OLESEN
Associated Press Writer

BEIJING (AP) — Talks on dismantling North Korea's nuclear program will resume next week, China said today, even as Pyongyang raised a possible obstacle to progress by renewing its demands for the withdrawal of U.S. troops from the Korean Peninsula.

Six-nation talks are due to resume Tuesday, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Qin Gang said. Speaking at a regular news briefing, he appealed to all sides to be "flexible and practical" in trying to reach a settlement to the long-running dispute.

The talks recessed Aug. 7 after the two Koreas, the United States, China, Japan and Russia failed to agree on a statement of principles despite 13 days of negotiations.

The main sticking point then was North Korea's insistence on its right to a civilian nuclear program. Washington says Pyongyang shouldn't be allowed any nuclear program, peaceful or otherwise, because of its record of broken promises.

The talks were meant to resume in Beijing last week, but North Korea postponed that due to anger over U.S.-South Korean military exercises that were under way and Washington's appointment of a special envoy on North Korea's human rights.

"The path to the denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula is torturous and complicated," Qin said. "We can't

resolve all the questions in just a few rounds of talks, but we should not be pessimistic about the process."

The announcement came two days after North Korea reasserted its posi-

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tion, calling the idea it could yield to outside pressure and dismantle its atomic power industry "unimaginable ... without getting any proposal for compensating for the loss of nuclear energy."

The North also urged the United States to acknowledge its "legitimate right to nuclear activity for a peaceful purpose and take an option to find a fair settlement of the nuclear issue."

Also Thursday, Pyongyang demanded that the United States withdraw its troops from South Korea.

North Korea has said it can't dismantle its nuclear program unless the United States drops its "hostile policy.

The United States has countered that it has no intention of invading North Korea.

The nuclear row broke out in late 2002 after U.S. officials said the North admitted having a secret nuclear program in violation of an earlier deal to abandon its weapons ambitions. The two Koreas technically remain in a state of war as the 1950-53 Korean War ended in a truce, not a peace treaty.

The Rodong Sinmun, the North's main newspaper, claimed the United States is driving a "fire cloud of war" over the Korean Peninsula by positioning state-of-the-art military hardware in the South and preparing for a preemptive nuclear attack against the North.

"If it is true that the U.S. has no intention to invade and has the stance to ensure peace on the Korean Peninsula and improve the relations with (North Korea), it should prove it in practice by making a decision for the withdrawal of its troops without delay," the newspaper said in a commentary carried by the North's official Korean Central News Agency.

Thursday marked what North Korea called the 60th anniversary of U.S. troops' occupation of South Korea. Korea was divided after its liberation from Japan's colonial rule at the end of World War II in 1945, with U.S. forces stationed in the South and Soviet forces in the North.

Egypt: Mubarak on top

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — President Hosni Mubarak took an overwhelming early lead in his country's first-ever contested presidential race, an election commission official said today, in a ballot marred by low turnout and widespread reports of voter intimidation.

With all of the votes counted in half of the country's polling stations, Mubarak had at least 70 percent of the vote, said the electoral commission official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to divulge results. The remaining votes were shared between the two principal challengers, Ayman Nour of the al-Ghad Party and Noaman Gomaa of the Wafd Party, the official said.

A Mubarak win has long been forecast, and for many, the process of Wednesday's election was more important than the results. The poll tested the government's commitment to reform and the U.S. push for greater democracy in the Middle East.

The government had promised a clean vote, but polling was marred by widespread reports of pressure and intimidation for voters to support Mubarak.

The election also suffered from low turnout. The authorities did not give an official figure, but the electoral commission official said turnout was about 30 percent. The same percentage was given Thursday by an official in Mubarak's campaign headquarters, who also spoke anonymously. Several independent monitoring groups said during Wednesday's polling that turnout appeared poor.

If that figure holds, and it turns out that 70 percent of the country's 32 million registered voters did not take part, it would indicate that most Egyptians did not have much faith in the election to vote.

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Report: Cause of Arafat's death still inconclusive

By LAURIE COPANS
Associated Press Writer

JERUSALEM (AP) — A massive stroke caused by an infection killed longtime Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat last year, though it remains unclear what led to the rapid deterioration in his health, according to French medical records kept secret since his death in November.

The records from the military hospital outside Paris where Arafat died, which were obtained today by The Associated Press, offered the first independent glimpse into his final days after months of questions and controversy.

The report did nothing to clarify the nature of the infection that caused the 75-year-old leader's stroke. The medical dossier initially was obtained by the New York Times and two Israeli media outlets, which conducted separate reviews of the information, resulting in different explanations for the cause of the stroke and deepening the puzzle.

"The mystery around Yasser Arafat will only grow bigger and bigger after reading this report," said Avi Isacharoff, the Israel Radio reporter who obtained the medical records with the Israeli daily Haaretz. He shared the contents of the dossier with AP.

Palestinian Foreign Minister Nasser al-Kidwa, an Arafat nephew and one of the few people who had access to the leader and his French doctors, also said the revealed reports shed no new light and the cause of death remains unknown.



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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I was glad to see your reply to "Frustrated in Florida," who doesn't share a bedroom with her husband and is getting heat about it from her parents and in-laws. You said there is no law that demands couples have to.

My husband and I also sleep in separate rooms. We are embarrassed to let people know we don't sleep together because they automatically assume we're not getting along. We still have a very close relationship and always will. -- **HAPPY WITH SEPARATE BEDROOMS, GURNEE, ILL.**

DEAR HAPPY: That letter brought in bushels more from couples who also sleep better apart. It seems the practice isn't as unusual as some might think. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I haven't shared a bed for 15 of the 20 years we've been married. It saved our marriage. He's a night owl; I'm an early-to-bed, early-to-rise type who sleeps very lightly. Sharing a bedroom is not a part of the marriage vows. It's whatever works best for the couple -- and nobody else's business. -- **SLEEPING SOLO, PENDLETON, IND.**

DEAR ABBY: After 25 years of marriage, we use separate bedrooms, too. I have insomnia and am going through menopause. My cowboy sleeps with a lot of covers and is always cold. We tell anyone who questions our arrangement that sharing a bed doesn't guarantee sex all the time. With us, I ask my cowboy, "Should I go to the Holiday Inn or Best Western tonight?" It works for us, and we sleep great. -- **RESTED IN MOUNT PULASKI, ILL.**

DEAR ABBY: Sleeping in separate rooms saved my marriage. For years, we forced

ourselves to share the same bed. I finally got mad and slept in the guest room one night. We both woke up the next morning relatively sane! The only one who has a hard time with this is the family dog, who now must rotate between bedrooms. We have no problem arranging "together time." As for family members, it's none of their business. -- **NO LONGER FRUSTRATED, LAKE WORTH, FLA.**

DEAR ABBY: It took our marriage to almost fail before we realized we just needed to sleep apart. Our physical relationship improved after we used separate bedrooms because we were better rested and not so irritable with each other.

We have never told our families about it. If you print this, please do not reveal my name or location. They still don't know. -- **HAPPY IN DREAMLAND**

DEAR ABBY: I'm a morning person, in bed by 10:30 p.m. My husband usually stays up till 1 a.m. Having separate bedrooms works beautifully for us. When I retire at night, he rubs my feet with cream. In the morning, I bring him his coffee in bed.

Everyone needs time to themselves. I have my alone time in the morning; he has his at night. We're always happy to see each other after our alone time. For 45 years, this has worked perfectly for us. When anyone acts surprised that we have separate bedrooms, we always say, "Oh, but we have plenty of visitation!" That gets 'em. -- **SLEEPING SOUNDLY IN HAWAII**

DEAR ABBY: Silence is golden, I say. And that goes for telling marriage secrets outside the home. Where they sleep is nobody's business but their own! -- **BETHESDA SLEEPER**

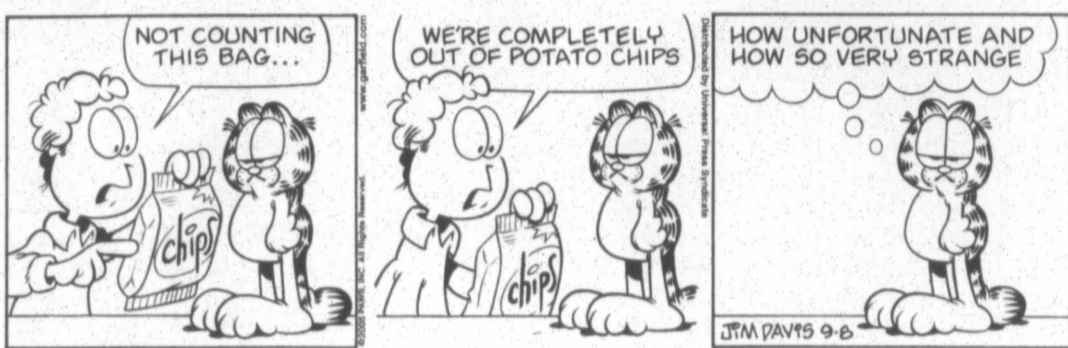
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Crossword Puzzle

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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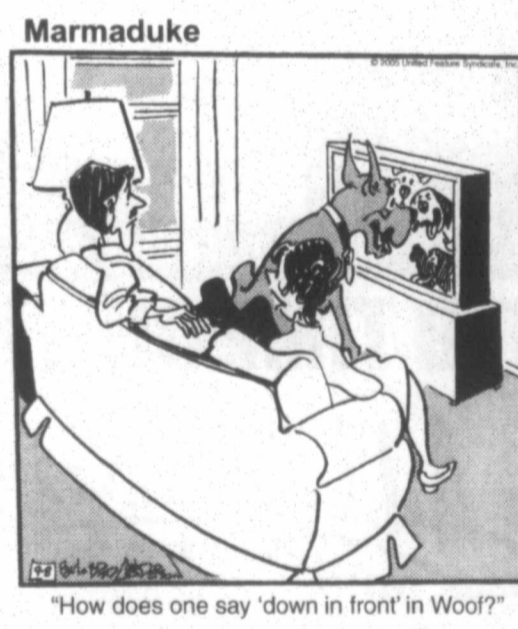
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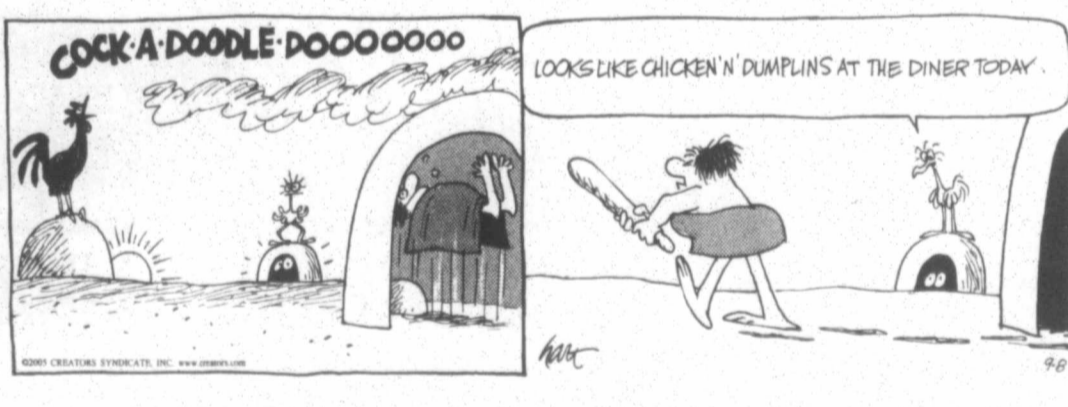


The Family Circus

By Bil Keane



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Sports Day

Knutson, Bridges, Allison and Hervey fire 59, take weekly senior scramble

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

Regular Senior Scramble
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Sept. 7, 2005

1st Place (59)
Harley Knutson
Jim Bridges
Marvin Allison
John Hervey

2nd Place (60)
Tom Lindsey
Buddy Epperson
Oscar Sargent
Gene Winegeart
3rd Place (61)
Willie Nickelberry
Bob Young
John McGuire

Dwayne Furgason
4th Place (62)
Jim Brashears
Ray Covalt
Callens George
Doug DuBose
Closest to the Pin
Howard Wells (#6)
Travis Taylor (#15)

PHS Basketball Boosters meet tonight

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

The Pampa High School Basketball Booster Club will hold a meeting in the school library tonight. The meeting will

begin at 7 p.m. and is not expected to last long. Among the topics of discussion will be the Homecoming float. All interested in taking part are encouraged to attend. Please call 669-4830 for more information.

JV, freshmen football teams in action today

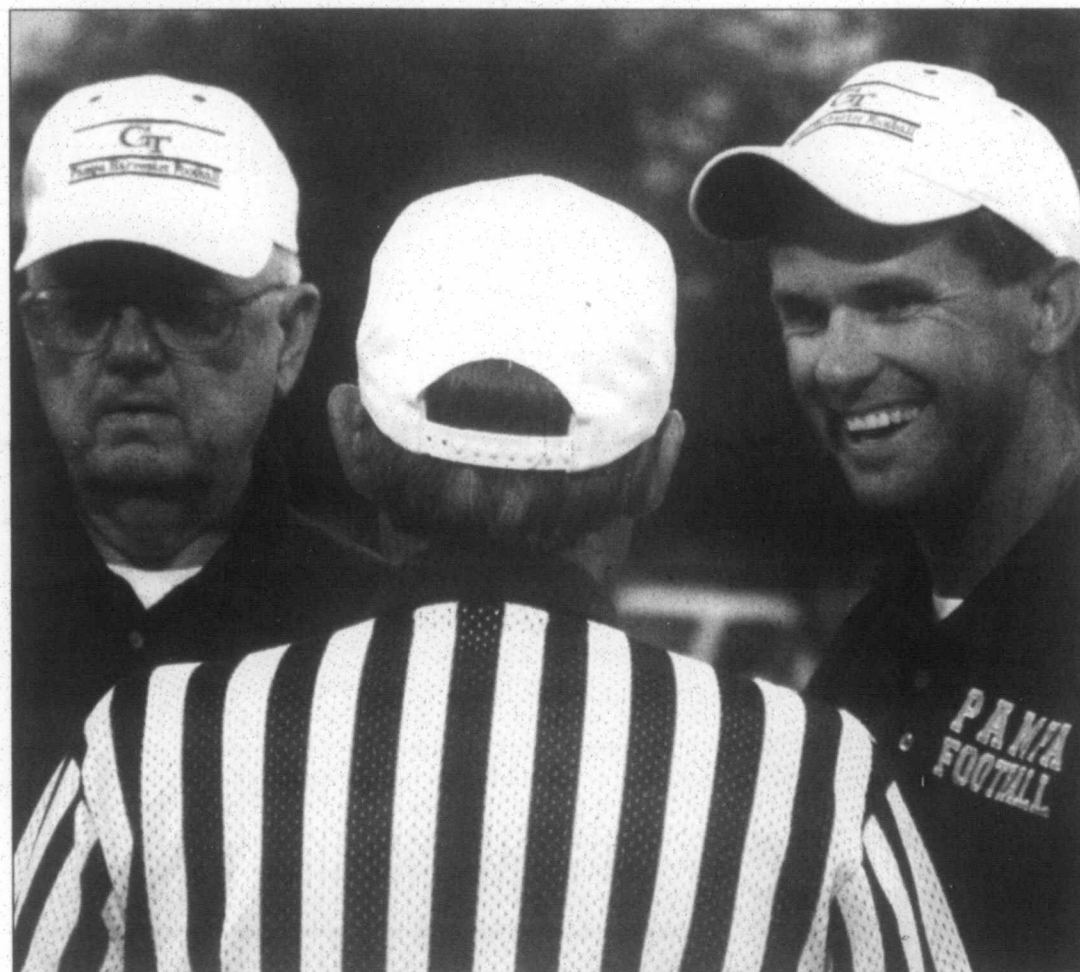
By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

The Pampa High School junior varsity football team will be in Amarillo this afternoon to face the Sandies. That game will be played at Amarillo High School. Kick off is set for 4:30 p.m.

The Harvester freshmen squad will host Tascosa Black this afternoon. That game will begin at 4 p.m.

The varsity team will be home Friday night to host the unbeaten Sandies of Amarillo High. That game is scheduled for a 7:30 p.m. start.

Pregame powwow



Pampa News photo by MICHAEL J. STEVENS

Pampa High School athletic director Dick Dunham (left) and head coach Bryan Wood spend some time with an official prior to the start of last week's game in Clovis. The Harvesters (1-1) host unbeaten Amarillo High Friday night.

HURRICANE AFTERMATH

The media continues to chum the water

The political posturing as to what happened in the aftermath of hurricane Katrina is heating up. Both sides are pointing fingers and placing blame for what is perceived to have been a slow response to a horrific disaster. Sadly, the bickering among lawmakers and others is little more than a poor act. Frankly, the time to curry favor and pocket votes is not when your constituency is suffering — even dying.

Peel back the surface layer of politics and you will expose a flood of faults as damaging as the storm itself. In the eye, you will find the media.

Though they are given names, hurricanes file no travel plan. They go where the energy leads them. Landfall is not based on a preconceived hatred, it is merely a random act. I doubt Andrew held any sort of grudge against Miami. I am certain Katrina had nothing against New Orleans and other cities and populated locations along the Gulf Coast.

The media, television in particular, tried desperately to predict Katrina's path as well as the potential damage she might cause. In the wake of Katrina's landfall, I saw a CNN reporter provide a report that suggested the damage wasn't as bad as first anticipated. Others plagiarized her report, and for a brief moment, things seemed OK. Only later did they all realize it was far worse than they thought. This is why a good reporter

conducts field research, especially at time of crisis, to make sure what they are about to say is accurate and will not hold any negative repercussions.

Sorrowfully, the initial report this young lady provided was way off and could be considered the epicenter of the problems to follow.

Michael J. Stevens

Sports Editor



The media is a trusted source in the time of natural disaster. Included among a suggested 'hurricane kit' is a portable radio and/or television with fresh batteries so one can keep up with what is happening. Every one tuned in to see the initial reports of Katrina's wrath were grossly misled. This would include emergency and rescue personnel.

The media, which never apologized for the initial all-is-not-as-bad-as-it-seems report, wasted little time in pitting the victims against the government. It enjoys chumming the water then filming, writing and/or reporting on the feeding frenzy it creates.

In one of the worst reports I have seen to this point (and there have been many), one man attempts to emote the victim's plight. In a slow, deliberate

delivery — while his camera person pans the crowd of people in search of the 'money shot' — he uses descriptions and phrases meant to evoke anger. "They feel abandoned by their government," he explains. "They wonder where help is." Mere moments later, he describes how they (the victims) cannot get out, "Nor can their loved ones get in to see them, to check on them and make sure they are alive." Please, stop and think about that for a moment.

All I have seen or heard to this point is the negative, whether factual or contrived. All I have heard is how slow the response to lend assistance was.

At the risk of sounding inhuman, ample warning was provided well in advance of this almost perfect storm. Those living in the stricken areas are well aware of what the words Category Five mean. Not all who stayed behind did so because of their economic position. They did so willingly.

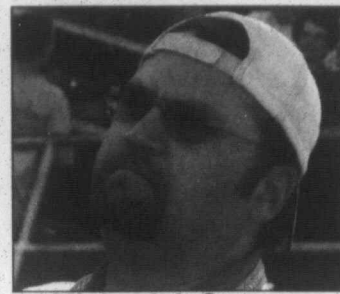
There is something in these people that says, "It won't get me." Yet, when it does, the media finds it easier to place the blame on some one or something else rather than say, "This is what happens when you don't take these things seriously."

Could all get out? No. But many could.

See STEVENS, Page 10.

Fantastic Five Football Picks

Week 2 Games



Michael J. Stevens

Last Week: 12-8-0 (5)

Oakland @ New England
Denver @ Miami
Seattle @ Jacksonville
Arizona @ NY Giants
Dallas @ San Diego
Philadelphia @ Atlanta
Notre Dame @ Michigan
Iowa @ Iowa State
Florida Int'l @ Texas Tech
Wake Forest @ Nebraska
Texas @ Ohio State
Mississippi State @ Auburn
North Carolina @ Georgia Tech
South Carolina @ Georgia
New Mexico @ Missouri
WTAMU @ Central Oklahoma
Randall @ Canyon
Canadian @ Perryton
Tascosa @ Palo Duro
Dumas @ Borger



Sean Smith

Last Week: 13-7-0 (4)

New England
Denver
Jacksonville
Arizona
San Diego
Atlanta
Michigan
Iowa
Texas Tech
Wake Forest
Texas
Auburn
Georgia Tech
Georgia
Missouri
Central Oklahoma
Canyon
Canadian
Palo Duro
Borger

New England
Denver
Jacksonville
NY Giants
San Diego
Atlanta
Michigan
Iowa
Texas Tech
Nebraska
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Donny Hooper

Last Week: 15-5-0 (1)

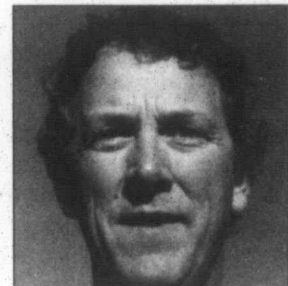
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Iowa
Texas Tech
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Canyon
Canadian
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Borger



Ray Boring

Last Week: 14-6-0 (2)

New England
Denver
Jacksonville
NY Giants
Dallas
Philadelphia
Michigan
Iowa
Texas Tech
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Texas
Auburn
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Shane Stokes

Last Week: 13-7-0 (4)

New England
Denver
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Contrasting images featured in NFL opener

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. (AP) — The New England Patriots won three of the last four Super Bowls by emphasizing teamwork over individuals. The Oakland Raiders are known for their colorful stars.

Those contrasting reputations will clash when the teams meet in the NFL sea-

son opener Thursday night. With Warren Sapp and now Randy Moss, the Raiders have outstanding players who draw attention to themselves through their statements and actions. With Tom Brady and Richard Seymour — two of their best players — the Patriots would just as soon stay out of the spotlight.

That's why they insist on running onto the field before each game as a group. Compare that with Moss pretending to pull down his pants and moon the crowd as he did in a playoff game at Green Bay last season.

"I can't speak about their team, but I know we have

hidden stars," said Patriots wide receiver Deion Branch, the MVP of the last Super Bowl who prefers to blend in with his teammates. "Everybody knows on our team when they talk about the Patriots, it's not just one guy. They just say 'New England Patriots.'"

Through the years, the Raiders have had players who attract publicity like Jack Tatum, Ted Hendricks and Ken Stabler.

Sapp begins his second year at defensive tackle for Oakland, while Moss enters his first season there after spending the past seven with Minnesota as one of the NFL's best receivers.

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Technology: Video headstones may be next craze

By JOHN PAIN
AP Business Writer

MIAMI (AP) — Video screens have shown up all over in recent years — cell phones, bathrooms, car head rests, subway cars, even elevators. Next up: a solar-powered video panel embedded in a tombstone that plays a clip reminiscent of "This Is Your Life."

Tasteless, you might say? A magnet for vandals?

On the contrary, says inventor Sergio Aguirre.

His soothingly named Serenity Panel is all about helping families

celebrate the life of a lost loved one.

"While nothing ever replaces the gift of life, memories can now come one step closer to forever being remembered and not forgotten," waxes the Web site of Aguirre's company, Vidstone LLC.

The video headstone concept has been around for years, but previous inventors' ambitions have been laid to rest. One gave up for lack of demand and out of concern his invention wouldn't be able to withstand years of harsh weather.

That's not deterring Aguirre, who quit his telecommunications

job last month to work full time on Vidstone.

Aguirre, 32, promises the Serenity Panel will be durable, and while he hasn't sold any yet, he says he's got pre-orders from families whose relatives have died. He wouldn't say how many pre-orders, and he hasn't yet collected any payment.

The device plays a five- to seven-minute video featuring special moments from someone's life that would be compiled by anyone from friends and relatives of the deceased to funeral homes. Vidstone doesn't

do video production.

The Serenity Panel's screen is covered by a solar panel, which can be flipped open by visitors. Once opened, the video starts.

The device includes two standard headphone jacks to listen to the audio. The solar panel protects the screen from sun damage and charges a battery inside, Aguirre said. Four hours of sun provides enough juice to play the video continuously for up to 90 minutes.

The 7-inch shatter-resistant LCD screen is designed to last for 15 years, when it can either be replaced with a newer device or

covered with a bronze plaque. It will come with a one-year warranty; extended coverage for 10 years is about another \$200.

Aguirre says the product is vandal-resistant and has been tested to survive the outdoors — the unit will function between 32 degrees and 120 degrees Fahrenheit. He said the panel won't be damaged if temperatures get outside that range.

The Serenity Panel should be ready for sale in October and cost about \$1,500, including the use of video-making software, he said.

Car wash



Courtesy Photo

Pampa High School choir members practice for the annual car wash fundraiser from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday on the NBC Bank parking lot. Pictured are, front row from left, Jackie Gerber, Stephanie McVay and Chris Smith. Back row, Nick Robbins and Ben Gibson. To make a donation, contact any high school choir member.

Lawsuit over MIT student's death raises tragic questions

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (AP) — Elizabeth Shin was engulfed in flames when police burst into her dorm room at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology on the night of April 10, 2000.

After the state medical examiner ruled her death was "self-inflicted," it seemed obvious to Shin's parents that the troubled 19-year-old student had finally followed through on repeated threats to kill herself.

But the firefighter who investigated the blaze had his doubts. And those doubts could be crucial evidence in a lawsuit Shin's parents have filed against six MIT employees, claiming they didn't do enough to prevent her from killing herself.

Officials at colleges and universities across the country are concerned that the lawsuit could open the door to a flood of litigation and force schools to bear an untenable legal burden of preventing students from committing suicide.

The circumstances surrounding Shin's death, though, remain in contention.

Cho and Kisuk Shin of Livingston, N.J., said their daughter began to experience psychological problems

in February 1999, during her freshman year, when she spent a week at a psychiatric hospital after taking a potent mixture of Tylenol and codeine.

"I am burning four candles. They are resting on the floor. The lights are all off. And here I am, typing away aimlessly, hoping to exorcise my demons."

— Elizabeth Shin
Letter

Dr. Kristine Girard, associate chief of MIT Mental Health Services, diagnosed her with "situational issues," but didn't encourage her to seek additional psychiatric help, her parents claim.

Around 12:30 a.m. on the day of the fire, Shin allegedly told a friend she was going to kill herself.

Later that morning, a group of MIT doctors and administrators met to discuss Shin's condition. They made

an appointment for her at a treatment facility the following day, leaving a message on her answering machine.

It's not known if she ever got the message. That night, around 9 p.m., the smoke alarm went off in Shin's room, and she was found on fire inside.

When investigators searched the room, they found a tequila bottle and three empty prescription bottles that had contained Celexa and Ativan, which are used to treat depression and anxiety. On her computer was a journal entry, dated April 9, in which Shin says she is in a "morbid mood."

"I am burning four candles," she wrote. "They are resting on the floor. The lights are all off. And here I am, typing away aimlessly, hoping to exorcise my demons. ... I forget what it feels like to not be run by little horned devils."

Shin's parents believe their daughter killed herself, but Cambridge Fire Lt. Brian Higgins, who led the department's investigation, didn't find any trace of an accelerant in Shin's room and listed the cause of the fire as "undetermined" in his report.

DOE: Gas prices could skyrocket this fall

WASHINGTON (AP) — Natural gas prices could increase as much as 71 percent in part of the United States this fall, the Energy Department reports.

The department's statistical agency, the Energy Information Administration, reported Wednesday that price hikes will depend on how quickly oil rigs and Gulf coast refineries damaged by Hurricane Katrina can be repaired.

In its report, the agency said natural gas prices for the Midwest will increase as much as 71 percent, while heating oil prices in the Northeast could rise 31 percent. Electricity prices in the South could jump 17 percent.

But barring an unusually slow pace of repairs, the agency said domestic oil production should return to just under 5.4 million barrels a day in November, the level

it was in August before Katrina disrupted most Gulf production and knocked out 10 refineries.

The agency said U.S. refining capacity also should rebound, with an anticipated output of gasoline and other fuels of nearly 16.4 million barrels a day in November, the same as August levels.

Even in a slow recovery scenario, normal operations are expected by December, the agency said.

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